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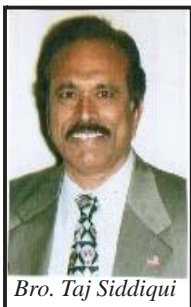
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God gives wisdom to whomever God wishes; and whoever is given wisdom has indeed been given much good. But no one takes heed except those with understanding.

Hadith -

He whose heart contains as much as a mustard seed of arrogance will not enter Paradise. ~Muslim

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**99 Attributes of Allaah**  
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Words of Wisdom-

“Seek a true friend, for a friend seeks the benefit of a friend.”

“It’s easy to laugh at others, but not that easy to make others laugh.”

“Honest dealings alone lead to lasting fame.”

“Show patience, for patience is the key to joy.”

“Minutes! Count them by sensation, and not by calendars and each moment is a day.”

“Time is what we want most, but what we use worst.”

SHAIKH SHAFAYAT’S MESSAGE

UNDERSTANDING DEATH & THE SOUL

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah

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



Sis. Karen Shah

It is so appropriate that I write about death at this moment...My mother has just passed away. I have had no choice but to face death. My mother lived with us for two years, and I am grateful that Allah gave me the opportunity to care for her as her body and mind deteriorated from Parkinson’s Disease and dementia. It wasn’t easy. My conversion to Islam was always a source of disagreement between us. She didn’t understand, so we agreed to disagree. And then on Monday June 4th she was admitted to the hospital for dehydration. On Wednesday my dear mom told me, “Don’t worry. God will take care of you and make things easy for you.” She had never spoken of God like that before! On Friday she said, “Forgive me Karen. I didn’t understand before, but now I understand.” On Saturday she raised her finger to take shahada. And on Sunday, back home in her own room with me at her side, she peacefully left this world. We read in Surah Ya Seen, Ch. 36 of the Holy Quran, that the

moon and sun swim in their own orbits and never clash. This is a natural thing that we all accept whether we understand it or not. Death is also a natural reality that we must accept. We need to ponder death as it is the only thing of which we can be absolutely sure. And the more faith and trust in Allah that we have, the more understanding we will have. No one really knows about death, but Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) told us to be prepared! An intelligent person thinks about death and a foolish person does not. If a person lives a good life, it will be easy when the soul leaves the body. But for a person who lived a bad life, the pain of death is worse than the pain of childbirth. Even Prophet Moses was not ready to die, and slapped the angel of death knocking his eye out of his socket. When the angel complained to Allah, he was commanded to tell Moses to put his hand on the back of an ox and then he could continue living the number of years for every strand of hair under his

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“That’s thousands of years more to live, but what happens after?” When the angel told him he would have to die, Moses said “Let me face it now.” When the angel of death came for Prophet Abraham, the prophet asked: “How can Allah send you to take the life of His friend?” Allah told the angel of death to ask him, “And how can a friend refuse to be with a friend?” Even the prophets of Allah questioned death, and we don’t! A smart person lives a life in preparation of the next life: giving charity, spending our time and wealth in the path of Allah will make our death easier. Death is a continuation of our souls going back to Allah. Prophet Jesus said this world is like a bridge: you don’t live on a bridge, you just cross it to get somewhere else! In Surah Fajr, 89:27-30, we are told that the souls of those people who do good in this life will be satisfied to leave their bodies and continue their journey.

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OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD MODEL INCLUSION

I recently watched a video that has been making its way around the internet in which a local elected official was being praised for standing up to Islam. Wow! And let me tell you, my heart was heavy and saddened when the people in the audience cheered his accusations. The Muslim

who stood up asked why this official was targeting prejudice against Islam. And the official responded by blaming Islam for the problem. He blamed Muslims for attacking the United States and he quoted passages in the Qur'aan which are claimed to support violence. He also referred to historical events representing a pattern of violence in the Muslim world. And the audience cheered. But my heart was heavy as I watched this video. My heart was heavy because it reminded me of the writings of a nationally known white supremacist who is constantly attacking my own religion and my own people. He does so by quoting facts and Jewish tradition. He takes actual passages from one of our holy books, the Talmud, and finds obscure, minor passages which are indeed hostile sounding passages and portrays them as being representative of the Jewish religion. I absolutely do not deny that such passages do exist in the Talmud. But they have to be cited in the context of the discussion as well as the societal reality in which those Jews lived at the time those specific passages were written. They are not representative of Judaism as a whole and they are certainly not representative of the values the vast majority of the Jewish people hold as holy. The video reminded me of the American priest Father Charles Coughlin, the radio demagogue who during World War II broadcast his show throughout America disparaging the Jewish people and demanding that Jews be barred from entering this country, advocating that the US send the Jews who came here escaping Nazi persecution to return to Europe in their "leaky boats" – back in leaky boats to Nazi persecution and the gas chambers.

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YOUR PASSPORT

By: Br. Hamzad Mohammed
Trinidad, West Indies

Rabbi zidni Ilma

To You I beseech, Ya Allah.
La illaha but You, I do mean.
Bismillah Hir Rahmaan nir
Raheem.

Ilm is a source of power.
Ilm gives us much honour.
Ilm causes faces to glow.
Ilm makes the darkness go.

Can be your best friend
Bringing disputes to an end,
Serving us in great measure
While filling hearts with
pleasure.

So seek Ilm as far as China.
Crave it to grave, down
under.

At all times, your rein on it
For your life will surely be lit.

Why not have more
Birunis';
In physics, other al-Kindis' ;
Avid Avicennas, philosophy,
Even the Idrisis' in
geography.

Board the Ilm boat before late
As on the horizon stars await,
Setting sail to the seas afar
Entering Jannah Insha Allah.

**“And say: My Lord
increase me in
knowledge.”**

(Qur'aan Ch. 20 Vs: 114)

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UNDERSTANDING DEATH & THE SOUL

By: Sis. Karen Shah

They will leave with ease and enter into paradise. In Surah Al-Insaan, 76:1-2, we learn that: “Has there not been an endless span of time before man appeared, a time when he was not yet a thing to be thought of? Verily, it is We who have created man out of a drop of sperm intermingled.” Allah tells us that there was a time when we were not mentioned and we were not even worth mentioning. There was the time in the womb, and a time before that. We must believe in a time after death. And Allah wants us to know that we came from something insignificant so we are humble and never arrogant. In Surah Al-Imran, 3:185, Allah tells us that every human being is bound to taste death. The souls who enter paradise will have gained success, and the life of this world is nothing but an enjoyment of self-delusion. Success is not here in this life, but later. In Surah An-Nisaa, 4:78, we learn that “Wherever you may be, death will overtake you - even though you may be in towers raised high.” Death will find us all. If we remember death often, we will weep more and laugh less. We won't take anyone or anything for granted. Certainly we will be aware of the passing of time. We will be more careful in how we treat others, how we show our gratitude to Allah for the blessings and difficulties of this journey we call life. Everything belongs to Allah, and to Allah we all return. I miss you, Mom.

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My Dear Sisters, Assalamu-walaikum: 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. 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, (saw) 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).

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Zahra Wint Van Leesten

Karriem Van Leesten and Stacey Wint were blessed with a baby girl- Zahra Wint Van Leesten. Zahra was born on June 13th 2012 at 6:36 pm in Hollywood Florida at Memorial Regional Hospital. At birth she was 20 1/2 inches long and weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces. May Allaah (S.W.T) bless her and make her amongst the righteous, Inshaa Allaah.

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THE MIDNIGHT SUN MOSQUE FACING ARCTIC OCEAN

(Canada's North West Territory)

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

Inuvik is an arctic town in Canada's North-west Territories with a population of about 3,500 people. It's located right at the tip of North America facing the Arctic Ocean. With a polar climate and harsh living conditions,

one wouldn't expect to find a town there, let alone a town with Muslims. But there is a Muslim community there and a growing one, too. So much so that the trailer that was being used as the mosque ran out of room and this community now needed a new mosque. Building a mosque in the Arctic, however, is far more complicated than it is anywhere else. The scarcity of skilled labour and material makes the cost of such a project skyrocket and this undertaking is simply impossible for a small community of a 100 people. Their situation is akin to that of the Muslims in Edmonton, who despite all odds managed to erect



Canada's first mosque in 1938. With faith in God anything is possible. At a time like this, the Inuvik Muslims could have simply prayed for a mosque to be shipped over. And that's exactly what

they were about to get. Enter, the Zubaidah Tallab Foundation. The Zubaidah Tallab Foundation is a charity based out of Manitoba. The remarkable individuals at this organization decided to give the Inuvikans a hand and took it upon themselves to ensure that the mosque got built. After evaluating the cost of locally building the mosque, they came up with a plan which at first sight would easily be dismissed as insanity. Build the mosque in Winnipeg and ship it 4,000 kilometres away to Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. As insane as that may sound, this was the most economical way of getting the mosque built. Part of the mosque's journey was going to be on roads (2400km) and part on water (1800 km). The goal was to get the mosque on to the last barge heading towards Inuvik for the season. Not only was this going to be a logistical nightmare but it was to be a race against time as well. With receding water levels in the Mackenzie River, the shipping company decided to push up the departure date by 3 weeks. The 1,500 square-foot mosque was built in Winnipeg and started its journey on a semi-trailer.

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MASJID-UL-ISLAM

Elgin, Illinois U.S.A.

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Jumuah and Eid prayers, and where they can demonstrate their Spiritual Unity and their Islamic Brotherhood. It includes a big hall for seminars, conferences and classrooms. This project's budget was estimated at about \$3,700,000. With your ongoing efforts the building envelope work has been completed and is awaiting interior work.

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Dr. Anil became the Consul General in Miami, a new wave and trend of activities started to evolve from the Consulate's involvement with the religious and cultural communities in Florida. Among the recipients were Rabbis, Medical Doctors, Reverends, and Priests etc, while the M.C of the event was Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed, founder and president of Al-Hikmat Services Inc., the award was presented to Dr. Anil by Mr. Frank Mazzeo, author of "The Ten Commandments".



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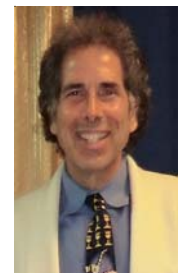
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Bro. Taj Siddiqui

How Many Muslim Women HAVE TO BE BURIED ALIVE To Get Our Attention

Submitted by: Bro. Taj Siddiqui

Assalamo Alaikum. Please pardon my frustration. I want to show you some ugly, open and oozing sores of the Muslim world. Please pay attention, as these are our fellow Muslims. Thousands of Muslim children and women are starving to death in Africa. They have to walk as long as 200 miles to reach an Aid camp. A Muslim mother has to leave one of her child behind to die because she can carry only one or two children on these long walks. In Pakistan, five innocent Muslim women were buried alive and no one was made accountable. Their crime was that they were refusing the forced marriages, and want to marry with their free will. No one was punished for this well documented crime in 2008. Muslim women were gang raped in open day light on the middle of the street in the presence of several Muslim men, and no one was made accountable. In 2011, in Pakistan, at least 943 Muslim women were killed in the name of honor, of which 93 were minors. Some victims were raped or gang raped before being killed. Most of the women were killed by their brothers and husbands. More than 8,500 acid attacks, forced marriages and other forms of violence against women were reported in Pakistan in 2011. The great Islamic Republic of Pakistan has secured a dubious distinction of being the number one globally for searching the term 'sex' on Google in 2011, following it's number one position in 2010. Also, among the top ten are Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, and Indonesia, and other Muslim countries. For Afghan women, the act of fleeing domestic abuse, forced prostitution or even being stabbed repeatedly with a screwdriver by an abusive husband, may land them in jail while their abusers walk free. Running away is considered a "moral crime" for women in Afghanistan while some rape victims are also imprisoned, because sex outside marriage - even when the woman is forced

- is considered adultery. About 400 women and girls being held in Afghanistan for "moral crimes", and they rarely found support from authorities in a "dysfunctional criminal justice system". In March 2000, the Bangladeshi High Court has ruled that prostitution as a livelihood is not illegal. Today, there are over 150,000 prostitutes in Bangladesh. It has a large sex industry and hundreds of thousands of Bangladeshis visit sex workers every day. One such brothel Daulatdia services over 3,000 men a day, and has more than sixteen hundred women who live and work there. Saudi Arabia is the only country in the world that bans women from driving. The prohibition forces families to hire live-in drivers, and those who cannot afford the \$300 to \$400 a month for a driver must rely on male relatives to drive them to work, school, shopping or to the doctor, even in case of emergencies. Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan are the three Muslim countries where the human rights for Muslim women are the lowest, in the entire world. How many more examples you need ??? BUT, we don't talk about these ugly and oozing open sores in Muslim countries, and our concerns are for the rights of Muslim women to wear head scarf and veil in non-Muslim countries. My brothers and sisters in Islam, this is what happens when a religion is decaying and it's followers are busy in debating symbolic issues instead of confronting the real problems. We have lost our dignity and have become the punching bag and laughing stock for the rest of the world. We have discovered the most convenient and comfortable escape route. We have confined ourselves to the four walls of the Masjid, and we have left the rest of the planet outside the Masjid boundaries to Satan. Satan is dancing freely, laughing at us, and openly promoting all kinds of sins, from Shirk to Ribbaa, and from pornography to Zinaa (adultery).

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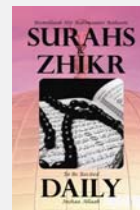
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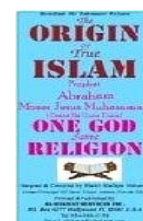
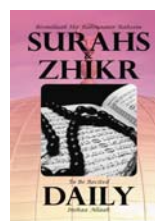
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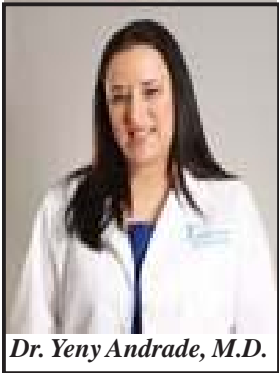
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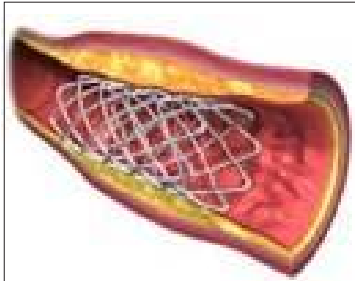
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WHEN IS A STENT APPROPRIATE?
America is increasingly overcome with obesity, inactivity, and a diet consisting of fast food, and unhealthy food choices. As a result, there are over 800,000 deaths and 2 million heart attacks and strokes every year. Consequently, what we are seeing are greater number of cardiac stents and bypass surgeries performed in the U.S. than ever. Over 600,000 stents are placed in the U.S. every year. Stents are small metal mesh tubes inserted into the arteries of the heart to open a blockage. A recent study showed that one out of every eight non-emergency stents placed

to clear blocked arteries in the heart did more harm than good. More than half of the inappropriate procedures were done in patients who had no symptoms at all. It was also recently demonstrated that stent placement does not increase lifespan any more than optimal medical treatment. Stents carry the risk of bleeding and tears. After leaving the hospital, patients have to use blood-thinning medi-



cations for at least one year or longer to keep the stent open. These blood thinners are often associated with major bleeding events, especially in older adults. I want to make it clear that stents ARE life saving procedures during an acute heart attack or unstable chest pain (angina). However, they are no better than a treatment of optimal medications and lifestyle changes in a patient with stable or asymptomatic heart disease. The most important point is to understand the symptoms of unstable chest pain and heart attacks. These include crushing pain, often radiating down your arm. It is usually a new type of pain, or pain that is stronger or more frequent or lasting longer than prior episodes. It can be accompanied by difficulty breathing, profuse sweating, dizziness, nausea or abdominal pain. If you are experiencing these symptoms, do not hesitate to call for emergency medical help. However, if your physician identifies a problem with your heart during routine medical testing, think twice before accepting a stent, especially if you are not experiencing any symptoms.

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How Many Muslim Women Have to be Buried Alive

TO GET OUR ATTENTION

Please Mr. Satan, do not disturb our Salaah and our Hafiz. Let us do the piety and taqwa inside the Masjid, and we will not bother you outside the Masjid. When we go to the Muslim countries, we go to their Masjids, and their Ijtemas of religious jamats. We don't try to address the horrible crimes I have mentioned above, and we don't try to confront these issues. We don't ask Pakistani religious leaders as to why nobody stood up when five women were buried alive. We don't ask the Jamat in Bangladesh why they don't make pros-

titution illegal. We offer Salaah with them, deliver speeches, and we also try to help them with our donations. But what we have done to help those 10 and 12 years old girls who are selling themselves on the streets for only 50 cents in that Muslim country. They are our daughters, our sisters, and we should do our best to stop this inhuman business. How many more women have to be buried alive to get our attention? Our Prophet (pbuh) was very clear in his message that he came to establish SOCIAL JUSTICE. This is what we need

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By: David A. Schwartz Florida Jewish Journal



Photo above from left: Rabbi Barry Silver, Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed and Father Joseph Gallant discuss “Heaven, Hell and the Hereafter” at the Institute for Learning in Retirement in Boca Raton. (Staff photo/Marta Mikulan Martin / June 13, 2012)

The joke is that when three Jews get together, there are four opinions. But as might be expected, when a rabbi, a priest and an Islamic scholar get together to discuss the topic, “Heaven, Hell and the Hereafter,” there are indeed three perspectives.

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MASJID-UL-MUMINEEN

Homestead Florida U.S.A

Masjid-ul-Mumineen recently bought a Church and converted it to a Masjid in Homestead, Florida. Maulana Azad, the Imaam of the Masjid invited Shaikh Shafayat to do the Jummua Khutba on Friday May 25th, 2012 and to meet the Muslim Community of Masjid-ul-Mumineen. Lunch was served to everyone after Jummua prayer.



Photo above from left: Bro. Shah, Shaikh Shafayat, Qaari Sajad & Maulana Azad with prominent members and founders of Masjid-ul-Mumineen.

Republic of Trinidad & Tobago 50th Independence Anniversary Interfaith Service at Florida International University

The Trinidad & Tobago Consulate of Miami Florida U.S.A, celebrated it's 50 Years Independence Anniversary on Sat. June 9th, 2012 at Florida International University with an Interfaith Service. The event was a great success, with prominent speakers such as: Florida State Rep. Hazelle Rogers and Dr. Anil Ramnanan, Consul General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Miami.

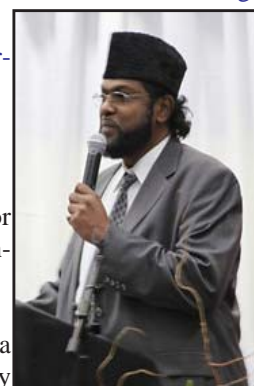
Representatives from different faiths participated at the Interfaith Service:

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- *Neil Persad-Hindu
- *Wayne Shah-Muslim
- *Fr. Allan Nanton-Marie-Episcopal Pastor
- *Gerard Julien-Non-Denominational Congregation
- *Anthony Sookram-Presbyterian

The National Pledge was read by Clarissa Harry and the Sermon was delivered by Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed. Coordinators of the event were Mrs. Jerry Nagee and Ms. Krystal Permanand.



Photo Above from left: Mrs. Hazelle Rogers & Dr. Anil Ramnanan



Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed delivering the sermon.



Representatives from Different Faiths reciting the Opening Prayer



Photo Above: Audience at the Interfaith Service

YOUTH CORNER *Submitted by: Sis. Salma*

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3. When we are unable to find tranquility within ourselves it is useless to seek elsewhere.
4. If we do not find peace in ourselves, we will never find it anywhere else.
5. If there is to be any peace it will come through being, not having.
6. Nothing can bring us peace but ourselves.
7. In a world filled with causes for worry and anxiety — we need the peace of God standing guard over our hearts.
8. Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the presence of God no matter what the conflict.
9. There may be those on earth who dress better or eat better, but those who enjoy the peace of God sleep better.
10. A man's business is to do the will of God; then God Himself takes on the care of that man; therefore that man ought never to be afraid of anything.

No God No Peace-Know God know Peace!

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THE MIDNIGHT SUN MOSQUE FACING ARCTIC OCEAN

Submitted by: Bro. Farooq Shafi

The over-sized trailer made its way through back roads and country highways, struggling to make it to the barge in time; it was delayed further by Labour Day celebrations and highway regulations. To complicate matters even more, the bridge across Reindeer Creek proved too narrow for the trailer. The driver had to remove the back wheels and a second truck was brought in to balance the back of the flatbed as the mosque was moved carefully across bridge. But this wasn't the biggest scare. All hopes and dreams came close to being shattered when the mosque almost fell off the trailer into a creek near the Alberta border. The organizers managed to request the shipping company to hold the barge for two extra days and perhaps by divine intervention, the barge was delayed further due to poor weather. With lots of prayer and a little bit of luck, the trailer managed to get to the barge just in time. The mosque

was loaded on to the barge and set off for its journey towards the North Pole. The barge arrived in Inuvik, on September 24th 2010. After an excruciating 3-week journey, the little mosque arrived at its destination; all in one piece. The Inuvik



Muslims gathered around the port to witness the historical event. They chanted prayers to praise and thank God as they waited. Some jumped around with joy while others were overwhelmed with gratitude and came to tears. Numerous finishing touches needed to be added and it took about a month to get the mosque

ready for use. Fathallah Fargat, a carpenter from St. Catherines, Ontario was inspired by the story and traveled all the way to Inuvik to help set up the mosque. He even helped build a 10-meter minaret to accompany the newly erected mosque. The Midnight Sun Mosque, as it is now called, was inaugurated on November 10th 2010 to become North America's northern most mosque. All in all, the entire project cost about \$300,000. The Zaid Tallabah Foundation, which still has outstanding payments to make, is looking to raise another \$21,000. The Inuvik mosque is a stellar example of what can be accomplished by unity, hard work and faith in God. For those let down by the petty attacks on mosques around the West, this story should rejuvenate your spirit and give you hope. If people can manage to build a mosque in the Arctic, then building one anywhere else should be far from impossible. ★

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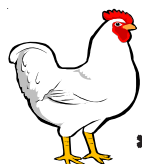
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the South Florida community. She is a founding member of Muslim Teachers Association (MTA), an organization designed to facilitate networking and professional development for teachers and administrators serving Muslim schools. With other MTA educators, Patricia organized several education conferences in the South Florida area including one workshop for parents, held January 2012. As the President of MTA, she is a member of two national boards that serve Islamic schools: the Council of Islamic Schools of North America (CISNA), a national organization serving as an accrediting agent as well as providing resources for Islamic Schools;

and Islamic Schools League of America (ISLA), an organization that provides Islamic schools with up to date research, networking and leadership development. Patricia strongly believes that building character is the duty of an educator. Building character can be achieved when teachers provide meaningful experiences that assist students in developing God-consciousness.

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WOMEN *of* MODESTY & HONESTY PLUS NOBILITY

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. Therefore, we should recognize, admire and acknowledge all the women who through the different peri-

ods, 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 us, our parents, us and our children for all our efforts in seeking His pleasure. Ameen.

By: Sister Sylmarie Mustapha
 "Keep away from prohibited things and you will be among the best of worshippers."
 "Be content with what Allah has given you, and you will be among the richest of people."
 "Love for other people what you love for yourself."
 "Do not laugh too much, for excessive laughter deadens the heart."
 "Oppression will produce excessive darkness on the Day of Resurrection."
 "Fear Allah and treat all your children fairly."
 "Fear the Fire, even if by giving half a date (in charity)."
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 "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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OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHOULD MODEL INCLUSION

By: Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner

I felt the same sadness watching this elected official encourage prejudice among the audience towards Islam and Muslims. Taking specific passages out of context, referring to specific historical events and blaming the entire religion of Islam for the actions of an extremist few, people who are condemned by so many in the Muslim world as violating the values of Islam. Our elected officials should be building bridges to ALL American citizens, and helping all American citizens to build bridges with each other, not singling out one religions or ethnic group or culture for hatred and persecution. Those are against American values, and such a person, in my opinion, is not worthy of being honored with the title of office in American government. We should stand up together and criticize all bigotry, all hatred, all prejudice and create a community when all are treated in accordance with the values and principles that are supposed to make America the beacon of light to the world that our institutions claim it is. ✨

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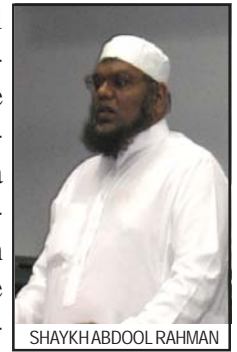
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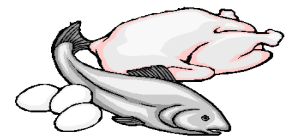
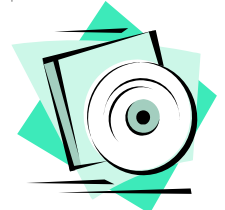
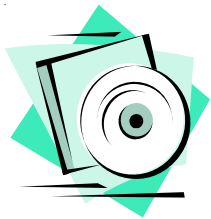
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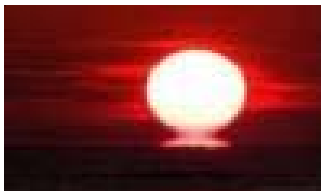
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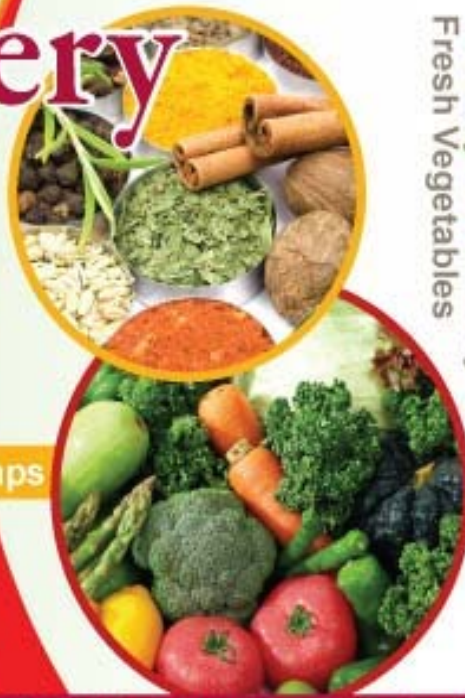
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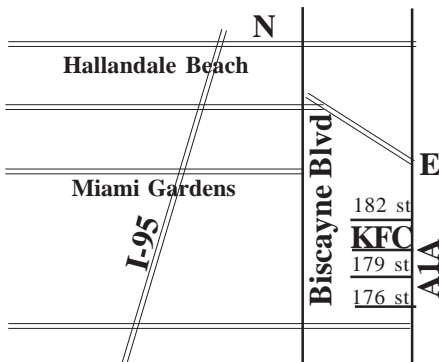


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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

THE NIGHT OF POWER

Question: When is Layla-tul-Qadr / The Night of Power and what should we do?

Answer: Allaah describes the "Night of Power" as better than a thousand months. Angel Jibraeel and the angels descend therein, by Allaah's permission according to Ch. 97 of the Holy Qur'aan..The Night of Power or Destiny is an extremely important night for Muslims. It is the night in which the Holy Qur'aan, was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAW. The Qu'raan was revealed in Ramadhaan according to Chapter 2 V:185 and Chapter 97. Because the Night of Power is such a special night, many Muslims who want to gain extra blessings, spend the night by praying, supplicating and reading the Qur'aan etc., either in their privacy or in a mosque with other Muslims. There are also some Muslims who retreat/ i'tikaaf in a mosque for the last ten days of Ramadhaan, which has been a strong practice of the Holy Prophet Muhammad SAW. Aisha R.A., may Allaah be pleased with her, reported that the Prophet SAW said: Look for Laylatul Qadr on an odd-numbered night during the last ten nights of Ramadhaan (Bukhaari). The Prophet said: "Whoever prays during the night of Qadr with faith and hoping for its reward will have all of his previous sins forgiven." (Bukhari and Muslim).

We should try and make time to do extra ibaadat/worship in Ramaadhaan, while fasting and on the Night of Power Inshaa Allaah. Effort should be made to do I'tikaaf if possible; we should use every opportunity to make dua/ supplicate to Allaah; we should not forget to remember the dua given to Aisha R.A. by the Holy Prophet SAW, (Aisha R.A., may Allaah be pleased with her, said: I asked the Messenger of Allah: 'O Messenger of Allaah, if I know what night is the night of Qadr, what should I say during it?' He said: 'Say: O Allaah, You are Most Generous in pardoning and You love to pardon, so pardon me/ "Allahumma innaka `afuwun kareem tuhibbul `afwa fa`fu `annee")

Last but not least, extra effort should be made to read, study and ponder over the verses of the Holy Qur'aan. Ramadhaan, is the month in which the Qur'aan was revealed as a GUIDE TO HUMAN BEINGS, therefore, in addition to reading and listening to the Qur'aan in Ramadhaan and the Night of Power, Allaah expects us to make the sincere intention and effort to change our attitude, manners and lifestyle for better according to the Qur'aan and Sunnah Inshaa Allaah.

Allaah Knows Best

(By request, the names of the questioners are not published)

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JEWISH JOURNAL DISCUSSING

HEAVEN, HELL & HEREAFTER

By: David A. Schwartz Florida Jewish Journal

Rabbi Barry Silver of Congregation L'Dor Va-Dor in Lake Worth, Father Joseph Gallant of Holy Family Church in Fort Lauderdale and Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed of the Darul Uloom Islamic Institute in Pembroke Pines discussed the topic last week during a program at the Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILIR) in Boca Raton. Silver started the discussion by mentioning that each faith has "a God that is very unpleasant." Gallant said that in one day, a person can pass from heaven to hell. His idea of heaven and hell is "driving I-95 during rush hour, back and forth for eternity," Gallant joked. "It's such a personal belief," Gallant said, "and it changes nothing. Except for people who are totally scared out of their wits. If there is a heaven, so far no one has come back to tell us." Regarding hell, Gallant said, "You have to have malice of forethought to get there," he said. "You have to do something pretty severe. At the top of my list is Adolf Hitler." Mohamed said there are so many perspectives of death and life in Islam that the subject is controversial. "A life in the hereafter is part of the beliefs of Islam," he said. "Islam teaches that before we were born, there was a time when man and human beings were not worth mentioning. We were before souls." The soul is formed after the child is born, he said, and a time comes when the soul leaves the body. It travels into another world and there is a waiting period when all the souls meet. Mohamed said people who do bad things are in different categories and a day of judgment will come. At that time, he said, all the souls will gather. "One day it will be judgment day on earth. There will be a hell and a paradise. The Day of Judgment will be on this land. The good will go into paradise, the bad will go into hell and then the bad will be purified and go to paradise." "God has the final decision," Mohamed said. "We don't debate him." Silver said that heaven or the concept of paradise in Judaism is a "beautiful orchard." To have paradise, he joked, "We should all be environmentalists." "Jews focus on this world," Silver said. "We don't consider this [world] a wait station. We believe in this world. If the Jewish person knew that someone was suffering, they wouldn't be happy." "Programs like this are unfortunately not enough," Ethel Blitz of Delray Beach said after the program. "You had a Catholic, a Reform rabbi and a Muslim. We need ongoing discussions with people like this to understand what the differences are." The nonprofit Institute for Learning in Retirement (IRIL) is affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network and offers extensive eight-week fall, winter and spring sessions with volunteer facilitators. For information, call 561-883-0999. ●

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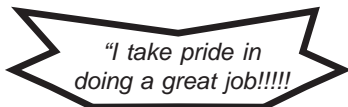
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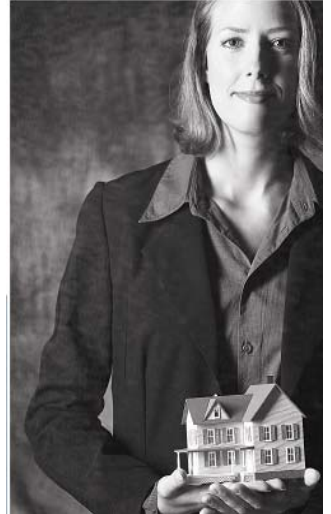
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