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O Mankind! Indeed, the promise of Allaah is true. So let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allaah by the Deceiver (Satan).

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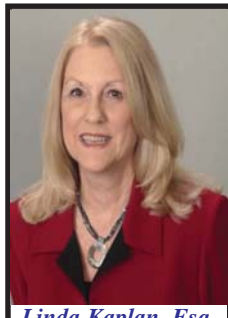
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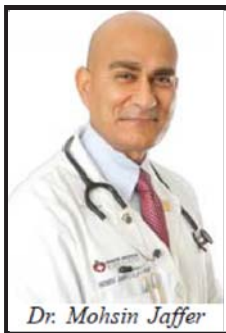
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Summarized by Bro. Kaleem Ali / Trinidad W.I.

**ALLIANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT
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Surah Ahzab 33 vs 21: "Indeed in the messenger of Allaah is the most beautiful conduct"

It is important to make an effort to have those qualities of the Prophet (S.A.W.) inculcated into our lifestyle. Islam was not spread by the sword but by the Qur'aan and by the characteristics of the Prophet (S.A.W.). Allaah says in the Qur'aan to tell people that if they love Allaah then follow the Prophet (S.A.W.). Nowadays students are graded by marks. Once upon a time, they were graded on their knowledge in addition to their characteristics. Some Islamic scholars would say that a true teacher does not necessarily have to take an examination of a student to certify his qualifications. Many teachers of the past would accept people to be their students, solely based on their mannerism. We have the opposite of this today. Many well educated people today, possess terrible attitudes. A person with knowledge but no good manners is dangerous. He/she will be inclined to misuse it to hurt and destroy people. The top comen in the world are well educated. This is why in Islam we are taught that knowledge is like rain. When it falls, everything benefits. Even in today's society, companies fire people for having a bad attitude. Nowadays, we have movies that promote drugs and fornication, while the same actors and directors get arrested for doing the same in real life. We should start teaching according to the scriptures as the founding fathers of America had originally intended. In line with following in the actions and mannerisms of the Prophet (S.A.W.), there is another service that he did which we no longer follow. Historically, even before prophethood, he was involved in an organization named "Hifdh ul Fudhool" which was established to abolish crime, injustice and oppression.

Surah Maidah Ch. 5 vs. 2: "And help one another in doing good and in doing your duty to Allaah, and do not help people in doing bad and things that are wrong and sinful"

Surah Imran Ch. 3 vs. 104: "And there should be a group from amongst you who will invite people to do good and forbid evil, and they are the ones who will be successful"

What are Muslims doing today about crime and people who are oppressed? Do we just talk? What did the Prophet (S.A.W.) did? When the Qur'aan started coming down, it put an end to crime, slavery and oppression. It wasn't a case of everyone trying to become the leader and when they got the position, they went to sleep. When the Prophet (S.A.W.) was in his 20's, because people were robbed, killed and oppressed, he joined with the Arabs who weren't Muslims, and some some say he initiated an alliance called "Hifdh ul Fudhool".

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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 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 graduated as an Islamic scholar from Darul Uloom Deoband, which is the largest and oldest Islamic Institute in India. He is the Founder of Al-Hikmat Services and Darul Uloom Institute Pembroke Pines Florida USA. He is the first Muslim to become President of the Interfaith Council of South Florida in the year 2002 and was also 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 has received many Interfaith Awards including the Peacemaker Award from St. Thomas University. Shaikh Shafayat is well known by Muslims and Non-Muslims as a Motivational Speaker. He lectures throughout the U.S.A. and worldwide on Islam and Terrorism, Interfaith Issues and Cultural Diversity etc. MaaShaa Allaah.

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WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

As a Chaplain, I have to be able to respect, and be present to people of all faith traditions, and forms of spirituality. I am reminded of a story once told to me: A man died and went to heaven and Abraham met him at the "Pearly Gates" and looked in his book and said, "O.K., you are John and you were Lutheran. Yes...you may enter and proceed to room #20. However, when you go past room # 3, please be very, very quiet." Shortly thereafter, another person appeared at the gates, and Abraham said, "O.K. you are Shaffayat, and you were a member of the Muslim faith. Yes...you may enter and proceed to room # 10. However, when you go past room #3, please be very, very quiet." This went on for a while, with new people arriving from various religious traditions, and Abraham directing them appropriately. A Jewish man arrived next, and Abraham allowed him through and sent him to room #25, again asking for quiet as he passed room #3. However, this time the man turned to Abraham and asked, "Why do I need to be quiet near room #3?" Abraham responded, "You see, the people in room #3 are from _____, (and he mentioned another religious tradition) and they think they are the only ones up here." I believe many of us will be surprised to see who is at the right hand of Our God. May we not presume, nor assume, but always be open and loving to all of our brothers and sisters, all children of God! As we as a nation prepare to celebrate that wonderful remembrance of Liberty and Freedom, may we be more than ever aware of the responsibilities that come with such a privilege. May we not hoard the freedom we have, but allow such liberty and freedom to embrace all who come to our shores. (Those seeking refuge from the many storms that have been tribulations in their lives.) And may we always remember that we are indeed ALL GOD'S CHILDREN. ○



Dr. Ghous Muhammad

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The Juristic Doctrines Istidlal or Reasoning by Textual Indication

As we have seen earlier Qiyas is based on a cause which unites the original and the parallel case and its conclusion or effect is probable. *Istidlal*, however, is a mode of reasoning by extending a rule of law to a similar case, thereby neglecting the differentia or *fariq* between the original and the parallel case. Its conclusion or effect i.e. *hukum* is certain. *Nabidh*, wine prepared by dates is allowed but as intoxication is the *illah* of prohibiting the drinking of wine, therefore, the rule of prohibition applies to the wine prepared by dates also. Anwar Ahmed Qadri writes "*Istidlal* or deduction is the striving after a basis for a rule. The term connotes a special source of law derived from reason and logic, not from the textual side of the law. In this process, there are the deduction by *Istishab* noted above and deduction by a logical process as by *Istidlal*. The following example clarifies the issue. A sale is a contract: the basis of every contract is consent; it is necessary, therefore, that consent be the basis of sale..." In fact all agree that *Istidlal* as a method of juristic deduction includes all forms of ratiocination which do not fall within the scope of analogical deduction and Hanafi doctrine of *Istihsan* or juristic equity as well as the Maliki doctrine of public good are covered by *Istidlal*. In addition to what has been stated above there are some other additional matters in legal knowledge. Qadri says "It is intended to outline some of the additional ways of legal knowledge often used in the settlement of legal problems. They are adopted after the full application of the principles of the *Shariah* and in cases where any of the sacred principles are contravened, they are not resorted to.

OTHER MODES OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE: The acknowledged learned and pious personalities. In this category come the views or legal opinions as given by the *Fatawa*, judicial opinions, juristic opinions and similar matters. The central place in the light of sayings of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) and the textual authority is given to the views of the Companions of the Holy Prophet. Those Companions who lived in the company of the Holy Prophet copied the Messenger of God in habits and doings, as the Rightly Guided Caliphs, family and wives of the Holy Prophet. Abdullah b Masud, Abdullah b. Umar, Abdullah b. Zubair, Anas b. Malik and others. The sayings of such people directly benefiting from the Holy Prophet and who had opportunity and scope for individual or legal reasoning or *Qiyas* are considered most authentic. The successors of the Companions come later in the process. Nyazee says that there would be very few Muslims who would agree to confine Islamic law to personal matters of inheritance, marriage and divorce, or to a few penalties that are actually laid down as deterrents by the Lawgiver, and are meant to be applied rarely.

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“Allah, there is no God save Him, the Ever-living, the Eternal. Neither drowsiness nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs all that is in the Heavens and on earth. Who can intercede with Him save by His leave. He knows what lies before humans and what is after them, and they encompass nothing of His knowledge save what He wills. His throne comprises both the heavens and the earth, and He is never weary of preserving them. He is the Sublime, the Tremendous. (2:255)

Assalamu alaikum, My dear sisters: Throughout the day, we must try to consistently think about Allah (SWT) and praise Him (Subhanallah..Glory be to Allah, Alhamdulillah...All Praise is for Allah, AllahuAkbar...Allah is The Greatest). Allah is truly “The Majestic”, “The Mighty”, “The Creator”. He has created the masterpiece of this universe, however, His true masterpiece is in the Heavens. In the universe, from the birds to the flowers to the skies , the mountains and the beautiful seas; they are all but a small sampling of Allah’s exquisite art. These creations do not know of its own beauty and significance, but we (humans) are the beneficiaries of these creations. We are the only ones (as far as we know), who are capable of perceiving beauty, appreciating it and expressing our wonder of Allah’s creations. Every tree serves a purpose, as does every drop of rain, every ray of sunshine, as does the darkness of the night. Allah (SWT) has created the sun, moon and stars for our benefit and we are all subservient to Him. Allah’s (SWT) greatness is reflected in humans, because He has given life to billions of people on this earth, and He has created for each one, specific and unique features and personality, so that no one is exactly the same (Alhamdulillah). Imagine a world without color, without beauty, without trees, flowers, mountains, birds and without blue skies!! Allah’s (SWT) magnificence shows in the colors and beauty of the earth that He has created. Every breath of air we breathe, every time we blink, every movement of our limbs, every heartbeat, every second we are able to see, hear, speak, think, taste,are all blessings from Allah (SWT), that we should not take for granted. Allah (SWT) is truly amazing and He alone is responsible for all these blessings. “Which of the favors of your Lord do you deny?” At the sight and thought of Allah’s creations and craftsmanship, we should be moved to praise Him. Let us consistently make the time to truly appreciate and acknowledge all of Allah’s (SWT) greatness and His many favors, and every time we see one of Allah’s (SWT) creations, and marvel at its beauty and power; let us instantly praise Allah (SWT) and know that all this is for us to appreciate and enjoy.

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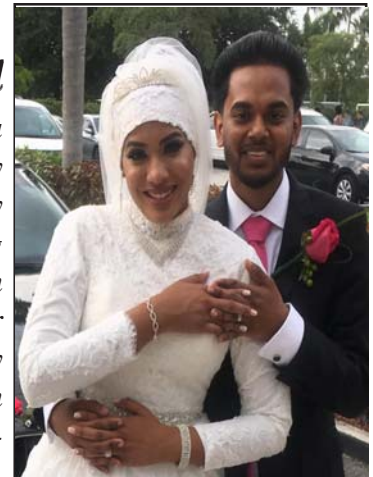
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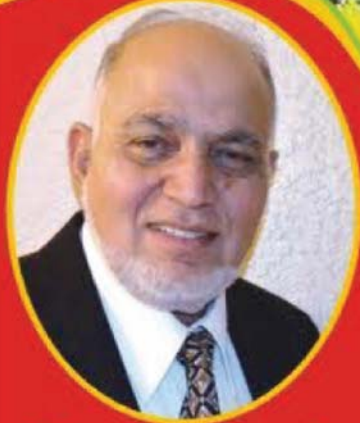
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Submitted by: Sis. Ebru / Turkey
By: Harun Yahya / Ankara, Turkey

"Man who is created alone should be aware that he will also die alone. Yet during his life, he lives almost addicted to possessions... the only assets one can take with him when one dies is one's belief or disbelief."

"I always wonder why birds choose to stay in the same place when they can fly anywhere on the earth, then I ask myself the same question."

"We live not in the world outside, but in a world inside ourselves."

"Never forget that turning a blind eye to oppression and watching from the sidelines is itself oppression."

"The followers of intelligent design should openly and clearly declare the existence of Allah as the Creator."



Reflections on Hajj

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

Hajj is the last of Islam's five pillars, and it brings together all the essential aspects of our faith. It is a vast subject, but in the few words, let us touch on a few key aspects. Hajj is an epic journey on three levels:

Geography / History and Self-discovery.

First, there is the geographic level: It is a journey from our homes to Makkah and Madinah, to those desert lands where the story of Islam began, and towards which we turn our faces in prayer. Secondly, Hajj is a journey through History. We visit the cradle of monotheism, the place where Prophet Ibraheem AS built the first place of worship dedicated to Allaah SWT, and where Allaah SWT asked Ibraheem AS to sacrifice what he loved most dearly. Ibraheem AS recognized this as a supreme test. He would have to sacrifice his son to Allaah SWT. Both father and son obeyed the divine command without flinching and without resistance. Ibraheem AS's sharp knife lay on Isma'il's tender throat. But just before it severed the jugular vein, Allaah SWT substituted a lamb for human sacrifice, and Isma'il's life was spared. When we celebrate *Eid al Adha*, the Festival of the Sacrifice, we remember Ibraheem AS's willingness to obey Allaah SWT, even preparing to give up his most beloved son. This teaches us that, as Allaah SWT's servants, we too must obey without question and without hesitation. We too, must be prepared to give up whatever else, besides Allaah SWT, is so near and dear to us. We too, must learn to tame our selfish desires, and to fulfil our Lord's bidding. Hajj takes us on a historical journey beyond Ibraheem AS, way back to the beginning of the human story, to the time of Adam AS and Eve AS. The highlight of the Hajj is therefore the gathering of more than 3 million pilgrims on the plain of Arafat. At the foot of *Jabal Rahma*, the Mount of Mercy, pilgrims pray and supplicate, asking forgiveness for their sins, and they rededicate themselves to a life of obedience to Allaah SWT; Allaah SWT of Ibraheem AS, Musa AS & Isa AS (Moses & Jesus). Here is where Adam AS and Eve AS were forgiven for their original sin. The first act of human disobedience was forgiven here on the Mount of Mercy. Here is where we recite Prophet Adam AS's prayer: *"O our Lord! We have truly wronged our own souls; and if You do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we will be among the losers!"* It is therefore fitting that every year, from the beginning to the end of human history; pilgrims should make this journey to seek forgiveness for their own wrongdoing, in the same place where the first sin was forgiven. It is therefore also a supreme expression of hope, that despite all our human frailties and transgressions, there is always time for sincere repentance and for the mending of our errant ways. Thirdly, Hajj is not only a journey through geography and history. It is perhaps most importantly, an inward journey to our own center, to the human heart.

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Winterhaven, Orlando Florida USA

Mr. Gary is an author, nationally syndicated book critic/writer, consultant has been writing close to 45 years.

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**Dragon Teeth / Michael Crichton / Harper
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“Dragon Teeth” Michael Crichton’s last novel returns readers to the world of dinosaurs in the wild west. The creatures are not alive as in Jurassic Park but there is a paleontologist, his nemesis and a student all searching for fossil remains in the area of Wyoming in the late 1800’s. Filled with colorful historical characters the story races along to its conclusion in typical Crichton style. The conflicts move the story along as the three individuals dig for remains. Unlike many other authors who last title fizzled “Dragon Teeth” is a sparkling exit for this very popular author.

**Alias Emperor Rodgers A Majestic Memoir by Baltimore’s
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Paul H. D. Rothfuss / R L Publishing LLC

From the 1950’s to the 1970’s the world of radio comes alive in the new memoir by one of the most famous on-air personalities in the Baltimore area. “Alias Emperor Rodgers” is not just about the author but the wacky contests, DJ’s and the behind the scenes of how records were played by stations. Though he is talking about his life in radio the events he deals with could be any station in the country during the evolving industry of radio. Rothfuss tells his life story in an easy style that moves along to the final pages where it is left open for a possible sequel. Readers from all across the nation will be able to relate to “Alias Emperor Rodgers” as they reminisce of the times and stations they had growing up.

**Tiger Woods / Jeff Benedict And Armen Keteyian
Simon & Schuster**

If you like Tiger then do not read “Tiger Woods” but if like me you have no opinion then by all means enjoy this very well written expose of one of the worlds most famous golfers. Beginning with the death of Tiger’s father the authors trace Tiger’s life back to when he first began to play the sport. What emerges is a picture of a man who is very complicated because of the life he had as a kid and the father who was obsessed with him being a champion golfer. Interesting enough Tiger states he wants to be nothing like his dad but overall is very much like him in many ways. The authors show he is very talented but also there is a very dark side to him as well. “Tiger Woods” is an honest appraisal that is very unflattering to the man that may change a lot of people’s minds on the famous athlete. ○



Bro. Al Mustapha

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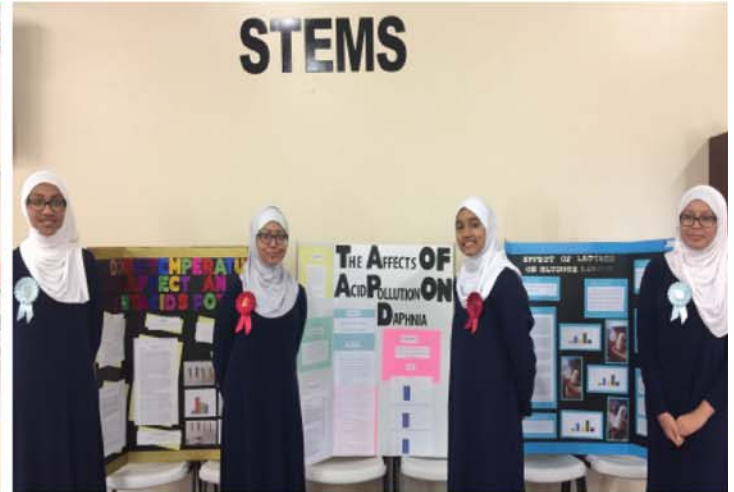
Written by Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA

My dear brothers and sisters: “ Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah , the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.” *Quran:Baqarah 2:177*

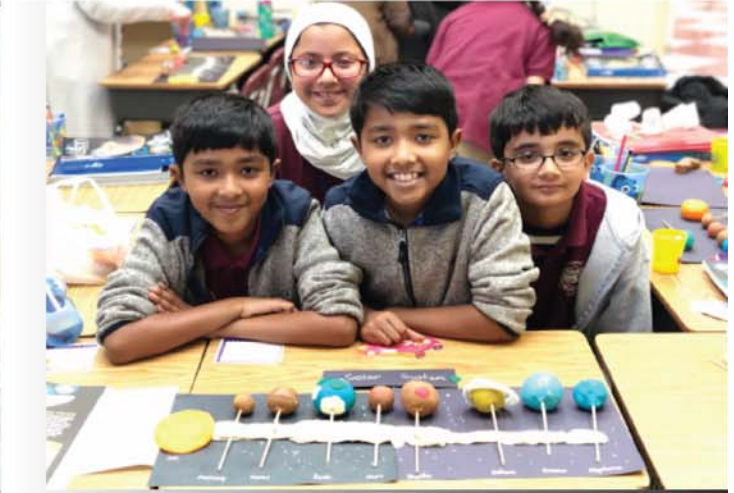
It is always a good reminder to all of us to reevaluate our daily living habits and practices, to ensure that we are on the right track to being righteous, as ordained by Allah (SWT). So often, we get caught up in our own personal issues, in our problems, in our suffering, in our tragedies and misfortunes. These situations may involve our family, parents, children, work and friends, and sometimes it may be devastating and unbearable for us. These personal issue consumes us, and we may feel that no one else’s suffering matters as much as ours. However, as we continue to pray for relief and healing of our personal situation; let us always remember all who are suffering in this world. All those who are poor, the hungry, the needy, the homeless, the refugees, the innocent who are being forced into child labor and being child brides. Those who are injured every day, those who are in need of medical attention, and those who are injured in daily attacks and in need of pain killers, surgeries and even proper burial. They all have names and faces and personalities and they matter to someone. They matter to Allah (SWT). If we want Allah (SWT) to help us and bring relief to us and to strengthen us and to heal us and our loved ones, then let us pray for that child we saw on the news, looking for a morsel of food, a drop of water to quench his/her thirst. Pray for the families who just lost everything including family members in war torn nations, pray for the missing children, pray for those suffering in pain with no access to medical attention, those afflicted with diseases in countries with no access to clean water much less medical help, pray for those we see on social media wounded, crying, in pain. These images cannot be something we glance at and then move on. Where is our humanity? It may be that for most of us, the only viable help we can offer for those afflicted will be to make dua for them.

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REFLECTIONS ON HAJJ

Not the physical heart that pumps blood through our veins. I mean the spiritual heart, the locus of our personality. What emotions, what desires, ambitions and obsessions lurk in the innermost recesses of the spiritual heart? By travelling to the *Kaaba*, the center of Islam, the focal point of the *Qibla*, (the directional axis for all our prayers), we have also made a journey inwards, to our own *Kaaba* and *Qibla* of the human heart. Are those ambitions, desires and innermost longings really worthy of a true servant of Allaah SWT? Are we focused on the right priorities, beyond selfishness and pettiness? What is our real place in this great drama of life around us? What is our place in the whole cosmic scheme of things? Where have we come from, and where are we going to? "From Allaah have we come and to Him is our return." Hajj is also a reminder of death. Every pilgrim is wrapped in two sheets of plain white cloth, with no sewing & no stitches. These are the same sheets of cloth that will cover us when we are buried. In a way, we are on pilgrimage wearing a burial shroud. This is the only time we will wrap ourselves in our own shroud. When we die, someone else will do the wrapping for us. It is a humbling and sobering experience. When you look around you, you see more than 3 million people; all dressed the same, in two sheets of plain white cloth. You cannot tell the difference between a state president and a taxi driver, a millionaire and the cleaner who tidied your hotel room yesterday. You can only see yourself and your fellow pilgrims exactly as Allaah SWT sees all of us: stripped of all our pretensions, stripped of all our designer clothes and our outward signs of wealth, nationality, culture and social status. On Hajj, we see one another as we really are: individual human souls, distinguishable only by the purity of their hearts and the content of their character. In the final analysis, this is all that matters. Hajj is a chance for us to take stock of ourselves, to examine our

hearts, our emotions, our ambitions, our desires. What is the driving force in our lives? Is there something higher and nobler than having a new car, designer clothes, a fine house, respect of our peers, or buying a villa on the Costa del Sol? Hajj reminds us that our earthly life is short, and it should be spent on good works, striving to fulfil the needs of others, purely out of love for Him and gratitude to Him. If only we would sit down and reflect on our good fortune. We have so much to thank Him for. Count your blessings, name them one by one. We complain that we do not have nice shoes, until we see someone living happily without any feet. We can be so ungrateful! Allaah SWT is infinitely generous and He deserves our love and gratitude. He created everyone and everything, and we are His trustees. We are answerable to Him. When we treat people of other faiths with respect, we do so as a courtesy to Him, and when we are disrespectful or abusive to others, we offend Allaah SWT. A question for us all, "When we return to Allaah SWT, what can we give Him that He doesn't already have?" The answer, "A pure and unblemished heart." Let's purify and refine our hearts, and when we return our shining hearts to Allaah SWT, He will look at it and see within it, His own reflection, In Sha Allaah, Ameen.

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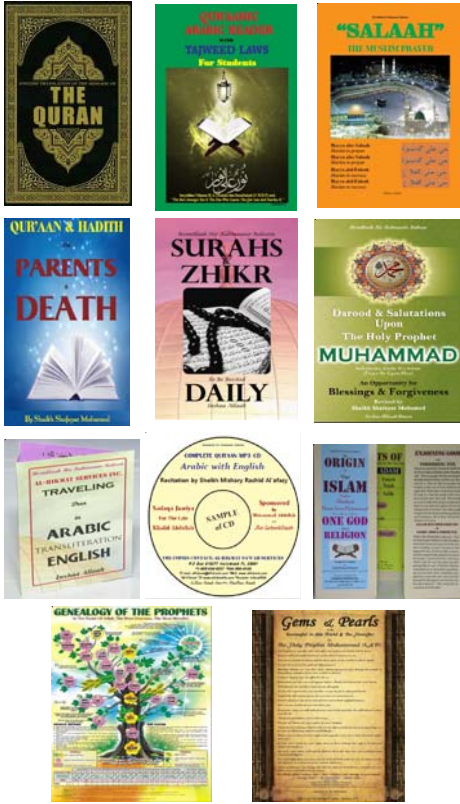
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Dr. Sheeba Rahman

FAMILY DYNAMICS

Photo on left: Al-Hamdulillaah on Sat. June 2nd, 2018, Al-Hikmat Services held a program on Family Dynamics. The program was coordinated by Dr. Sheeba Rahman, Board Certified, Psychiatrist. The discussion was based on Family, Marriage, Depression and Anxiety etc.

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AL-HIKMAT TAKE AWAY BBQ

Photos below: Al-Hamdulillaah and Jazaak Allaah to all our supportes and sponsors towards Al-Hikmat recent BBQ held on Sat. June 30th, 2018 at the Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center. The event was a great success, MaaShaa Allaah.



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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: *Salma Mohammed*

SACRED JOURNEY INTERFAITH SEMINARY



Photo from right: Rev. Lori, Rev. Libby, Rev. Elisabeth, Rev. Caroline, Rev. Lynda, Rev. Grave & Shaikh Shafayat (Member of the Advisory Board)

Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah - On Sunday June 10th, 2018 Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary held a graduation ceremony for four women who completed their studies under the leadership of Dr. Lori and Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco. The event was held at the Duncan Retreat Center, Delray Beach Florida USA.

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By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

On June 30th, I attended a rally to show support for keeping families together. It was at the Government Center in Key Largo and was

co-sponsored by the Upper Keys Action Network, the Upper Keys Democrats and Keys to Peace. It was hot, humid and sunny but meaningful to those who attended. Some brought signs, and some made signs from materials we had available. Because many people come to the Keys to retire, many of the participants were in their 60's and 70's. We had grandmothers who brought their grandchildren and parents who brought their children. I think that perhaps we had a few children who brought their parents. It was very much a celebration of our right to make our voices heard and let it be known that separating children from their families and putting them in cages (or elsewhere away from their families) is not, not, not acceptable.

Most of those who attended volunteered to help get out the vote in the primary on August 28th and the mid-term on November 6th. A white supremacist from Missouri who was evidently vacationing here got out of his car and tried very hard to provoke a confrontation. He was heckling the participants, including even children in his hateful speech. I am sure that several of our participants were tempted to



punch him in the face, but no-one did, and he was convinced to leave. Let's hope that he never decides to retire in the Keys. The day was heartwarming in many ways. People drove by, honked and gave us the thumbs up sign. While I was sitting at the registration table, two women walked up. One of them said that she was a newly naturalized citizen originally from Colombia and that when she saw us she told her friend "Look at that. They are there to support us, so we have to join them." They volunteered to help get out the vote because they felt so welcomed by our efforts. Across the street (U.S. 1) is our local fruit and vegetable market. The woman who runs the market brought a big tray of cold watermelon and pineapple slices. She told us that they really appreciated us standing in the hot sun to support immigrant families and proudly showed us her new voter registration card. She is looking forward to voting for the first time in the primary in August.

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Br. Hamzad

MUSLIM YOUTHS
HOLDING THE FLAG OF ISLAM

By Br. Hamzad Mohammed
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Youths are the buds of the nation. With the passage of time, after been watered by the love of those around them, they blossom into flowers that all are proud of. Quite candidly though, with reference to Muslim youths, some of them are intransigent. They tend to veer off a course that would see many of them sliding down a precipice to abysmal depths of darkness. What then can we do? When we pose this question to ourselves it becomes inevitable that we have to devise life-changing mechanisms. Why? This, in order to reverse the direction in which the youths are heading. To Allah then must go our **Duas** (supplications) for any level of success to be achieved when action is taken. So changes have to be brought about. This accepted, a situation therefore has to be created whereby all concerned individuals must step up to the plate to make meaningful inputs. When all hands are on deck and problems noted and discussed by Allah's **Rahma** (mercy), there would at least be a glimmer of some hope. **MaaShaa Allaah**. However, it must be borne in mind that just as how a machine is to be lubricated from time to time for efficient running, the same approach applies to the youths. Regular dosages of advice have to be given to them that will grease their wheels of morality and righteousness. In doing so, the youths will be kept on the track of **Sirataal Mustaqemm** (Straight Path). Hence a clarion call specifically for adults (parents and non-parents) to intervene. Reason being, they are the ones who can suitably execute and adapt themselves easily since they are in constant contact with the youths. For the adults who take up the challenge, here is a worthy piece of counsel for you. Keep your pistons firing at all times. Rich dividends can be realised if at least an iota of consideration is given to it. Never allow any leeway or space for the Muslim youths to show disinclination to uprighteousness. On a regular basis as your daily breakfast, supply them with the necessary ingredients to spruce up their moral and religious development. Then and only then, you'll see some light at the end of the tunnel. When the adults have played their part, the onus then lies on the youths to chew and digest whatever Islamic was fed to them. Quite obviously, only good can be dispensed by the adults as they chart the youths' destiny. This intervention will inevitably see the young Muslim boys and girls make a 180 degree turn in their life. **Subhaan Allah** (Glory be to God). If at anytime a spiritual catharsis or rejuvenation of young ones is needed, it is now. Don't delay in achieving such, you the Muslim youths.

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HUMOR

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Bro. Azad Ali

A SILENT PRAYER

Eyes down, hands clasped
in silent prayer
Asking the ONE to make
me aware,
To see those who suffer
and in dire need

That I may help to sow within a fruitful
seed.

Guide me O Lord to do what is right
Bless me with resources to ease their plight,
The little that I have let it be evenly spread
Just like YOU had done with the "fish and
bread"..

Give me the strength to lift their suffering
For thou art the Master of all, mightiest
King,

None is mightier nor equal to thee
Lord of all the worlds, Protector for all
eternity,

If it is thy will to fulfil my request
I shall forever be grateful and shall do my
best,

In serving the less fortunate be it birds,
beasts or man
To make a difference on this thy beautiful
land.....

A PERFECT DAY

The things we do and things we
say
All foretold for t'is is our destined
way,
For life's course is a chartered
journey
Weaving through curves, hills and
rugged valleys...
Grieve not for opportunities thus
forgone
Nor be saddened by races lost or
won,
Open thy arms and embrace it all
We know not when shall be our
final call.
Have you not seen a rosebud smile
in morning dew?
Or a cooing dove cuddling a bird of
blue?
Then arise oh man before the rising
sun
For there is a hidden world just
beyond !!!
Little things we take for granted
passeth by
Busy lives doth cloud thy vision we
know not why ?
Be alert, be mindful and grasp this
divine beauty
A magical world made just for you
in all its

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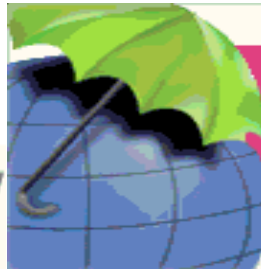
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IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT BREATH

However, we need to work hard and do more good deeds to gain Allah's (SWT) pleasure in order to receive His true masterpiece of Jannah (Heaven). When we pray our salaah, we need to focus on Allah (SWT) as if He is standing in front of us. When we do dhikr, we need to focus and properly pronounce each word and think of the meaning...*(Subhan Allaah: glory be to Allaah), (Al-Hamdulilaah: Praise be to Allaah), (Allaahu Akbar: Allah is great)*. Let us remember, quality is better than quantity. When we pray to Allah, we have to contemplate His majesty and truly thank Him for all his favors and blessings. We have programmed ourselves to say "thank you" to others and to commend others on their good work, their appearance, their good personality, their kindness, and so many other things; but we do not spend enough time praising the One who has created man and enabled him to do good and blessed him with countless bounties. We need to make a concerted effort to remember Allah (SWT) more often. Here is some advice for life, for us all, "without doubt, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction". For those who believe and work righteousness, is every blessedness and a beautiful place of return. (13:28,29) ◉

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By: Bro. Al Mustapha

RIGHTEOUSNESS vs. SELFISHNESS

Every dua from each of us can accumulate to be thousands of duas for those in need, every dua is powerful. Every day when we make dua for our situation as well as for all those suffering in this world; we will be on the path to righteousness, as prescribed by Allah (SWT). Allah (SWT) directs us to give our wealth to orphans and the needy; our wealth consists of our assets, our time and our duas. "And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided." Let us please remember those in need, they may be hundreds of miles away, but we cannot isolate ourselves to only be concerned with those situation that are close to us. Allah (SWT) will answer our duas and change the condition of our brothers and sisters in need, and He will also reward us generously and improve our lives as well.

"Pray for others. Don't be selfish and just pray for yourself. Want for others what you want for yourself. Feel your heart grow with love." ~ Mufti Menk

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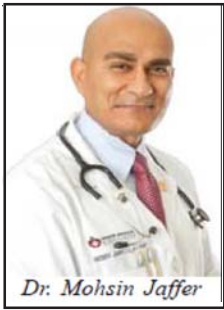
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IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

As we grow older, the physical tax of surgery becomes heavier. Many may choose to avoid surgery or even medical visits in order to retain the status quo, but certain medical procedures both have minimal impact on the body and can provide immense relief from pain. When a problem can be treated with a minor outpatient procedure, there is less reason to worry about bed rest or surgical complications. Instead, there is room to consider the benefits. Each of these minor procedures is over within minutes and can save a senior individual from unnecessary pain.

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-Fever of 102 or higher

- Red streak between abscess and chest
- Swollen lymph nodes between abscess and chest

-An abscess located on the face larger than 1.5 centimeters

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Regardless of the severity of a surgery, it is important to be prepared and follow all of the doctor's instructions. Please tell your doctor about any and all medications you may be taking in order to avoid complications with blood flow. As with many procedures, it is also beneficial to wear loose, comfortable clothing and to arrange for transportation home. Senior Medical Associates offers these minor surgeries to patients. Call (954) 659-9690 to schedule an appointment with a provider today! ⚡

RALLY TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER

A friend of mine who participated said it was hot and he was totally exhausted but he had never felt so good about what he was doing as he did in participating in the rally. Since the rally, a court has ordered to the government to reunite all children under 5 with their parents within two weeks and older children to be reunited within 4 weeks. As I write this, the two-week deadline is a few days away and the government has admitted that they really aren't able to do this. They are asking for DNA tests to ensure they give the children to the "real parents" which means to me that they did not have procedures in place to adequately account for the children and their parents. As of today, they said that 101 of the more than 3000 separated children were under 5 and that they could not locate the parents of 38 of these 101 children. It makes me wonder how many of the parents of the 3000+ children over 5 can't be located by our government. If the parents of 38 % of the children under 5 can't be located, we could easily be looking at over 1100 other children whose parents can't be matched to their children. This is a hateful policy made so much worse by incompetence. You can and should contact your Representatives and Senators to express outrage over how our government has treated families seeking refuge. But our best hope in making things better is to make our voices heard in the voting booth. Please remember to vote in the primary on August 28th and the mid-terms on November 6th. ⚡

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

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DOING QURBAANI EVERY YEAR

Question: Do we have to do Qurbaani / Sacrifice every year?

Answer: Al-Hamdulillaah Qurbani/Sacrifice should be done every year as long as the person has the means to do so. Hazrat Abu Hurairah R.A. reported that Rasulullah (S.A.W) said: "He who has the means and does not perform Qurbani, he should not approach our musallah (eid gah/place of performing Eid Salaah). This, Hadith certifies the tremendous importance of Qurbani in Islam and the reprehensible position of those who ignore this injunction. Hence no true Muslim who has the means will really omit performing the Qurbani without a valid excuse. Most Islamic Jurists have emphasized that it is Waajib (necessary) for the one who has the means to perform Qurbani. It is narrated from Hazrat Ibn Umar R.A. that Rasulullah (S.A.W) remained in Madinah Munawwarah for ten years and each year he performed Qurbani/Sacrifice. This Hadith indicates that Rasulullah (S.A.W) performed Qurbani every year that he was in Madinah Munawwarah and never omitted this practice. Such strict adherence to this act is a clear indication of it being Waajib. The blessings in doing Qurbani are indeed tremendous. It is reported in a Hadith that the Sahabah (R.A) enquired of Rasulullah (S.A.W) as to what the rewards of Qurbani were. Rasulullaah (S.A.W) replied that the person performing Qurbani will be rewarded for every hair on the body of the animal or for every fibre of wool in the case of sheep". The first drop of blood from the Qurbani animal causes a person's sins to be forgiven. Hazrat Ali R.A. reports that Rasulullaah (S.A.W) said to Hazrat Fatimah R.A.: "O Fatimah! Go and witness your Qurbani, because the first drop of blood that falls from it causes all your sins to be forgiven. On the Day of Qiyamah, this animal will be brought with its blood and flesh and will be placed on your scale increasing it seventy times more. Hazrat Abu Saeed R.A. after hearing of the great blessing asked Rasulullaah (S.A.W) whether this great favor was only for the family of Rasulullaah (S.A.W) because they are more worthy of this good action or is it for the family of Rasulullaah (S.A.W) and the entire Muslim Ummah? Rasulullah (S.A.W) replied that it is for both the descendants of Rasulullaah (S.A.W) and the entire Ummah." Therefore no person who has the means should forego this great Ibadah and opportunity to earn blessings. With an open heart one should spend from the wealth that Allaah has granted and purchase the best animal that one can reasonably afford. The Quraan teaches us that Hazrat Ebrahim A.S. was prepared to sacrifice his one and only beloved son for the pleasure of Allaah. Therefore, if we truly love Allaah, we should at least spend and devote some of our time and wealth to do the Qurbani/ Sacrifice.

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**ALLIANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT
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In a nutshell, he worked with the Non-Muslims and tribe leaders. Technically, they were the government at that time. Therefore, it is recommended to work with the local authorities to stop crime and corruption. What are most Muslims doing today? Hoarding their wealth but still talk about the same Qur'aan and Sunnah that ended oppression? We should be working together with the government to end crime. It takes money to build police stations and get police cars and to find and eliminate corruption. We should not just be talking. When is this going to stop? Who has to stop it? How can we say the Qur'aan is the solution while we are doing nothing? This is hypocrisy. The Prophet (S.A.W.) didn't put the blame on others. He cleaned up the system. We listen to endless lectures on the Prophet (S.A.W) but when it comes to helping others we are quick to distance ourselves from responsibility. Another form of allowing corruption is that we vote for entire political parties, where many are corrupted and encourage oppression. There is both good and bad. We should be voting for candidates who are capable of doing the job regardless of what parties they are in, not a bunch of crooks becoming partners in crime. Make the differences in society with your influence and your money. We should be living Qur'aan and Sunnah and not just talk it, for Allaah will take us to account.

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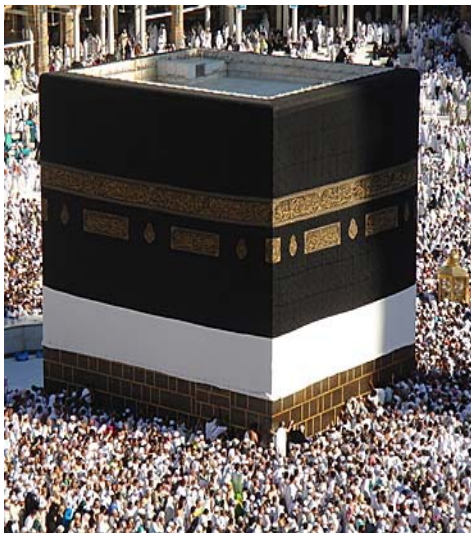
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