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Jan. 1-6	5:47	7:09	12:26	3:24	5:44	7:05
7-12	5:48	7:10	12:29	3:28	5:48	7:09
13-18	5:49	7:09	12:31	3:32	5:53	7:13
19-24	5:48	7:08	12:33	3:36	5:57	7:17
25-31	5:46	7:06	12:34	3:41	6:03	7:22

DATE	FAJR	SUNRISE	ZUHR	ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHA
Feb. 1-6	5:44	7:02	12:35	3:44	6:07	7:26
7-12	5:41	6:59	12:35	3:47	6:11	7:29
13-18	5:37	6:54	12:34	3:50	6:15	7:33
19-24	5:32	6:49	12:34	3:52	6:19	7:36
25-29	5:28	6:44	12:33	3:53	6:22	7:39

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*1st of Rabbi-uth-Thani - Feb. 23rd, 2012*

*Inshaa Allaah*

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And pray regularly, and give alms; whatever you send forth for your souls, you will find it with God; for God sees whatever you do.

*Hadith -*

Abu Hurayra (R.A) reported: the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) said, "Wealth is not diminished by giving (in charity). Allah (Subhanu wa Ta'ala) augments the honour of one who forgives; and one who displays humbleness towards another seeking the pleasure of ALLAH (S.W.T), Allah (S.W.T) exalts him in ranks." [Muslim].

*99 Attributes of Allaah*

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*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."*

*"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today."*

*"A slip of the tongue is far more hazardous than a slip of the foot."*

*"Life is too short and friends are too few."*

# SHAIKH SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE

## PROPHET IBRAHIM (A.S) and the PSALMS - TORAH - BIBLE - QUR'AAN

*Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah*

*Program Vice President of Broward Interfaith Council, Florida U.S.A*



*Sis. Karen Shah*

Recently I heard a renowned Christian lecturer in Miami say on television: "The 9/11 terrorists were only obeying instructions from their Prophet Muhammad." What?!! I wholeheartedly condemn Muslims including myself, not this preacher, for his remark. If Muslims were doing a better job at spreading the correct message of Islam, no one could make these terrible statements. And if we did a better job, and they still made these terrible statements, then Allah knows best. It's like a parent and a child. The parent teaches the child Qur'aan and prayer, but when the child goes off the straight path, Allah knows best. But if the parent never taught the child about God and how to pray, then the parent is held responsible for not fulfilling his duty that Allah gave him regarding the child. Our job is to share Allah's message, and Allah will guide whom He will: "Invite all people to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom...thy Lord knows best who have strayed from His Path, and who receive guidance." We are responsible if others do wrong and we never taught them the true message of God. In Prophet Muhammad's (S.A.W) Last Sermon at Arafat, he made it very, very clear: "I have given the message. Now take the message to those who were not here." According to Sharia, it is haram to listen and do nothing when bad things are said about our prophet and his message. And this does NOT mean with violence. Use kind words to continue the prophet's (S.A.W) mission. "Who is bet-

ter in words than one who invites others to the way of Allah..." (Ch:41 V:33) Last week another Christian preacher said, "Don't be fooled about Islam — it is not reality. It is false propoganda." What are we doing about it? We have a bunch of sleepers, wasting time fighting amongst ourselves over cultural issues!!! On the day of judgment we will be asked what we did to spread the message. The best deed, after fulfilling our 5 pillars, is to continue the prophet's (S.A.W) mission. It is obligatory for us to educate the world, Muslims and non-Muslims, on the true message of Islam. In 3:64, Allah commands us: "Say to the Christians and Jews: come to the path of Allah, to the words and messages that are common between us." And what do we have in common? After Allah, we have Abraham in common. In the Torah, Bible, Psalms and Qur'aan, God tells us that those who have faith will be blessed as God blessed Abraham. The Christians and Jews know this from their own books. They also know that God promised Abraham to bless his sons and progeny, and make them into powerful nations and leaders. Do you realize that our daily salat includes the words: "O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family members of Muhammad as you blessed Ibrahim and the family members of Ibrahim." Every day, five times a day, Muslims acknowledge Prophet Abraham and his family members.

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Rabbi Jeffrey

### JEWS & MUSLIMS are COUSINS

I've participated in this event for several years and each time I usually speak about my understanding of my own heritage as it relates to the specific community issues and the relationships between our cultures. This year I'd like to do something different. This year I'd like to share with you some reflections on Abraham from traditional Jewish sources. I am not well versed in the Koran's narrative about our common ancestor. What I do know is that both of our traditions affirm that Abraham had two sons – Ishmael and Isaac. Both of our traditions affirm that Ishmael is the ancestor of the Muslim people and Isaac is the ancestor of the Jewish people. Both of our traditions affirm that Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son and by his willingness to commit the ultimate sacrifice that Abraham demonstrated his absolute loyalty to God. In the Bible the story is told that at the very last moment God provided a ram embedded by its horn in a thicket of bush nearby to be provided as a sacrifice instead. On the major Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah we read about the story of Abraham's sacrifice as our scriptural reading for that most holy of days. One of the aspects of our holiday is to blow sounds in a ram's horn, which we call a "shofar," and we play several notes from that horn in order to call our people to return to God and abandon the sins we have committed in the past year. One of the most famous Jewish stories about Abraham that is NOT found in the Bible is a story as to WHY God chose Abraham. The Torah states that God told Abraham to get up and leave his father's house to go to the land that God would show him, but nowhere is it stated WHY Abraham was chosen. We have a legend that tells the story, known in Jewish tradition as a "midrash," stories written by our rabbis to fill in the blanks for some of the Biblical stories that seem to be missing parts.

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## GEMS ON SALAAH FROM PROPHET MUHAMMAD {S.A.W.}

By: Br. Hamzad Mohammed Trinidad, West Indies

- Salaah is the only distinction between Kufr and Islam.
- When a person stands in Salaah, the gates of paradise are let open and all the veils between him and Allah are lifted.
- A person in Salaah knocks at the door of the Lord and the door is always opened for him who knocks.
- If a person dies with sincere Imaan, observing the commandments of Allah, performing Salaah and paying Zakah, he dies with the pleasure of Allah.
- If a person, in spite of hearing the Adhaan, does not go to the Masjid and prefers to read Salaah at home without a strong excuse, then his Salaah is not accepted.
- A person who does not go for Salaah after hearing the Adhaan is committing a great wrong, and is doing an act of Kufr and Nifaq.
- Not going for Salaah after hearing the Adhaan is sufficient to render a person most unfortunate and wretched.
- Allah curses three people: an Imam who insists in leading the people of a place in Salaah while they do not like him on some reasonable account; a lady who is under the displeasure of her husband and a person who hears the Adhaan but does not go to the Masjid for Salaah with Jamaat.
- The likeness of a person not bowing fully in ruku is that of a pregnant woman aborting just before a delivery.
- People in the habit of looking up during Salaah, must give up that habit lest their gaze may not return to them.
- The worst thief is one who steals of his Salaah i.e. when one does not perform his ruku and sijdah properly.
- None is blessed by Allah more than he who has risen to offer two rakats of Salaah
- For a good Salaah, keep your back and stomach light.
- Allah is very much pleased with certain persons, one of them being someone who forsakes his bed shared with his dear and lovely wife and engages himself in Tahajjud on a winter night.
- The devil remains scared of a Muslim so long as he is particular about his Salaah.
- Do not forgo your Salaah intentionally lest you should get out of the fold of Islam.
- Do not neglect your Fard Salaah intentionally for Allah is free from obligation to such a person.

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By: Sis. Sylmarie / Coral Springs, Florida



Sis. Sylmarie

# CHILDREN TRIALS & HAPPINESS

*Your wealth and your children are only a trial, whereas Allah (SWT), with Him is a great reward (Paradise).” (Qur’aan 64:15)*

My dear sisters: Children are indeed a blessing from Allah (SWT). Allah (SWT) mentions that He will provide sustenance for you and them. (Quran 6:151). Children bring so much joy and happiness into our lives and indeed make our family complete. When they are babies, we are pleased to show their innocent smiles and bright eyes to all. When they are toddlers, we are happy to show off their ability, asking them to repeat words, numbers, duas, etc. When they are teens and young adults, we continue to acknowledge their accomplishments in our conversation with others. Also, during this period, for some of us, are our biggest trials with our children. As unfortunate as it is, it is a reality of parenthood. For those who are parents of teenagers and young adults, we all know how difficult these times can be, and just when we think we are the only one going through these problems, we find that we are not alone. Many families are experiencing these same dilemmas and struggles with their children. Whether the children are not listening, lazy, falling behind in school, in the wrong company, some may be talking rudely to their parents, others keeping everything to themselves; families are experiencing these various types of misbehavior. These issues are difficult to deal with, especially when these children have been brought up in good households, with good parents and with a solid Islamic foundation. Sometimes parents question themselves, whether they did enough, however, we must not lose sight of that effort we made to give them that spiritual guidance and Islamic knowledge. It is these core values that were instilled in them, along with our duas and patience, and most of all Allah’s (SWT) mercy and assistance that will bring parents relief and success with their children.

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## CONGRATULATION CORNER

Submitted by: Faria Mohamed

# Congratulation to Naim Mohammed



Naim Mohammed

*Naim Mohammed graduated from Florida Atlantic University on December 8th, 2011 as a Civil Engineer. Starting January he will begin a fulltime position working for Parkson Corporation based from their head office in Ft. Lauderdale. He is the son of Sedick and Farida Mohammed and brother to Saadia and Fawzia Mohammed. May Allaah (S.W.T) shower His choicest blessings onto him and in his new accomplishments and endeavors, Inshaa Allaah.*

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# BLIND & HARDENED HEARTS

Submitted by: Bro. Farooq Shafi  
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(Translated from Noor-e-Baseerat, an Urdu article)

Allaah SWT Says in chapter 6, v. 41-45, "Before thee, we sent (Messengers) to many nations, and We afflicted the nations with suffering and adversity that they might learn humility. When the suffering reached them from Us, why then did they not learn humility? On the contrary, their hearts became hardened, and Satan made their sinful acts seem alluring to them. But when they forget the warning they had received, We opened to them the gates of all (good) things, until, in the midst of their enjoyment of Our gifts, on a sudden We called them to account, when lo! They were plunged in despair. Of the wrong-doers, the last remnant was cut off. Praise be to Allaah, the Cherisher of the worlds". So, the destruction of any such nations/people is also a sign of the Majesty of Allaah SWT. Just like to save the rest of the body, the gangrenous part is cut off; likewise, those societies where sin and sinners have seeped through are also wiped out for good. As a warning, first, the nations/people are asked to forbid evil. Second, when they don't stop, calamities and hardships befall them so that they come back to Allaah SWT and quit their bad habits. Thirdly then, Allaah SWT Allows them some rope. They have all the worldly things aplenty and committing sins and bad deeds have become a part and parcel of their lives. The society is fraught with all sorts of ills and bad deeds. THEN comes the wrath of God Almighty and their last remnant is cut off. We all need to take account of ourselves; where we are and where we are heading. Don't we have all worldly goods in plenty? Isn't our society filled with all sorts of ills and hasn't the sin become a part and parcel of our lives? Allaah SWT Says again in v.124, "And even so, We setup in every town the great ones as its sinners, that they may plot therein. And they plot not, but against themselves, and they perceive not".

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# JEWS & MUSLIMS are COUSINS

The story is told that when Abraham was a boy his father's occupation was to make idols. One day when his father was out Abraham took a hammer and destroyed all of the idols in his father's shop except one – the largest one – and he put the hammer he used to smash the idols into the hand of the largest idol. When his father came home he asked him, "what happened here?" Abraham said, "well, it seems that the largest idol smashed all of the smaller ones." And his father replied, "that's impossible – they're nothing but stone that I made with my own hands." "So," Abraham continued, "why do you worship them?" at which point God chose Abraham to receive the covenant. There is another such legend that speaks of Abraham when he was merely a child. The story is told that when Abraham was just a small child his mother hid him in a cave because the Babylonian king Nimrod was ruling with evil and his mother did not want Abraham growing up amidst evil. The angel Gabriel came down to bring Abraham some milk. The young child wanted to express appreciation for this benevolence, look at the night time sky, saw the stars and declared to them, "thank you, ye gods for saving me." But in the morning the stars disappeared so young Abraham declared, "they cannot be gods." When the sun arose Abraham declared, "this must be the god, thank you ye god for saving me." But when night fell Abraham declared "this, too, cannot be god. There must be one supreme invisible God who has set all of these other heavenly bodies in motion." At this point the angel revealed himself to Abraham and declared, "peace be unto you. I am the angel Gabriel, the messenger of God" and he led Abraham out to a spring where he washed himself and bowed down and prayed to God. We all here share the story of the great test imposed upon Abraham, the test in which he was asked to sacrifice his son. In Jewish tradition we believe that the son he was asked to sacrifice was Isaac. In your tradition you believe that the son he was asked to sacrifice was Ishmael. Nevertheless we all agree that Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son and that Abraham in complete obedience to God was willing to perform this command.

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There is yet another legend in Jewish tradition about the circumstances that led up to this trial, this test, a legend that appears in our stories of Midrash but does not appear in our Torah. The story is told that after Abraham had his children and was experiencing joy and prosperity in life, Satan approached God to report on the doings of the people of the world. God asked Satan, "what have you seen?" Satan reported, "I have walked throughout the earth and I have seen people revering you when they need your assistance but forsaking you once you have given them Your blessings." God said, "what of my servant Abraham who built altars to me before having been blessed with sons and has proclaimed my name throughout the earth?" Satan responded, "yet now that his sons have been born he has provided feasts for the inhabitants of the land and yet has provided no feast of sacrifice for your holy service." And God responded, "I shall ask of Abraham for a sacrifice like none other and I am certain that he shall accede to my wishes." At which point God declared to Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son to him, and, we all know, the outcome of those events. These are just a few of some unconventional stories about our common ancestor, the founder of all of our faiths. And to be sure, we have ritual and theological differences among our faiths. But we all believe that our common ancestor Abraham was the original monotheist, the first person to worship the One True God, and even though our faiths differ we do agree that we all share that worship of the only one, true All Powerful God who was first revealed to our common ancestor, Abraham. As you say, peace be upon him, and we say, *zichrono liv'rakhah* may his memory be a blessing for all of us, for all of his children, and may God bring peace to all of us. ●

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## JUMMUA AT CENTRAL MASJID JAMAICA



Photo from left: Bro. Mustafa (President of ICOJ), Shaikh Shafayat & Shaikh Tijany



Central Masjid, Kingston Jamaica  
Head office for Islamic Council of Jamaica

On November 18th, 2011, Shaikh Shafayat delivered the Jummua Khutba at Central Masjid, Kingston Jamaica West Indies, which is also the headquarters for the Islamic Council of Jamaica and the largest Masjid/Islamic Center in Jamaica. Shaikh Shafayat was accompanied by Bro. Abdul Kareem to deliver a lecture to over 250-300 people of which 99% were Non-Muslims at the funeral of the late Stanford Golaub in Westmoreland, Jamaica on November 20th, 2011.



Photo above: Audience listening to Shaikh Shafayat at Masjid in New York

## NEW YORK MASJID

*Fundraising Lecture*

Sunnat-ul-Jammat of Queens, New York invited Shaikh Shafayat on Dec. 4th, 2011, to do the fundraising lecture for a New Fire Alarm System, which cost approximately US \$40,000. Over 1200 tickets were sold for the fundraising dinner. Imaam Ahmad Ali was the MC, while Shaikh Rafeeq and Shaikh Naseem both lectured before Shaikh Shafayat did the fundraising lecture. Al-Hamdulillaah, the funds were raised and the mission was accomplished according to the President, Bro. Mohamed Fazal Khan, Mashaa Allaah.

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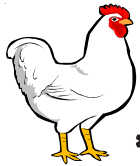




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**Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha!!!**

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## HEALTH CORNER

# "Doctor, What Is Wrong with Me?"

Submitted by: Dr. M.SHAHIDUL ISLAM, M.D.

Psychosomatic Medicine / Anxiety Depression Disorders Clinic  
Nashville, Tennessee

I am writing this letter to publish this article in your magazine. I am in practice in the area of Psychosomatic (Mind/Body) Medicine. I see patients with unexplained symptoms and negative lab work. Every day I hear the question "Doctor, What Is Wrong with Me? Doctor, What Is Wrong with Me would be the article's title. Every day people rush to emergency rooms and doctor's offices with alarming and frightening physical symptoms such as rapid heartbeat, chest pains, dizziness, difficulty in breathing, nausea, choking sensations, hot-cold flashes, faint feeling, fear of dying, losing one's mind, or having a heart attack. The tests come back and the diagnosis – nothing! "There is nothing wrong with you" the patient is told. "It's all in your head". I have discovered the mystery surrounding this unseen, undetectable but very real disease – CHEMICAL IMBALANCE IN THE BRAIN. Physical symptoms such as chronic headaches, chest pain, sleep and sex disorders can be caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain. Moreover, emotional problems such as anxiety, depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc. can be triggered by this chemical imbalance. It is due to too much activity in the brain from lack of glucose, lack of sleep, and stress. Genetics play a big role. I practice common sense medicine. I advocate fruit juice versus nerve pills whenever possible! Most people don't realize the importance of fruit juices in maintaining good health. Shakiness, tremors in the hands, developing a "foggy" or dizzy feeling is a sign that the brain is requiring fuel. Brain function depends on glucose. Fruit juices are an instant source of glucose for the brain and for renewed energy. Interestingly,

50% or more of whatever we eat goes into the brain as glucose and the rest goes into other parts of the body to supply energy. Fruit and vegetable juices are a source of carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals. Fresh juice and vegetables are needed, but it will take larger quantities. The juice is an instant source of glucose. Fruit juice is a nutritional support for the elderly, during illness and at times of stress. Water, along with juices is vital also. In regards to which juice to drink, I say whatever you can tolerate without having problems such as heartburn, stomach upset or an allergic reaction. When a patient comes to see me, I give them a list of foods and drinks to avoid. I recommend that they drink four to six ounces of juice (Pomegranate, Grape, Apple or Cranberry), or a 50/50 mixture of juice and water, every three to four hours. I tell my patients, "when you first get anxious or nervous, drink fruit juice rather than taking nerve pills". Amazingly, those who were reluctant about drinking juice most often are the very ones who tell me "Doctor, fruit juice works! I just can't believe it." Because this sounds so simple, many physicians hardly pay attention to what patients eat or drink or how they live. They don't tell the patients what to do. I believe in "common sense" medicine. Over 30 years in practice has shown this to be a proven fact.

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Inshaa Allaah*

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Assalamu Alaikum W.B,

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# YOUTH CORNER

## Muharram Mubarak HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Submitted by: Sis. Solana Salam

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1. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
2. Don't have negative thoughts of things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
3. Don't take yourself so seriously; no one else does.
4. Don't waste your precious energy and time on gossip.
5. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
6. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind people of their mistakes of the past. That will ruin their present happiness.
7. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
8. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
9. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
10. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
11. Each day give something good to others.
12. Forgive everyone for everything — hoping to be forgiven by Allah.
13. What other people think of you is none of your business, just do the right things.
14. Put Allah first in anything and everything that you think, say and do.
15. The best is yet to come — Paradise!— strive for it.
16. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
17. If you know Allah you will always be happy. So, know Him and be happy.
18. The hardship of obedience disappears and its reward remains.
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# CHILDREN - TRIALS & HAPPINESS

We cannot give up and react angrily to drive them away; they are a trial for us. Remember, Allah (SWT) has entrusted us with our children and it is our responsibility to take care of them. We will be questioned on the Day of Judgment, about the Islamic education and the treatment of our children. Many times parents have been pushed to the edge or reached the end of the rope with their misbehaving child, but it is at those times we need to hold on tight to Allah's promise, that after every test comes relief (Quran 94:5). Allah (SWT) alone knows why, when and how changes will come, but, (Insha Allah), it will come. Parents need to continue to encourage their children to pray to Allah (SWT) and they (parents) must pray for the well-being of their children and show their children they are loved, no matter what they do or have done. We need to tell them we love them. This stage in their life is also difficult for them. They are trying to adapt from being mommy's or daddy's little boy or girl to an independent person of their own. They are finding their own identity, getting along with their peers, there is also peer pressure, schoolwork that may be difficult, there are physical and chemical changes happening, as well as psychological and emotional transitions. Caring for and raising children in the proper manner is a duty on parents and it is not always easy. In fact, Allah (SWT) reminds us in the Quran that children may even be a great trial for parents. They can bring great joy and at times, they can bring great sadness as well. Allah (SWT) in his infinite wisdom never leaves a human being alone and unable to face all of life's trials. It is always important to remember that if we follow the teachings of Islam, it enables us to face all life events, including the trials, the tribulations and the triumphs. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: "Each of you is a shepherd and each of you is responsible for his flock. The ruler is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. A man is the shepherd of his family and is responsible for his flock. A woman is the shepherd of her husband's household and is responsible for her flock." Once again, let us all understand that the issues we face with our children are common among many families. Seek advice first and foremost from the Quran, from the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), from your Imam, from your parents, make dua for relief, and try to keep your relationship with your children a loving, friendly and warm relationship (Insha Allah).

***"It is one thing to show your child the way,  
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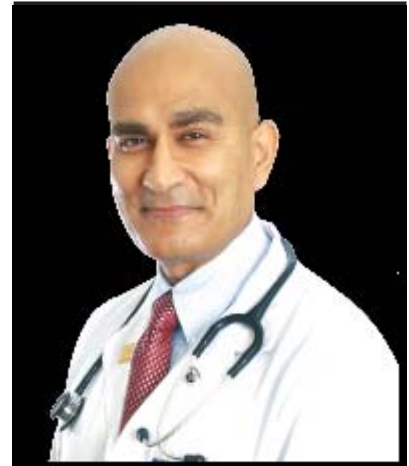
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## WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

### SISTER MEENA SIDDIQUE



Sis. Meena Siddique

Sis. Meena Siddique is a Pakistani American mother of five children [of whom four are college graduates and married and three have their own kids-fifth one is unmarried and a college student] She's a widow of Hamid Siddiqui and has been living in Miami since 1972. She is actively involved in the community affairs along with Br Shakir

, Br Tasnimuddin, Br Syed Farhat Zafar, and her Late husband and Br. Hafiz Masroor Br. Siddique Khan Br. Mukhtar Hasan, Br. Asad Ashuf, Br. Hamid Rahat Ali, and Dr. Moiz Tapia, Br. Gulam Polani, and few more along with thier wives. They were the bunch of people who were involed in planning activities for the community first with the name of Muslim Student Association and later on became Muslim Communities Association of South Florida. We were always affiliated with Islamic Society of North America [ISNA] and was once appointed as Ladies Coordinator for South East Region by ISNA and in 1974 organized a Conference for Muslim Ladies of Florida in the University of Miami (UM). There were regular weekly Islamic Study circle for ladies at UM then later on after a hardwork and dedication they were able to have their own Mosque at the Flagler Street in Miami where Sis. Meena started teaching her children along with few other kids about Islam then later as the community started growing they were able to have a bigger Mosque at Miami Gardens, where she were among those people who organized few Youth Camps for the youths of not only Miami but the Youths of Florida .In 1988 Sis Meena joined Dr. Sameena and Dr. Zahid Qureshi when they started the first weekend Islamic School in Broward. In 1992 Sis. Meena also started a Sunday Islamic School in Dade by the name of Pak Academy Of Miami. Then in 1995 by request, Sis. Meena moved back her Sunday Islamic School to Miami Gardens Mosque. Since then, she has been running the Islamic Sunday School of MCA at the Masjid of Miami Garden [The Islamic Center of Greater Miami] under the leadership of Dr. Khalid Mirza with the help of Br. Mukhtar Hasan, Sister Naseem, Bro. Shoab Mansuri, and Sister Nishat Mahmood. Sis. Meena Siddique is also a member of JAM and have been involved in inter faith activities, in Pakistani cultural activities like Pakistani Folk Festivals , Asian Festivals etc.

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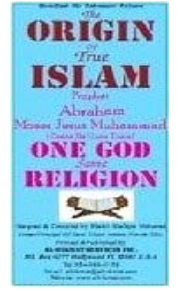
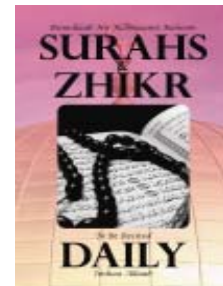
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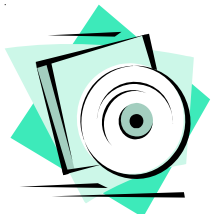




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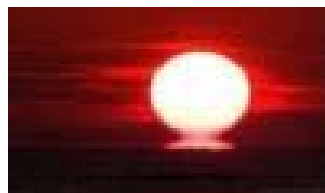
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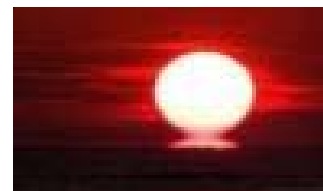


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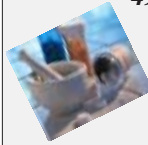
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girl. Here is my question: **Are Marriage in Islam written for a man, and if so, is it the specific woman that is written or is it just the fact that a man will be married in a written time?** Closer to my situation: Can the girl I love, SPECIFICALLY be written for me, or should I wait for my destiny? I will love to hear your answer, and to make Islam more known for me.

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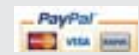
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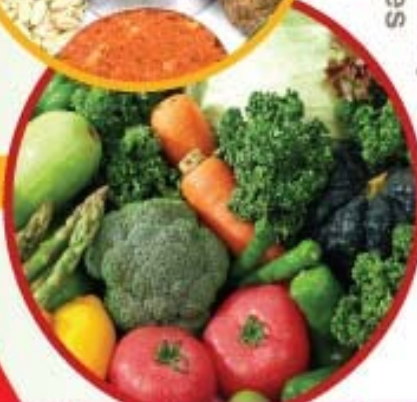


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