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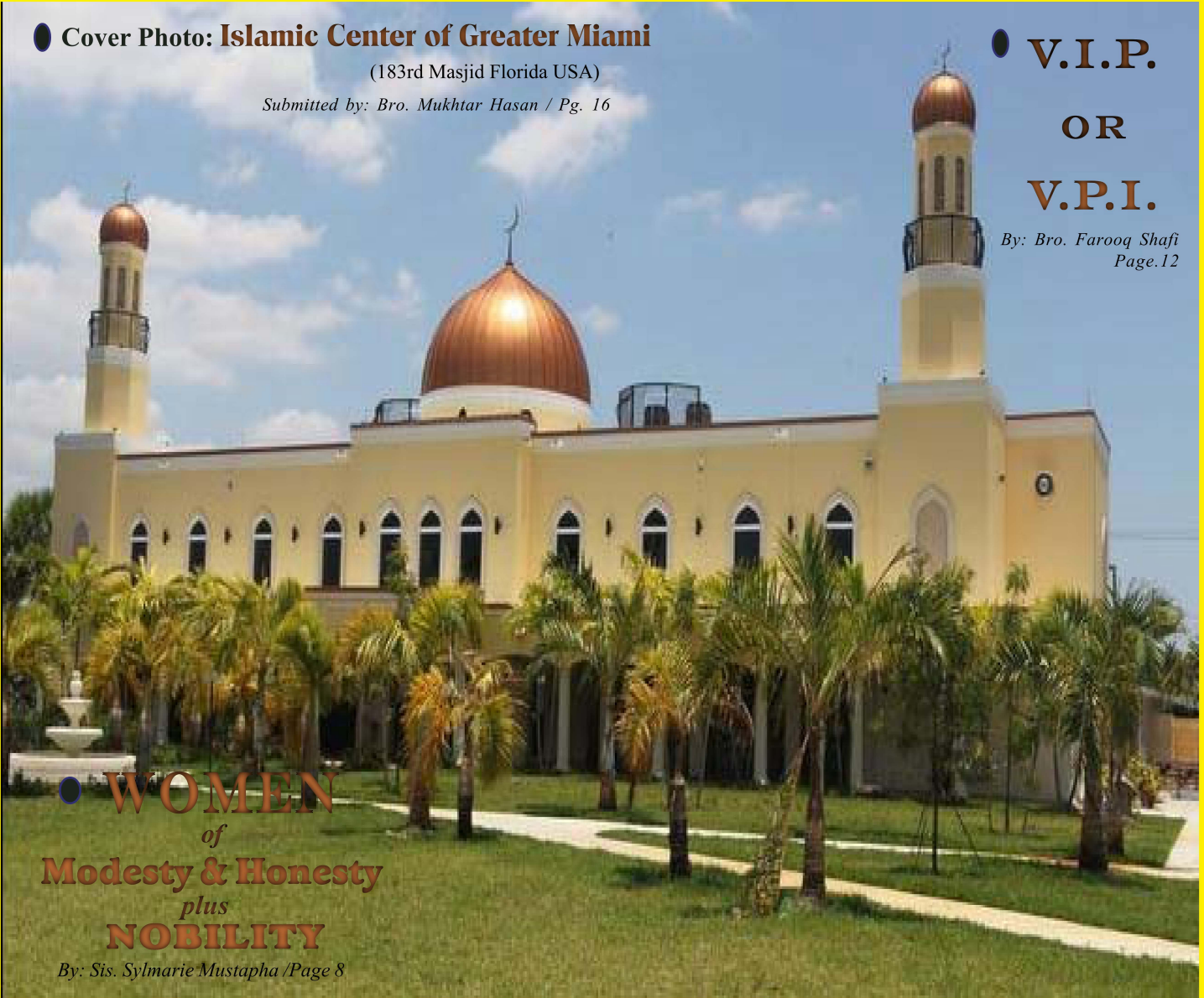
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13-18	5:11	6:39	1:27	6:10	8:14	9:42
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25-31	5:18	6:45	1:27	6:08	8:08	9:33

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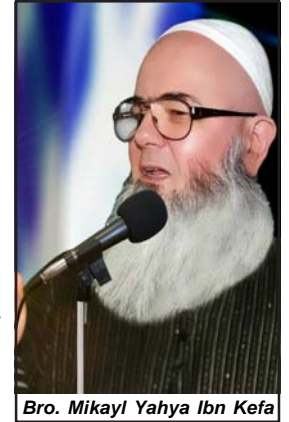
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SHAIKH SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE

By Sis. Karen Shah



Sis. Karen Shah

Light Up Your Life
with the
ZHIKR OF ALLAAH

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah
Program Vice President of Broward Interfaith Council, Florida

Do you want more spirituality in your daily life? Do you want to feel closer to Allah,

feel more loved by Allah, and feel more love for all of Allah's creation? Then read Chapter 33 Verses 41-46 of the Holy Qur'an to find the medicine and prescription. Allah commands, "O ye who believe! Remember Allah in great quantities, and extol His limitless glory at morning and evening." Zhikr is like medicine, and the prescription is to perform zhikr at least every morning and evening. Some translators read this as "from morning to evening" which means we should be remembering Allah at all times. What is zhikr? Zhikr is the spiritual practice of remembering God by reading Qur'an, praying extra salat, listening to a khutbha, and repeating beautiful phrases from the Qur'an that glorify God. Try "SUBHAAN ALLAAH, AL-HAMDULILLAH, LA ILLAHA ILALLAAH, and ALLAHU AKBAR." Try repeating some or all of Allah's 99 beautiful names. Zhikr can be vocal or silent, done alone or in a group. Zhikr is NOT our 5 obligatory prayers. And zhikr is definitely NOT "bida" (an innovation). What did the Prophet (SAW) prescribe for the poor who cannot get the blessings of giving charity? He told them to repeat 33 times "Subhaan Allah," to repeat 33 times "Al-Hamdulillah," and to repeat 33 times "Allahu Akbar" after every fard salat. What did the Prophet (SAW) prescribe for his daughter Fatima when she was having difficulty? To repeat these same phrases every night before sleep. One hadith reports you should keep your tongue wet (or busy) with the zhikr of Allah. Another hadith reports that zhikr is light on the tongue but heavy on the scale of Allah. In Verse 43, we learn the benefits of zhikr: "Allah bestows His blessings upon you, with His angels (echoing Him), so that He might take you out of the depths of darkness into the Nur. Allah is full of mercy towards His believers!" Nur means light, mercy, success, guidance, an open path to the barakat of Allah. Zhikr removes darkness so we can see clearly and find our way out of difficulty, to find tranquility and peace. In Verse 44 we are told "On the Day when they meet Him, they will be welcomed with the greeting, Peace; and He will have readied for them a most excellent reward." Zhikr gives us a different status.

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Al-Qur'aan - Ch. 15 V. 24

"And certainly We know those of you who have gone before and We certainly know those who shall come later."

Hadith - Abu Hurairah (RA) reported: I heard the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) saying, "Man follows his friend's religion, you should be careful who you take for friends."

99 Attributes of Allaah

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Al-Hamdulillaah- Shaikh Shafayat was born, in Trinidad, West Indies, where he attended college etc., Due to his multi-faith and multi-cultural upbringing, he was awarded a scholarship to become a Christian Minister. In 1975 he went to India to study Islam and became the first student from the Caribbean and North America to have enrolled in Darul Uloom Deoband, which is the largest and oldest Islamic Institute in India. In addition to graduating as a Qaari and Islamic Scholar, he also did a course in Journalism and established the Al Hikmat Muslim Magazine. He has also produced many television and radio programs in Trinidad and Florida USA. In 1983 he founded the National Muslim Sports League of Trinidad and Tobago, which established the Islamic Home for Children. He is the Founder/Principal of Darul Uloom Institute in Pembroke Pines and the first Muslim to become President of the Interfaith Council of South Florida in the year 2002. He is the pioneer of many Christian / Muslim / Jewish Dialogues in Churches, Synagogues and Islamic Centers in the U.S.A. Shaikh Shafayat was the first Muslim to represent Islam at a Florida State Faith Summit, held at the Capitol Building with Gov. Jeb Bush in the year 2000. He is a recipient of the Silver Medallion Award from NCCJ (a national interfaith organization) and a recipient of the Peacemaker Award from St. Thomas University in Miami. For many years he has been lecturing on Islam and terrorism to college and university students plus to Pembroke Pines Police of South Florida and other Law Enforcement Officers. He lectures throughout the U.S.A. and worldwide on Interfaith Issues and Cultural Diversity.



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Rabbi Jeffrey

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THERE ARE NO MONOPOLIES ON EVIL

One of the prejudices we face in ourselves as human beings is the assumption we make of who is more likely to be good and who is more likely to be evil. The idea of belonging to a group or community makes us primarily protective of that group. It's an extension of the feelings we feel towards family. When we hear that a member of our family has been accused of doing something wrong our initial reaction is usually, "no, it couldn't have been him or her." It is very difficult to accept that someone in our own family might have done something wrong, and if it turns out to be true it will often undermine the foundation of what we believe about our family. The same is true about the group to which we belong, whether our ethnic group, the country of our citizenship or other members of our religion. We each have a belief in the inherent goodness of the groups to which we belong. Otherwise, we believe, that we wouldn't be a member of those groups. And then something fly in the face of those beliefs. Recently we witnessed the appalling remarks of LA Clippers owner Don Sterling. Many of us had no idea who he was before those remarks. And members of the Jewish community who had not heard of him were thinking, "oh, I hope so much that he is not Jewish." Well, it turned out that he is Jewish. I felt the same sense of embarrassment and disappointment. And then I thought to myself, "why?" For one thing, I had absolutely no idea who he was before these comments.

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Dr. Ghous Muhammad

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By: Justice @ Dr. Ghous Muhammad / Karachi, Pakistan

Classification of the Sunnah Sunnah Channels of:

- (a) Ahkam- (i)Qawl(words)
 - (ii) Fi'I(acts) (iii) Taqrir(Approval)
 - (b)Transmission
 - (i) Muttasil (ii) Mursal or Munqati
 - (x)Mutawatir (y)Mashhur (z)Ahad
- (Source)Islamic Jurisprudence

(Usul al-Fiqh) authored by Imran Ahsan Khan and published by International Institute of Islamic Thought and Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad. God's object was not to give a system of abstract ideas which could only be discussed and talked about- His object was to make the people practically obey His injunctions. This required concrete precedents to be laid down for every walk of human life. Iqbal says; "But we must not forget that this system- building in the ancient world was the work of abstract thought which cannot go beyond the systematization of vague beliefs and traditions, and gives us no hold on the concrete situations of life—the first important point to note about the spirit of Muslim culture then, is that for the purposes of knowledge, it fixes its gaze on the concrete, the finite. It is further clear that the birth of the method of observation and experiment in Islam was not due to a compromise with Greek thought but to a long intellectual warfare with it." Only the abstract thought can be explained in a book. Concrete cases can be laid down only by a human being.

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My Dear Sisters, Assalamu-wa-alaikum: Alhamdulillah, all praise is due to Allah (SWT) who has blessed us (women) with the Iman and guidance and the ability to worship Him and to follow His beloved last Prophet (SAW). Allah (SWT) has also blessed us with specific and unique abilities, advantages and intrinsic qualities to help and to serve our parents, husbands, children and relatives, and to contribute to the good of humanity. Too often, most of us only familiarize ourselves with the women who have made major accomplishments and contributions in "modern times". This, however, is incomparable to the undertaking, achievements and determination of those women who lived more than 1400 years ago. It is indeed their integrity, faithfulness, honesty, modesty, patience, nobility, generosity, wisdom, understanding and nurturing ways they endured, that has motivated us to try to maintain similar standards. Undoubtedly, each successive generation builds upon the knowledge and fortitude of those who struggled before. We have learned from the struggles of our mother, who learned from our grandmother, who learned from our great grandmother and so forth. However, even before that, the struggles of early mothers and leaders (wives and daughters of our beloved Prophet Muhammad, (SAW) and from the other noble women before their time were significant long-term lessons.

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CONGRATULATION CORNER

Submitted by: Faria Mohamed

Congratulations to Andrew & Reyhana



Andrew & Reyhana

Andrew and Reyhana from Pembroke Pines, Florida were recently married on Thursday June 26th, 2014. The Nikaah ceremony was held at Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines, Florida USA. May Allaah (S.A.W) bless them with a prosperous married life, Inshaa Allaah Ameen.

Congratulations
to
Omar & Sharleen

Omar and Sharleen from Port St. Lucie were blessed with a baby boy- Jibril Ameer Rostant. Jibril was born on Friday July 4th, 2014 at 6:18am at Tradition Medical Center, Port St. Lucie, Florida USA. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz. He is the baby brother of Celine. May Allaah bless him and make him amongst the righteous, Inshaa Allaah Ameen.



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Submitted by: Bro. Farooq Shafi / Sunrise, FL. U.S.A

Hazrat Adam (AS) has been mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan in many places. A fundamental idea seen in these mentions is the arrogance of the Satan and the modesty of a human being. The Satan declared "I was created from fire and Adam from clay; therefore I am superior". We find this superiority complex among the many people till today who consider themselves

VIP (very important person) and better than others. This superiority belief could be because of wealth, status, knowledge/education or even color or creed. Very often, many people think it to be their birthright to be treated as exclusive due to their wealth and worldly possessions. Specialty stores have been created for them; they get enhanced treatment in airplanes. They have separate waiting rooms, better-quality seats and treated with fine dining. Due to this "status" some are called VIP and still better to these VIPs are the VVIPs (very very important person). The social classifications/rankings have divided the humanity to no end. White skinned nations consider themselves VIP compared to other nations. Geographically, Europeans and North Americans consider the Africans and the Asians inferior, and themselves as VIP. This social division is present in every nation and country. Syeds, Mughlas and Pathans consider themselves superior and VIP for various reasons. The Arabian nationals think they are better than many non-Arabs based on their language, color and other traits. They are VIP just being Arabs. In normal social functions, those consider special are treated as VIP.

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CALL ON ALLAH AND COUNT THE BLESSINGS

By Br. Hamzad Mohamed
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma

US COUNCIL OF MUSLIM ORGANIZATIONS INAUGURATION CEREMONY BANQUET

On Tuesday June 10th, 2014, Shaikh Shafayat was invited by Bro. Khalil Meek from The Muslim League of Funding America (MLFA) for their Inaugural Banquet. The Banquet was held at the Hilton Hotel, Washington D.C. USA. There



were messages from Congressman Keith Ellison and Congressman Andre Carson.

CAIR FLORIDA MEDIA BREAKFAST

CAIR held a very successful media breakfast conference on June 19 at IFSF South Florida. Media representatives and reporters from various TV stations were present including the Miami Herald and Sun Sentinel. Muslim leaders and Imams from various Islamic organizations were also present. The welcome speech was given by Nezar Hamze, the head of



CAIR, followed by introductions and speeches by representatives of the media and various Islamic organizations. Guest speakers on the program were, Kevin Ozbek (Ch. 7), Marcelo Sanchez (Hispan TV) and Shaikh Shafayat, who delivered a message on Fasting and the need for the media to make the public aware of Ramadan, as the media normally do on the occasions of Christmas; Yom Kippur and Roshashana etc.

RAMADHAAN AT JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN HOSPITAL

Al-Hamdulillaah- Sis. Nadira Ramjohn along with Rev. David Collins, Director of Spiritual Care of JDCH were able to help organize Friday Jumua Prayer at Joe DiMaggio Children Hospital, Hollywood Florida USA. Jumua is being held every Friday in the Chapel on the 1st floor of the Hospital. Students are sent from Darul Uloom's Imam class to deliver the Khutba and also lead the Salaah.



Photo above from left: Rev. David Collins & Sis. Nadira Ramjohn with a display board on Ramadhaan at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.



MYTHS ABOUT WESTERN CULTURE

By: Sis. Kiran Pembroke Pines FL.

I know how unfortunate and provocative it can be when people judge you because you come from a certain country, follow a certain religion or belong to certain ethnic group. And the discrimination or bias is very pronounced when you are a Muslim and furthermore wear a hijab. A lot has been said about how people in the US or the whole western world for that matter, should not be so judgmental about Muslim women since many of us are educated, have jobs, juggling multiple responsibilities and are certainly not being abused by our husbands at home. But having said that, have we ever looked at our own preconceived notions about women in the west or people in the west altogether. Before I came to the US, I thought divorce rate is so high in the US; no one must really be married for very long. Boy was I wrong! I have met couples married for 40 years or more, I have seen girls in their early 30s married for 8 years or more already. They are ordinary mothers, worrying about their kids, driving them to school and back and generally in a happy committed relationship with no signs of divorce lurking in near future. We are also mistaken about women in particular whom we always thought were far less pious than ourselves. We have always been so proud of our own chaste behavior; we rudely and ridiculously assumed that all women in the west are shameless and immoral. As harsh as it sounds, it is how we think or used to think before we actually met people here and found out, much to our surprise, that once again we were terribly wrong.

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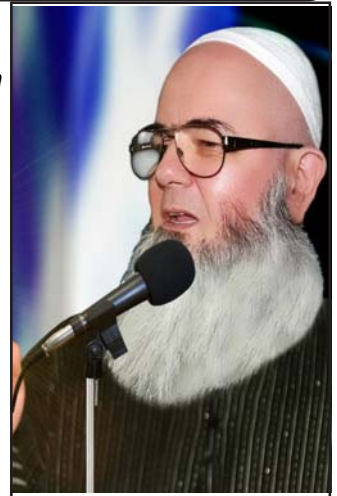
PRESENT CHOICES, FUTURE REWARDS

Bro. Mikayl Yahya Ibn Kefa / United Kingdom

Some time ago, a young brother narrated to me how he had been offered a new, well-paid job in a nearby city. He was excited at this prospect, I could tell, although I could see by his face that his elation was mixed with sadness – an emulsion of conflicting emotions. “It’s a great job”, he explained, “but it means I won’t be able to attend the masjid for Jummah on Fridays. I’m not happy, but there isn’t a lot I can do about it.” This reminded me of a hadith found within the collection of Imam Bukhari: Narrated by ‘Imran bin Husain: “Some people of Bani Tamim came to the Prophet and he said (to them), ‘O Bani Tamim! rejoice with glad tidings.’ They said, ‘You have given us glad tidings, now give us something.’ On hearing that the colour of his face changed. Then the people of Yemen came to him and he said, ‘O people of Yemen! Accept the good tidings, as Bani Tamim has refused them.’ The Yemenites said, ‘We accept them.’ Then the Prophet started talking about the beginning of Creation and about Allah’s Throne. In the meantime a man came saying, ‘O ‘Imran!

Your she-camel has run away!’ I got up and went away, but I wish I had not left that place (for I missed what Allah’s Apostle had said).” (Bukhari, Volume 4, Book 54, Number 413) It’s easy, to sympathise with Imran bin Husain, because I think we’ve all been there. Suddenly we are faced with a choice. On the one hand, we can do something which is metaphorically akin to securing our camel. It will gain for us an easily quantified and immediate physical benefit. On the other hand, we can do something which is better, but the benefits are not necessarily immediate, more spiritual in nature and less easily quantified; the equivalent of staying and listening to the Prophet (SAW) teaching whilst our camel roams free. What to do? Hindsight is a great thing, of course, as Imran bin Husain discovered. Later, he wished he’d left his camel to wander and stayed with his fellow Muslims to hear the Prophet (SAW) teach. He made a clear choice, but he later regretted it. The brother I spoke of above also had a choice to make. He decided to tie up his metaphorical

camel by taking a job which had a seductive financial allure. The benefits were obvious, and as immediate as his first pay cheque.



Bro. Mikayl Yahya Ibn Kefa

Sadly, he would miss out on spiritual rewards which had considerable short-term and long-term benefits. In short, he would miss the crucial blessings of Jummah prayer. This dilemma in making good choices is something which affects all people. None can escape it. Indeed, Elihu, a companion of the Prophet Ayub (AS) spoke of it in the Tourah: “Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.” (Job 34:4)

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*Submitted by: Bro. Mukhtar Hasan
Miramar, Florida USA*

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* Maintain our own identity and individuality as Muslims; to create an environment of peace and tranquility conducive to the practices and teachings of our religion.

Maintain an awareness of Islamic principles among the Muslims; raise the Islamic consciousness that Muslims are people who enjoy right and forbid wrong.

*Convey the message of Islam to all Muslims as well as non-Muslims and promote friendly relationship between the two.

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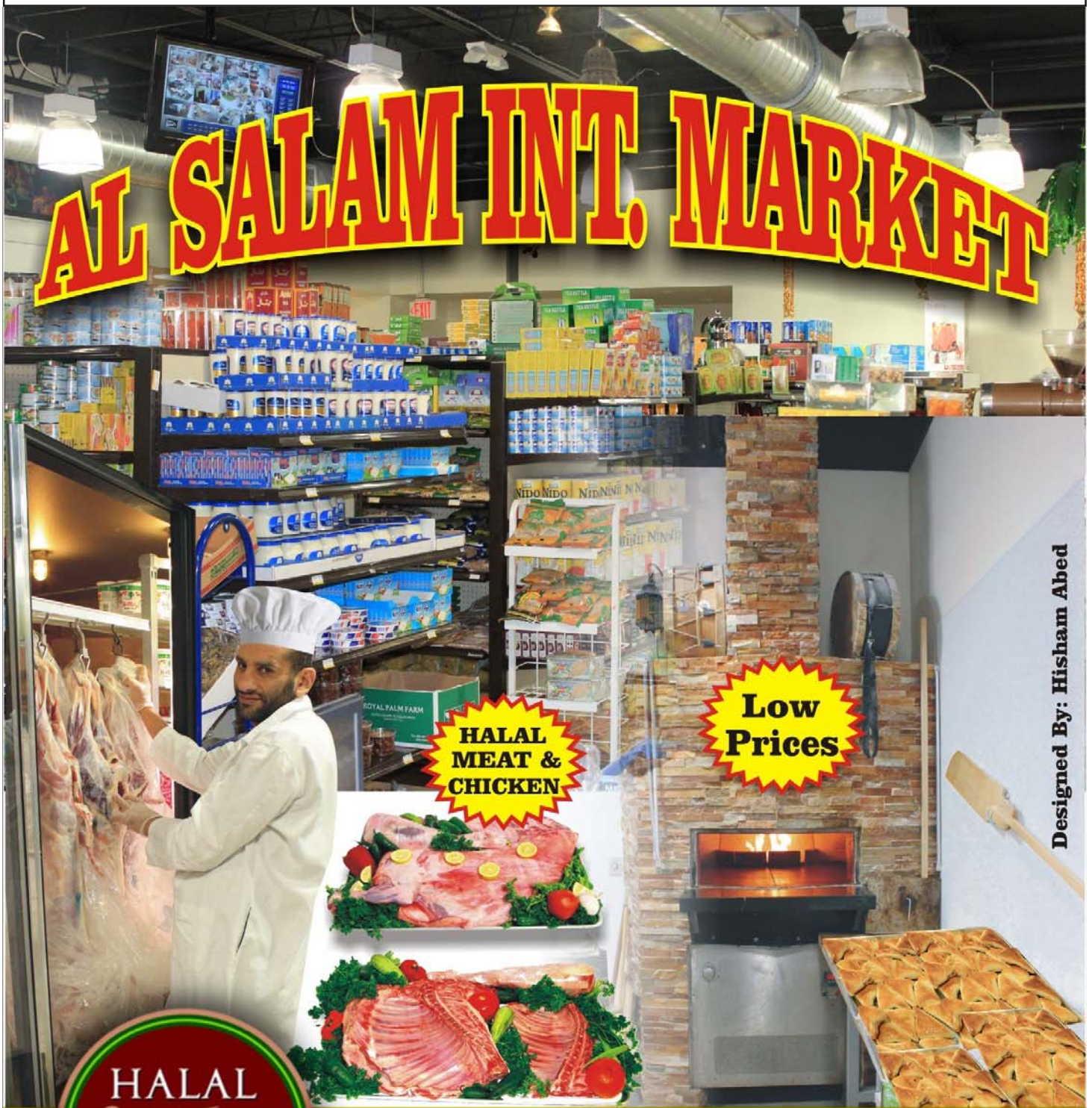
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MYTHS ABOUT WESTERN CULTURE

By: Sis. Kiran / Pembroke Pines FL.

I was attending a CPR class one day and the instructor was male who after a long demonstration with a dummy, asked for one volunteer so he could show us how CPR is done on a human being. All the attendees were females and out of 12 or so women, not even one single woman stepped forward. Knowing that he was a male and might need to touch them in order to show the CPR maneuvers, not one woman came forward and in the end they had to push someone to volunteer after assurances from male instructor that it would be quick and painless. Needless to say, I was shocked once again. These were regular mothers attending CPR class and most of them were beautiful, who didn't really have any reason to shy away other than their own personal sense of what we call "haya" (chastity, piety). This reminds us of what Allah (Subhan u Tallah) has said in Surah Hujurat 49:11 "O ye who believe! Let not a folk deride a folk who may be better than they (are), not let women (deride) women who may be better than they are; neither defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. Bad is the name of lewdness after faith.

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Rev. Thomas Graf

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*By Rev. Thomas Graf
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I have shared in past articles that I recently was installed as Pastor in St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church in Islamorada, Florida. Please pray for us, as we take a leap of faith, and by July will be living full-time at the church. This weekend is Memorial Day, and we headed down early on Friday and returned on Sunday afternoon to avoid the MAJOR TRAFFIC JAMS that occur going in and out of the Keys during this MOST TRAVELED weekend of the year. As I sit and reflect this Memorial Day, I wonder if we actually place proper emphasis this day. Are we more concerned with vacation travel plans, and Memorial Day sales, than truly remembering our fallen comrades? As I went to the store today, a U.S. Veteran was outside distributing those precious RED POPPY FLOWERS that "pop-up" this time of year. This tradition began in 1922 and was inspired by the poem, "In Flanders Fields" written by a Canadian military veteran, Col. John McCrae. In it a line says, "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses row by row." It became so popular, that such RED POPPY FLOWERS began being distributed world-wide to recognize all who had died in wars. War makes no distinction on whose blood will be shed, but gives a certainty that indeed blood will be shed and comrades will fall. We recently had a Memorial Service at our church for a veteran of WW II that had died. He had been in Normandy where we are told, "The waters turned red with blood." What did he see, what have any of our "loved ones" seen during such times of war? He returned and eventually moved to the Keys. He became a lobbyist and activist, and is actually recognized as one of the main people responsible for getting the STRETCH (That divide from Homestead to Key Largo) built. It's building is credited with saving countless numbers of lives. I can't help but reflect that perhaps more true and proper tribute could be paid to our fallen comrades world-wide, by similar positive actions performed by this amazing WWII veteran. May we all strive for true and lasting peace.

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Mikayl Yahya / London

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I am currently listening to your Khutbah which is aired every Saturday morning on IBN TV. I'm from Trinidad and thank you for visiting our Masjid in Curepe. I've learnt a lot from your lectures. May Allaah continue to guide and bless you to continue the spread of Islam throughout the world.

Waheeda Naidia Khan / Trinidad

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Thanks,

Calvin Asberry / Amarillo, Texas USA

Respected Brothers & Sisters, I have come across your publication and find it agreeable. You all are a good example of a cohesive society that has Allaah at their foremost thoughts. To see Islam working in people's lives, gives strength to my Imaan. Please add my information to your mailing list.

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FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERSHIP BLUE GALA

Al-Hamdulillaah - Shaikh Shafayat represented Islam and the Muslim community at the FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY BLUE GALA, held at the Westin Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood Florida, on Saturday June 28th 2014. President Bill Clinton was the guest speaker. There were approximately 2000 people in the audience. Among the audience, were many Senators and Congressmen plus Governor Charlie Chris etc. Shaikh Shafayat reminded the audience about Ramadan and fasting during his invocation at the event.



President Bill Clinton delivering the Keynote Address.

RAMADHAN DA'WAH ROAD TRIP 2014

Al-Hamdulillaah - Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed plus brother Waheed and Brother Andy went on a Ramadhaan road trip- doing Da'wah. They visited Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Shaikh Shafayat delivered the Jumua Khutba at Masjid Namarah Pakistani Community Center in Ohio. They also spent the Friday night in Pennsylvania plus were guests at Barrytown Interfaith College New York, USA. MAASHAA ALLAAH!!!



Photo above: Barrytown Interfaith College, New York USA

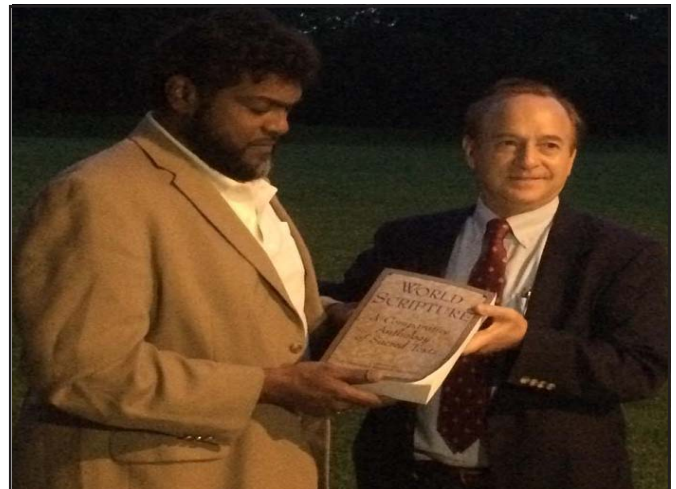


Photo above: Shaikh Shafayat (Left) receiving a World Scripture Book from Dr. Richard Panzer, Principal of Barrytown Interfaith College, New York.

GOD'S HOPE FOR AMERICA

Shaikh Shafayat spoke to non-Muslims and Christians from all over the USA, on Sunday July 6, 2014 at Tropical Park in Miami Florida USA. He spoke on the need for God and good family values in the lives of people in America and also on the mission of Rev. Moon, on God's Hope for America.

Photo on Right:

Shaikh Shafayat lecturing to the audience who attended the commemoration of the legacy of Rev Sun Myung Moon



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Inshaa Allaah Ameen*

DARUL ULOOM INSTITUTE RAMADHAAN & EID 2014

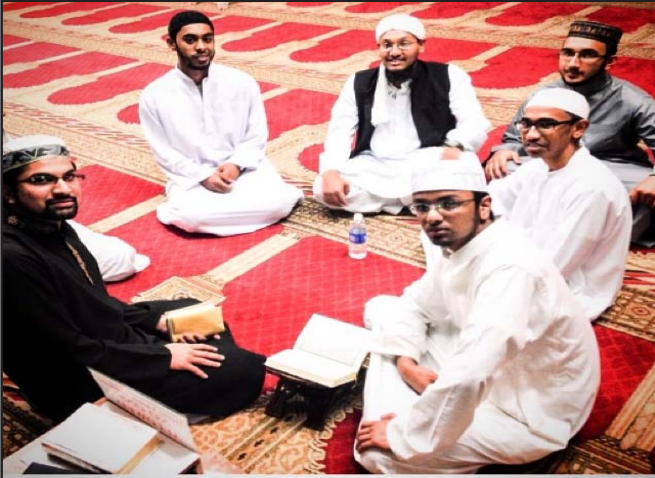


Photo above from left: Hafiz Muhammad, Hafiz Absar, Hafiz Emran, Hafiz Danyal, Hafiz Feyaz & Hafiz Rifat



Photo Above: Audience listening to the Eid Khutba delivered by Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed.

Al-Hamdulillaah- Taraweeh Salaah at Darul Uloom was led by six local Huffaaz of South Florida. Hafiz Muhammad, Hafiz Emran, Hafiz Rifat, Hafiz Danyal, Hafiz Absar and Hafiz Feyaz led hundreds of congregants in Taraweeh Salaah during the Holy Month of Ramadhaan. Ishaa Salaah was led by Qari Sajad Rahman along with Mufti Sadan, a visiting Mufti from Deoband, India. May Allaah reward them for all their effort and time, Inshaa Allaah Ameen.

In addition, some of Darul Uloom weekend Hifz students participated in leading the Taraweeh Salaah and reciting Qur'aan at Masjid Al-Hijrah in the Holy Month of Ramadhaan. May Allaah reward these students who have dedicated their time and effort to attend every evening to participate during the blessed Month of Ramadhaan.



Al-Hamdulillaah, Darul Uloom Institute celebrated Eid-UI-Fitr on Monday July 28th, 2014. There was an audience of over 2500. Dr. Anil Ramnanan, Consulate General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, delivered Eid Greetings to the Muslim Community. The Eid Salaah was led by Hafiz Muhammad Khan, while the Eid Khutba was delivered by Shaikh Shafayat.

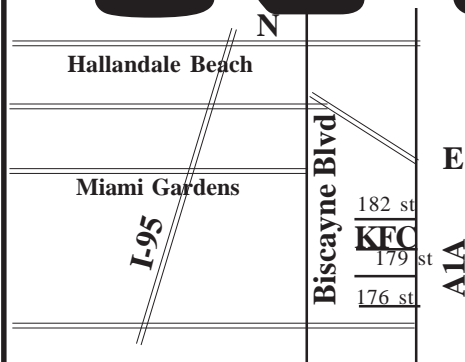
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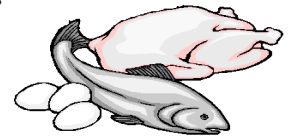
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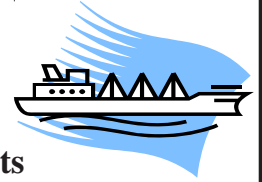
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(Sister's Corner)

**WOMEN OF MODESTY & HONESTY
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Abdullah bin Abbas narrated that one day the Prophet (SAW) drew four lines on the earth and explained that these four lines represented the four foremost women of the universe. They were Khadijah (RA), Fatima (RA), Maryam (AS) and Asiah (AS). Khadijah (RA) was the first wife of Prophet Muhammed (saw) and was the mother of all believers and the first to accept Islam. Fatima (RA), the daughter of the Prophet, (S.A.W) was given the glad tidings that she would be the leader among the women of Paradise. Maryam (AS), gave birth to Isa (AS), a Prophet of Allah (SWT), without having been touched by any man. Asiah (RA), the long-suffering and righteous wife of Pharaoh, advised her husband to adopt the infant Musa (AS). She was one of the first to accept Islam as preached by Musa (AS). Each of these women had great faith, sincerity, strength, courage, patience, stamina, determination, endurance and perseverance to overcome their difficulties and struggles. These days we apply some of these attributes in dealing with our dilemmas; however, our circumstances are quite different. We live in a time of relative ease and comfort, so it may not be comparable to the situation these women faced. One difference is that we now seem to have a faster network of support, as opposed to these four women in particular who had to rely on their own strength, courage and willpower to bring about changes and to propagate Islam.

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organizes and manages Islamic educational programs in the US and abroad, including the popular Rihla program. Dr. Subhani is also among the Board of Trustees for Zaytuna College which aims to be the first fully-accredited Muslim college in the US. She currently resides in Davie with her husband and three children. ●

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WOMEN OF MODESTY & HONESTY plus NOBILITY

Therefore, we should recognize, admire and acknowledge all the women who through the different periods, have given and endured so much. Their dignity, courage, dedication, and steadfast Iman enable us to continue to pass on these values to each other and to our daughters, and hope that they will pass it on to their daughters (Insha Allah). Let us strive to learn more about these noble women and their struggles to uphold the orders of Allah (SWT). Their character and sacrifices will no doubt continue to be memorable examples to us and our families (Insha Allah). Let us humbly appreciate and recognize our strengths, our efforts and our abilities to help (in whatever way we can) to carry out Allah's commands. May Allah (SWT) bless all those who came before our parents, us and our children for all our efforts in seeking His pleasure. Ameen.

”When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.” (A wise man)

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V.I.P. or V.P.I.

By: Bro. Farooq Shafi

They are provided separate seating; sometimes special food is served on their table whereas the rest have to stand in line to get the food and take the empty plates to the garbage themselves. In some governmental and certain trade gatherings, this distinction is very apparent. Apart from special seating and food, they are served by well-dressed waiters/waitresses. The serving plates may be gold rimmed and the cutlery of a special brand. They are served with special drinks. The guests have to wait to be served until the VIP/VVIP chief guest has arrived. As an example, a friendly country hosted an event where the Prime Minister was the Chief Guest (VVIP). The dinner time was 9 pm. The guests had arrived on time, the food was ready but the Chief Guest was awaited. Food could not be served without the Prime Minister present. This was a MUST according to the protocol. The Chief Guest had not arrived until after midnight and nobody, I mean nobody had the courage to leave the gathering. However, one of the cabinet members could not take it any longer and left the event. Soon after the Chief Guest arrived and the food was served. During the dinner, the Prime Minister inquired about the cabinet member who had left. He was advised that the gentleman was tired and asked to be excused. The Prime Minister was furious and that cabinet member was called back from home and severely scolded. This is the VIP culture? Now, let's talk about the TRUE VIP. The Greatest Man who walked on this earth; the Best of the human beings; one Who was invited by Allaah SWT himself for a meeting in the heavens, who truly is a VIP, our Holy Prophet Muhammad SAW would not prefer to sit in a special place in any gathering. He would not even put on a garment that would make him distinctive among the companions. When the Christian monks came to meet him in Madinah in Masjid Nabawi, they had to inquire from the companions who is the Holy Prophet (SAW).

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THERE ARE NO MONOPOLIES ON EVIL

I personally could have had no influence upon this man. Furthermore, I know that the teachings of my faith would condemn his comments. All I have to do is look to the book of Numbers in the Torah in which God punished Miriam for making racist comments about the wife of Moses. Not everyone who shares my religion is necessarily a good person. I have to have the faith in my belief in knowing that our holy teachings guide us to do and say the right things and know that there will be people who sin, not because they are Jewish but because they are ignoring the teachings of our faith. The same is true of Christians, and Muslims, and all other good human beings. We will all have evildoers from within our faith groups, our ethnic groups or the countries where we are citizens. But they don't represent the ideals of our faith and community. They are the sinners who ignore those beliefs. And perhaps we might feel embarrassment over their actions. But that embarrassment should then lead us to do even more good things to make up for the evil that some people perpetrate. Don Sterling was given the maximum punishment allowed by the rules of the NBA. By whom? But the commissioner of the NBA, a man named Adam Silver, another member of the Jewish faith. He did the right thing. So when we look at the evil deeds of either those within our own communities or those within other communities, let us not rush to judgment of the entire communities from which those evil people came. Instead, let us recognize the goodness each of our communities teach and recognize that people will sin and do bad things. When they do, let's not pass judgment on the entire community, but only upon those individuals who have chosen the path of evil instead of choosing the path of goodness.

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By Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

BEST TIME FOR DUA**Question:** How and when is the best time to make Dua?**Supplicating at the most Opportune Times & Locations.**

Answer: These are, for instance, the day of 'Arafah, month of Ramadan, Friday, the last part of the night, at dawn, during prostration, at the time of rainfall, between the adhan and iqamah, at the time of encounter of armies, at times of panic, and when one's heart is soft and tender. bAbu Umamah reported, "The Prophet, peace be upon him, was asked, 'What supplication finds the greatest acceptance?' He answered: 'A prayer offered in the middle of the latter part of the night and after the prescribed Prayers.'" (Reported by Tirmidhi with a sound chain of authorities) Abu Hurairah reported, the Prophet, peace be upon him, said, "The servant is nearest to his Lord when he is prostrating to Him, so make supplication in this state." (Muslim) There are very many hadith found in various books on this subject. Starting the Supplication with Allah's Praise and Blessings on His Prophet. Fudalah b. 'Ubaid reported that the Prophet, peace be upon him, heard a man supplicating during prayer. He did not glorify Allah, nor did he invoke blessings on the Prophet. The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, "He has been hasty." Then he called the man and said either to him, or to someone else, "When any one of you prays, he should begin by glorifying and praising his Lord and then he should invoke blessings on the Prophet, peace be upon him, and after that he should supplicate Allah for anything he wishes."

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**PRESENT CHOICES,
FUTURE REWARDS**By: Bro. Mikayl Yahya Ibn Kefa
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As human beings, we are hardwired to feel more comfortable with things we can see and quantify. If we purchase a turkey, we want to know that it is halal, how much it weighs and how much it costs. If we purchase a car, we want to know how many miles we're going to get to the gallon. However, when we enter the realm of the spiritual, the rules change. It isn't so easy to quantify things we cannot physically examine, measure or assess. If we find ourselves in such a dilemma, this is when Shaitan will sit up and take notice, for he knows that it is easy to tempt us. "Go tie up that camel!" he'll whisper. "Why listen to some Jummah khutbah when you don't even know what it will be about or even whether you'll be able to stay awake till the end? How do you know Allah even listens to your prayers?" Of course, Shaitan is predictable. He will pander to our baser instincts, dangle juicy carrots tantalizingly within our reach. But it's all an illusion, of course, for material gain is transitory. According to the New Testament, the Prophet Eesa (AS) repeatedly warned against the accumulation of riches here in this Dunyah: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6: 18-21) At times it might be difficult for us when we see our fellow Muslims suffering, living in danger every day and saturated in abject poverty. Our hearts weep when we see others revelling in riches whilst our brothers and sisters in Islam do not know where they will get food to feed their children from one day to the next.

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**Light Up Your Life
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By Sis. Karen Shah

It raises us to higher levels in paradise. Zhikr is different from salat. Don't follow a literal hardcore Islam that doesn't offer zhikr as the prescription for peace. Reading Qur'an is zhikr! Recite the 99 names of Allah! Repeat the beautiful phrases! Zhikr softens the heart, removes the rust, and purifies the heart. Muslims must become examples of peace and beauty and gentleness. Not just on our tongue, but in our style, how we live and treat others. In Verses 45-46: "Truly We have sent you O Prophet as a witness and bearer of glad tidings and warnings. And it is by Allah's permission that you are chosen as a lamp to spread the light of the Qur'an." We should all try to develop that Light, and to be a reflection of the Light. Through the spiritual practice of zhikr we can be blessed with Allah's Nur, begin to see the world properly and to act properly. We can be a reflection of Allah's love and compassion to the world. Make time for zhikr: it is not just sunnah, it is a command from Allah. The Prophet showed us how to do it. ●

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CALL ON ALLAH AND COUNT THE BLESSINGS

By: Bro. Hamzad Mohamed

- Basks in spiritual sunshine all along.
- Your spiritual bulb illumines with a brighter glow.
- Jannah beckons you.
- Disentanglement from any web of confusion concerning the Deen of Islam is greatly accelerated.
- An oasis of love develops in the heart.
- The path of Siraatul Mustaqim becomes greatly lit with Allah's noor.
- Allah becomes pleased with one's spiritual moorings.
- There becomes a greater appreciation for Allah's wonderful works.
- Barakaat or blessings flow or descend in unimaginable proportions much to our delight.
- Hurdles in our life are removed and ease is afforded to us.
- The greatness of Allah becomes food for greater thought.
- No more, hangs the cloud of doom and gloom over us.
- New pages in life are frequently turned.
- The mind does not mind the jogging of ideas that are islamic in flavor
- The heart becomes more nourished with spiritual food.
- Allah reads into you but little do you know.
- Mountains greater than Everest are climbed by us.
- Life treacherous seas that we daily meet become more navigable
- Calmness pervades us and
- Tears of joy flow on us like the River Nile.

Let us not be tardy in supplicating to Allah. Losses will be numerous if we are so inclined. I've just mentioned a few of them. Can you just imagine the copious others we would deprive ourselves of? The time is not to late to take advantage of the rewards to be gained from making your supplications to Allah. **START NOW!**



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V.I.P. or V.P.I.

By: Bro. Farooq Shafi

At the time of conquest of Makkah, when the arrogant tribe of Quraish and others had surrendered, our Holy Prophet SAW entered the city most humbly and pardoned everyone. When his beloved companion, our second Khalifah Hazrat Umar (RA) was about to enter Jerusalem, he was sharing his ride with his slave by taking turns. These personalities, who are the true form of superiority, are the real VIP. However, they have shown and taught all of us through their characters and actions that NO HUMAN BEING IS A VIP. Pharaoh, in his time was a most arrogant person and thought he was the VVIP. We all know his end. In fact, the only Most Exalted One is Allaah SWT. There is no other like Him. All other living beings are to serve Him and nothing else. If we only ponder over how we are created from a dirty drop and come into this world from a part of the human body which is right in between the areas of filthy secretions (unless it is a c-section), we will never consider ourselves a VIP. This all begs a question that each and every one of us should ask, "Do I want to be a VIP (very important person) or a VPI (very pious individual) in the eyes of Allaah SWT?" Allaah SWT Knows Best!

(Translated from an article in Urdu Times)

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PRESENT CHOICES, FUTURE REWARDS

By: Bro. Mikayl Yahya Ibn Kefa
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But Allah (SWA) is watching. He knows how they suffer, and he will not turn His face away from them: "Thou warnest only him who followeth the Reminder and feareth the Beneficent in secret. To him bear tidings of forgiveness and a rich reward." (Surat Ya-Sin 63:11) There is nothing wrong with enjoying the good things of life, but we should not become consumed by them or prefer them over the infinitely better rewards of worshipping Allah (SWA). Nor should we consume to excess when the neighbour next door has an empty food cupboard. Do we seriously believe that the benefits of eating an extra bowl of rice outweigh the bless-

ings of giving it to someone who has nothing to eat at all? Insha'allah, we will one day swap the prison of this Duniyah for the green fields of Jannah. Allah (SWA) holds out to us this hope to us. There, we will not need to worry any more about losing a camel - or cashing a pay cheque. **END**

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MYTHS ABOUT WESTERN CULTURE

By: Sis. Kiran

And whoso turneth not in repentance, such are evil-doers." In my few years of living in the US, I have countered many examples that have positively affected my own view of western culture. I am not saying its flawless and I am sure there must be countless examples of less than pious behavior but to generalize and say all women are like that is so horribly incorrect. On the issue of divorce too, we need to think if they are really as divorce-prone as we have assumed them to be. Also there is nothing too sweet about low divorce rate in our own countries if we come to think about it- So many of those marriages have survived because women had no other option but to stay married. So many of those marriages should have ended a long time ago so each person could find someone more compatible and hence create a more pleasant life for themselves. It is hence important to first rid ourselves of our own prejudices based on some preconceived notions of what western culture is like before we expect them to not judge us based on our hijab or ethnicity. And May Allah keep us on the right path always. Ameen

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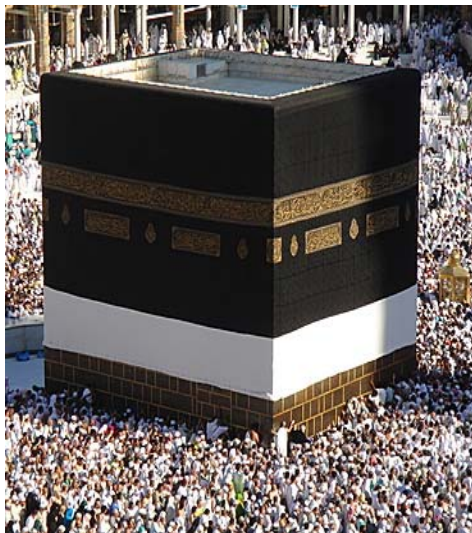
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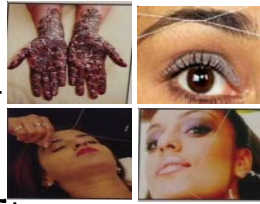
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