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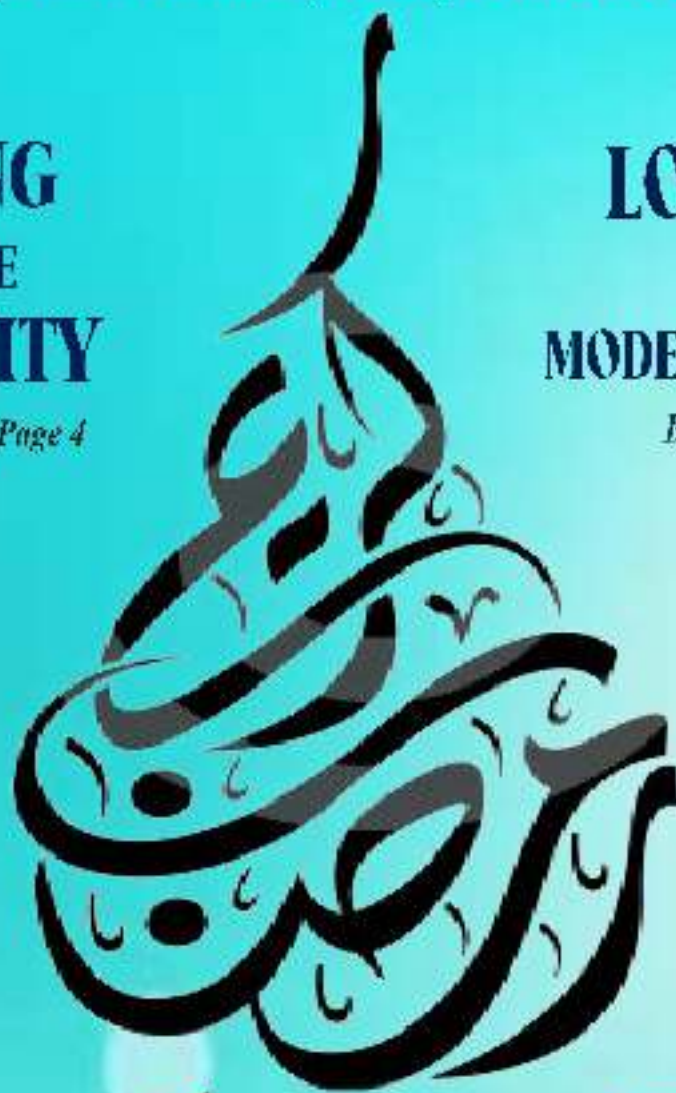
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Al-Qur'aan - Chapter 6 Verse #32

"And the life of this world is nothing, but play and amusement."

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"Do not give up, the beginning is always the hardest."

"Be a good person, but don't waste time to prove it."

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SHAikh SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE

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

Spreading The Message To Humanity

Ramadan is the month of Allaah (S.W.T.). This is the month in which Allaah (S.W.T.)'s mercy descends in great multitude but there is a connection to Allaah (S.W.T.)'s mercy in Rabiul Awwal. This is the month in which Allaah (S.W.T.) chose for the birth of the Rasool (S.A.W.). Surah Anbiya (21:107)

“And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.” Surah Ahzab (33:21) “There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allaah (S.W.T.) an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allaah (S.W.T.) and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allaah (S.W.T.) often.” These Aayaat show that if we follow what the Rasool (S.A.W.) exemplified for us, indeed we will be happy people receiving the mercy from Allaah (S.W.T.). Surah Qalam (68:4) “And indeed, you are of a great moral character.” When we talk of perfect character, we talk of Muhammad (S.A.W.). In following his characteristics are bounties and favours for us. We will be blessed with the mercy from Allaah (S.W.T.). Our life will be guided on the right path. What is heart breaking is to see Muslims in the Muslim world who claim to be upon the deen but don't even follow the Sunnah of greeting a fellow Muslims when given salam. The Prophet (S.A.W.) was sent to teach good manners as mentioned in Bukhari. We want to hear about “deep Islam” but do not follow the basics. Some have become sophisticated and hypocritical who think that they understand Islam but cannot even greet a Muslim. The prophet (S.A.W.) included Mercy and Barakat in his greetings “Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullah wa barakaatuhu” This was the character of the Rasool (S.A.W.) and was not just for Muslimss but all of the worlds. Many people go to functions about the Rasool (S.A.W.) and in the end, focus on food. We do not go to practice the Sunnah and learn of the Sunnah. How did the Prophet (S.A.W.) shake people's hands? When anyone shook his hands, he never moved his hands until the other person did first. If those who pretend to pray don't practice the Sunnah then what will happen to those who don't pray or read Qur'aan at all? What example is this Ummah to the non-Muslim world? Muslims in Muslim countries are shooting and killing people in Jumma salaah. What are we teaching people in these countries? Extremists are being radicalized by some scholars instead of being taught the Qur'aan and Sunnah of Rasool (S.A.W.). He (S.A.W.) would not even step on an ant. We are not learning the Qur'aan that speaks of love and of the man who was sent to the mercy of the worlds. Our prophet (S.A.W.) was chased out of Makkah and went to Madina and did nothing to the people of Makkah when he conquered it. His Sahabas asked why and he responded “Because I am the mercy to the worlds” Do not be a coward, be firm and strong but do not harm anyone unnecessarily and be a mercy to the people. Today studies are being done on the wars between Islamic sects. It is happening every day in Muslim countries.

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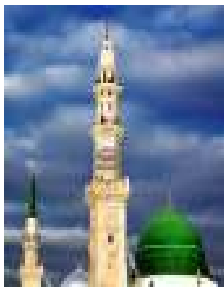
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Many within the Christian traditions celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, (Also known as Passiontide: as we draw closer to Holy Week. The custom of covering all statues, crosses, etc. with purple usually occurs on this Sunday) It is a reminder that the Lenten Journey is drawing closer and closer to the celebration of the remembrance of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. As I sit to reflect on this issue's article, I cannot separate our Lenten Journey from the new Journey that my wife and I have undertaken. As many of you were well aware, for the past 4 years, I had been the part-time Rector of St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church in Islamorada, Florida, and Director of Hospice chaplains at a Program in Miami Dade. Unfortunately, the travel to Miami Dade (An average of 50,000 miles per year) had grown to be too much. While we had built our church attendance by approximately 20%, we were still not close to being able to support a full-time Rector. Providentially, Baptist Health System purchased Fisherman's Hospital (In Marathon) and offered me a part-time position in August. This "new journey" would involve me in Fisherman's merger with Baptist, and then our dealing with Irma's treacherous devastation throughout the Keys this past Fall. Before I knew it (While responding to offers from various churches for a full-time priest's position) Baptist turned around and offered me a full time Director's position at their newly merged hospitals in Boynton Beach. (Bethesda East and West Hospitals.) As many of you are aware, my wife and I have had quite a journey in our marriage and in our faith relationship, with a Loving God who clearly has plans for each of us. We may not always know where we are going, but The Lord always takes us there. My beloved and I are now settled in Boynton Beach, Florida and I am the new Director of Pastoral Care Services and Chaplains. I ask for your continued prayers as we continue this wonderful "journey of faith." We are especially blessed to be involved in this new transition as we enter into this most sacred of times within our Christian tradition. May Our Gracious God continue to bless each and every one of us as we attempt to remain faithful to God's Call during our journey here on earth. ○



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PUBLIC INTEREST

This doctrine in the interest of public good was developed by Imam Malik, founder of the Maliki school. While interpreting the Shariah evidence, the Imam used to rely on the two fundamental sources of Quran and the Sunnah. He also accepted those

Traditions which he believed were authentic even though some of them carried the authority of only one narrator. He also depended upon the practice of Madina people and the sayings of the Companions. However in the absence of specific texts he had recourse to analogy and also to Masalahat al-Mursalah i.e. public good or public interest. The doctrine of public good in fact is identical to legal reasoning and juristic equity of the Hanafi school. It is generally accepted view that legal injunctions are designed for public interest. Maslahah (public interest) has been defined as one which brings good to man and averts damage from him. Technically, it stands for an interest which protects the end and fulfills the purpose of the law. The law aims at the protection of the five basic rights of men, namely to protect their religion, life, sanity, generation and property. Anything which ensures the protection of these rights is called Maslahah (Public good) and anything which divests man of these rights is called mafsdah (public damage). And to ward off this damage is again called maslahah. Public interest falls into three categories, necessities, needs and superfluities. Therefore rights of men fall under the category of necessities. The punishment for an unbeliever who leads others astray and for a heretic who invites others to heresy is intended to protect the faith of the people. Retaliation is meant to protect the life of the people. The punishment for drinking is designed to protect sanity on which rests the legal obligation. The hadd punishment for adultery aims at the protection of the generation and parentage of men. The punishment for theft and usurpation is intended to protect the property. It should be noted that every great religion of the world provided protection of faith, life, reason, generation and property. According to Maliki school "public interest" is an independent source of law. It is a means to protect the aims and objectives of the *Shariah*. The objectives of the *Shariah* are known through the Quran, the *Sunnah*, and *Ijma*. Any law which does not fulfill the purpose of the *Shariah* is not valid. As it is designed to secure the ends of law, it cannot be excluded from the recognized sources of law. Nevertheless, it is not called *qiyas*. It is technically called *al-maslahah al-mursalah* (public interest let loose from the text). According to Maliki school "public interest" is an independent source of law. It is a means to protect the aims and objectives of the *Shariah*. The objectives of the *Shariah* are known through the Quran, the *Sunnah*, and *Ijma*. Any law which does not fulfill the purpose of the *Shariah* is not valid.

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Allah does not charge a soul except [with that within] its capacity. It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned. "Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred. Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear. And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us. You are our Protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people."

Assalamu alaikum, my dear brother and sisters: We recently dealt with, once again, a brutal and senseless shooting in Parkland, Florida. For us who call South Florida, our home, it affected all of us tremendously. But, whatever state or country you reside in; these incidents are very heartbreaking, upsetting and very tragic. Our community offer and extend our heartfelt, deepest condolences to all the affected families. Whether we are of differing or common faiths, different or common ethnicity, education, social status, whether we speak the same language or not; we are all moved and distressed when these senseless acts of murder occur. Although we may or may not know these innocent souls, they are someone's child, someone's spouse, someone's brother or sister, someone's lifeline. We feel a special connection to the families who lost their loved one; as sadly, we have come to understand, that these events can unfortunately happen to any one of us. All of us go about our daily routine, expecting our day to proceed as planned; but tragedy could strike at any moment. Some of us have probably experienced a devastating tragedy already. So we know what it feels like to lose a part of us, especially if it's sudden and unexpected. We feel that connection with all those innocent fathers, mothers, son(s) and daughter(s) who have been killed, whether they live in close proximity to us or continents away. In many parts of the world, innocent lives are lost daily, innocent heartbeats stop, innocent smiles and laughter are no longer there, innocent dreams cease. Just as we grieve for all these lives, we pray for them and for their surviving families as well. Furthermore, we should support any and all efforts to help the families (near or far), whether it is offering our time, supplies, contributing financially or giving emotional support. Our continuous efforts to be involved and help will serve as a reminder for us that there are no guarantees in life and we must do our best to obey Allah's commands and always beg for His guidance, His mercy, His forgiveness, His protection, His sustenance, His bounties for us, as well as, all our brothers and sisters in humanity. May Allah (SWT) give great ease and protection to all those suffering in the world. Ameen. ●

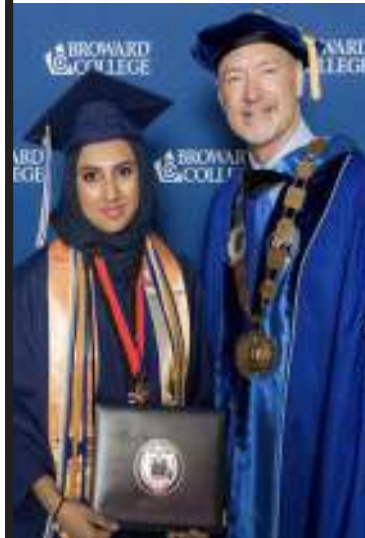
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Al-Hamdulillaah- On Saturday May 12th, 2018 Hafiza Fatimah Abraham completed the Memorization of the Holy Qur'aan. She graduated from (IFSF) Islamic Foundation of South Florida. Fatimah is the daughter of Bro. Minodeen & Sis. Fazia Abraham.



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Dr. Harun Yahya

LONELINESS

Is a Modern Day Epidemic

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

Today, people of the world are connected to each other like they have never been before. Limitless options offered by the age of the Internet and communications seem to have brought everyone closer. So, it is rather surprising to learn that people don't feel the effects of this ubiquitous connectivity, and feel more isolated despite it. According to a survey conducted in the USA of 2,000 people, almost 72 percent reported feeling lonely and many said that the feeling was quite often. Also, according to the UK Campaign to End Loneliness, 52% of people missed the feeling of being in the company of someone. It is clear that our reliance on technology increases every day, but it is also obvious that social technology or virtual communication don't really replace actual, face-to-face interaction. Nevertheless, people continue to turn to false and less rewarding forms of communication. Many young people today, instead of spending time with friends, choose to get behind a computer monitor to be in the presence of virtual friends. It is not unusual for people to have thousands of virtual friends on the Internet, but not even know who lives next door. Most people don't feel the need to visit their relatives but instead choose to seek solace in the company of their Internet associations or pets. However, this is a dangerous trend. According to studies, loneliness can increase the risk of mortality by 26% and when it becomes a long term issue, it can be more dangerous than smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Surgeon general Dr. Vivek Murthy explains that loneliness could be associated "with a greater risk of cardiovascular disease, dementia, depression and anxiety." The Mental Health Foundation also reports that feeling lonely negatively affects mental health and can lead to feelings of depression. Scientists discovered that social pain can be just as real as physical pain, because physical pain and loneliness activate the same parts of the brain. Another Harvard Study showed that loneliness is toxic, and the more isolated people get, the more their unhappiness grows. It is clear that this is a problem that we need to tackle urgently. People are not created to be alone; we need to socialize and interact with others. Young people that are growing up with this sense of loneliness will soon be running the world and their mental health and stability should not be compromised by feeling of loneliness and isolation. Naturally, loneliness has an even worse effect on the elderly. Millions of seniors around the world struggle with lonely lives because they've been abandoned either by their families or society. Depression and dementia are usually associated with isolation and loneliness, and many suffer these problems only because society and their families fail to show them the required affection. However, for every problem there is a solution and loneliness is certainly not an unsolvable one.

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Bro. Farooq Shafi

WORSHIP WITH UNDERSTANDING

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

Our worldwide family of Islam, the Muslim Ummah, is over one billion strong. How many of us speak Arabic as our mother tongue? Do you know? Can you guess? The answer is less than 20%. To be precise, it is 18%. That means that the vast majority of Muslims, 82% including you and I, are non-Arabic speakers. We must make a special effort to understand what we read in the Quran and what we recite in salaah, du'ah and dhikr. I hope no one will take offense, and I mean no disrespect to anyone. However, I have to say that too many of us do not appreciate the importance of understanding the meaning of our salaah, our du'ah and dhikr. We are quite satisfied to recite without knowing the meaning, without caring to learn the translations. I am sure Allaah SWT enjoys listening to us reciting His Holy Words with such tremendous passion, with meticulous pronunciation of every letter in tajweed. But, how much more will Allaah SWT not appreciate our efforts, if we actually knew what we are saying? Imagine, we are speaking to Allaah SWT in the most elegant language of the Quran, our lips are moving and creating the most beautiful sounds, but our thoughts and our feelings are disconnected because we do not really feel the full impact of what we are saying. We do not really understand. And sadly, many of us make no real effort to understand. We should all make an effort to learn Arabic. And if we find that too difficult, we should at least memorize a few short surahs (chapters) in our own language. If only we could think about the meanings when we recite the Arabic, then we could put meaning and feeling into those beautiful and soul-stirring words. If we did this regularly and systematically, then the true power and influence of Allaah's sacred words will touch our hearts. And when this happens, it will change us, it will transform us from what we are to what Allaah SWT wants us to become. If we can allow Allaah's words to polish our hearts and improve our actions, then I guarantee you, Allaah SWT will enable us to put right many of the problems we see around us in our community and in our wider society. It must begin within ourselves, as Allaah SWT will not change our condition until we change what is within ourselves. Let us make a start, by learning the meaning and reciting with feeling, passionate feeling, our salaah, du'ah and dhikr. I must admit, I was a big man in my 20's when I first understood the meaning of the words that we say several times a day when we pray: "Truly, all my prayers, my sacrifice, my life and my death is for Allaah, the Lord of all the worlds." When I realized the meaning of those words, I thought, Wow! That is heavy stuff! I never knew that I was taking on such a huge responsibility every time I made my salaah!

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WE ARE NOT PERFECT!

Written by Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA

My friends, as we live our lives which we are blessed with by our Creator, we must try to keep away from sinning and judging others and talking bad about them, as we too, are imperfect and not without faults!

While we strive for perfection in our lives, we remember that we are all humans, we are not perfect! When we make mistakes we

must always seek Allah's forgiveness. The noble Prophet Muhammad SAW was the only perfect human. What are some of our weaknesses:

- Many folks don't pray the 5 daily Salaah; some don't even pray one! This is a very great loss and a major sin and we will first be questioned about our Salaah on the Day of Judgment! Pray and save your souls!
- We don't pray on time; this is a bad habit! Let's fix it!
- Many times we rush thru our prayers just to get it done, we do it without any love and sincere focus on Allah and His greatness; this is NOT good, we're being deceived by our enemy Satan!
- We don't read our Qurans daily; major loss; how can we find our way in life without reading Allah's Book?
- We don't try enough to understand the meaning of the Quran; how else can we learn about Allah SWT and about what He expects from us?
- We frequently don't pay our fair share of Zakat and Sadaqa or charity to help those who are in great need; we will be questioned, let's do our part!
- We don't always have good manners and good character; this is a major problem in the Ummah! The noble Prophet Muhammad SAW taught us to always have the BEST manners and BEST character!
- We judge others; Allah SWT is the only Judge! Let's not continue to be deceived by our enemy Satan!
- Some commit adultery and fornication or are involved in pornography etc. These are major sins and must be eliminated! We must beg Allah God Almighty to strengthen our nafs/ inner desires and protect us from Satan!
- We constantly backbite and slander others; this is a big dangerous sin which we think is little! We must be smarter and not give away our hard earned blessings!
- Many people are dishonest in their dealings with others; this is very sinful! Be honest!
- In many ways we are often ungrateful to Allah SWT the sole Provider! This is most unacceptable!
- We oftentimes have bad relations with some of our families, relatives or friends. Allah SWT advises us frequently in His Quran against breaking the ties of kinship!
- Many folks are still involved in very sinful habits such as drinking, gambling, partying etc. How long are we going to continue sinning our souls along with publishing our sinful ways on social media etc?

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Mr. Gary S. Roen

BOOK REVIEWS

by

Mr. Gary S. Roen

Winterhaven, Orlando Florida USA

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

My Body is Talking to Me

Viyahta Robinson

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I found "My Body is Talking to Me" to be the most disturbing self help title on cancer I have ever read. Author Robinson has the perception that all you need to beat cancer is a belief in God. "Choosing to follow a natural, divine healing path involves gaining the knowledge, courage and strength to overcome a medical system that promotes man's limited technology over The Creator's wisdom" I realize that having a belief in God can help anyone with any type of disease treatment, as well as healthy eating practices, exercise, and keeping positive but I disagree with her that use of modern techniques of medicine is a path down the wrong road. Modern medicine, while having some treatments that are considered brutal still has a very high success rate healing patients of cancer and other diseases. I think the author has taken out her anger against the medical profession because her sister died of breast cancer. I would not recommend "My Body is Talking to Me" because Robinson does a major disservice to anyone facing treatment of any type of disease.

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In "The Good Fight" Donna Deegan told how she dealt with breast cancer a second time. In "Through Rose Colored Glasses," she tells how she battled the disease for a third time. Now she shows how she has learned to deal with stress differently, changed to a holistic approach but she still uses the traditional medical practices as well with total faith in her doctors and the treatments she receives. She also lets readers in on how she began a foot race to raise awareness and money to help others dealing with breast cancer. "Through Rose Colored Glasses" is a well written, uplifting account to others to know they are not alone in their fight against cancer. Portions of the proceeds of "Through Rose Colored Glasses," and "The Good Fight" go to two of the charities Donna is a part of to fight breast cancer. ✨



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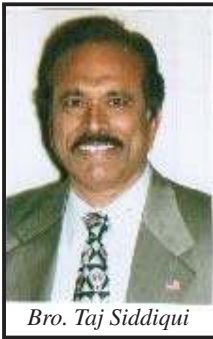


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Bro. Taj Siddique

POLYGAMY AND ISLAM

Submitted by Bro. Taj Siddique / Florida USA

The following excerpt is copied from British Scholar Karen Armstrong's 2006 book: MUHAMMAD (P.B.U.H) A Prophet for our time. It is not written by me.

The Quranic institution of polygamy was a piece of social legislation. It was designed not to gratify the male sexual appetite, but to correct the injustices done to widows, orphans, and other female dependents, who were especially vulnerable. All too often unscrupulous people seized everything and left the weaker members of the family with nothing. They were often sexually abused by their male guardians or converted into a financial asset by being sold into slavery. Some forced their women slaves into prostitution and pocketed the proceeds. The Quran bluntly refutes this behavior and takes it for granted that a woman has an inalienable right to her inheritance. Polygamy was designed to ensure that unprotected women would be decently married, and to abolish the old loose, irresponsible liaisons; it was an unjustifiably wicked act to devour their property. Men could have only four wives and must treat them equitably. In Arabia polygamy was customary before Islam and was more common than the monogamous marriage that the Prophet (pbuh) has enjoyed with his first wife. The Quran was attempting to give women a legal status that most Western women would not enjoy until the nineteenth century. The emancipation of women was a project dear to Prophet's (pbuh) heart, but it was resolutely opposed by many men in the ummah. In a society of scarcity, it took courage and compassion to take financial responsibility for four women and their children. Muslims must have confidence that God would provide, and the Prophet (pbuh) led the way. The prophet (pbuh) did not regard his women as chattel. They were his "companions", just like the men. He usually took one of his wives along on military expedition and disappointed his commanders by spending evening in their tent, instead of bonding with his men. In the camp, the women did not remain meekly secluded, but walked around freely, taking an inter-

est in that was going on. The Prophet's (pbuh) domestic arrangements gave his wives a new access to politics, and they seemed quite at home in this sphere. It would not be long before other women began to feel similarly empowered and his enemies would use this women's movement to discredit the Prophet (pbuh). The apartments of Prophet's wives were so tiny that it was almost impossible to stand upright inside them. The Prophet (pbuh) did not have a house of his own. He passed the night with each of his wives in turn, and her hut became his official residence for the day. The Prophet (pbuh) never raised his hand against any of his wives, or against a slave, nor against any person at all. He was an indulgent husband. He insisted that his wives live frugally in their tiny, spars huts, but he always helped them with the household chores. The Prophet (pbuh) lived cheek by jowl with his family and companions and saw no opposition between his public and private life. It was possible for his wives to hear every word that was spoken in the mosque from their apartments. The women in Medina were less rigorously controlled than in Mecca. One of the Prophet's (pbuh) companions was displeased when his wife started to answer him back instead of meekly accepting his reproaches. When he rebuked her she simply replied that the Prophet (pbuh) allowed his wife to argue with him. A whole surah was dedicated to women, and they were no longer to bequeathed to male heirs as though they were camels or date palms. They could themselves inherit and compete with men for a share in an estate. No orphan girl should be married to her guardian against her will, as though she were simply moveable property. The dowry was to be given directly to the woman as her inalienable property. Quranic legislation insisted that the individual was free and sovereign, and that also applied to women. In the seventh century Arabia, this was shocking innovation, and the men of the ummah were not pleased. ○

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AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

AL-HIKMAT ANNUAL DINNER & AWARD CEREMONY

Photos on this page: Al-Hamdulillaah - Al-Hikmat Services held it's Annual Dinner and Award Ceremony on Sat. April 28th, 2018 at Pembroke Pines, Florida USA. Awards and recognition were given out to a few young and successful professionals in the community who have made substantial contribution towards Islam and community services. The program was a great success with an audience of over 300 people.



Photo from right: Bro. Nezar Hamze presenting Affan Hassan an award as youth of the year.



Photo from right: Dr. Syed Ali presenting an award to Yasir Billo, Esq.



Photo above Dr. Imran Siddiqui expressing his thanks after receiving his award.



Photo from right: Dr. Zakia Subhani collecting the award on behalf of Dr. Rehan Naqui from Mrs. Stacey Schwartz.



Photo from right: Anisa collecting an award on behalf of her mom, Dr. Farzana Hafizullah. (Left) Bro. Jason (Husband of Dr. Farzana)



Photo above: Dr. Sheeba Rahman was also awarded for her work in the community.



Photo above: Rabbi Barry Silver giving some greetings at the Al-Hikmat Annual Award Ceremony.



Photo above: Dr. Azhar Dalal giving some remarks after receiving his award.



Photo above: Mr. Jay Schwartz giving some greetings to the audience at the program.



Photos above: Audience at the Al-Hikmat Annual Dinner & Award Ceremony



Photo above from left: Bro. Ammar Syed collecting his award from Dr. Farhan Abid.



Judge Norman Hemming giving greetings at the Al-Hikmat Dinner.

For more photos of the Al-Hikmat Dinner visit Al-Hikmat Website: www.alhikmat.com

Jazaak Allaah Khairan to all our Guests, Supporters and Volunteers for attending the event. May Allaah reward you all!

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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

Shaikh Shafayat Da'wah Trip To The Philippines & Malaysia



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah on April 6th, 2018 Shaikh Shafayat delivered the Jumua Khutbah to a group of reverts at the IORM Masjid in the Philippines, MaaShaa Allaah.

Muslim World Studies at FIU



Photo from left: FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg, Fauzia Jaffer and Mohsin Jaffer at the 8th Annual COSMOS Community Appreciation Dinner

Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah- To promote greater understanding of the global Muslim community, Dr. Mohsin and Fauzia Jaffer, longtime supporters of Middle East studies and other programs at FIU, have donated \$2 million to create a Center for Muslim World Studies at the university. MaaShaa Allaah.

DR. ABDUL HYE VISIT TO TRINIDAD & GUYANA



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah, Shaikh Shafayat visited Malaysia on April 2018. He lectured on Da'wah and Interfaith at the IDT Center / Meetings and Discussions with professors and students at the International Islamic University and Darul Huda Boys School plus Tahfiz Lil Aytam for Girls etc. MaaShaa Allaah.

LIFESPAN HOLISTIC HEALTH NETWORK

Photo on right: Al-Hamdulillaah- On Saturday May 5th, 2018 the Lifespan Holistic Health Network held a special Health Program at the Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center. There were health procedures conducted by different medical doctors and physicians. The guest speakers were Dr. Jaffer and Shaikh Shafayat. The event was coordinated by Sis. Naima Khan-Ghany.



Al-Hikmat 2018 Umrah Group



Photo on left: Al-Hamdulillaah- On Sunday May 20th, 2018 Al-Hikmat Services departed to perform Umrah from Fort Lauderdale Airport, Florida USA. The group spent a day in Dubai, UAE, Medinah and then Makkah. The trip was a great success! MaaShaa Allaah.

Photo on left: Al-Hamdulillah Dr. Abdul Hye's 3 day Seminar on Qur'aan and Science in Trinidad and Guyana were a complete success. Al-Hikmat representative, Imam, Maulana Hamzah from Montrose Mosque accompanied him. The event was coordinated by Al-Hikmat in collaboration with The Guyana Islamic Trust.

FEEDBACK / VOICE OF OUR READERS

INTERFAITH SEMINARY SUPPORTS AL-HIKMAT

Dear Shaikh Shafayat,
 On behalf of the Darshan Center for Spiritual Evolution and Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary I want to extend my deep gratitude for the blessing of being asked to present and attend at Al Hikmat's Anniversary Banquet Dinner and Fundraiser on Sat. April 28th, 2018. Please accept our humble gift of \$250 to help you continue your important Da'wah work. I look forward to our continued relationship and hope to strategize on collaboration initiatives of Interfaith education, InShaa Allaah. May Allah continue to shower us with mercy and blessings!!!
Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco
Darshan Center for Spiritual Evolution / Sacred Journey Interfaith Seminary

E-MAIL FEEDBACK

- ***Grenada** - Thank you for sending me the Al-Hikmat Magazine.
Carmen Kulthum / West Indies
- ***New Jersey / USA** - I enjoy reading Al-Hikmat Magazine.
Samiya Bilquees
- ***Trinidad** - Al-Hikmat magazine is very informative on Islam. I personally like the Islamic poems by Teacher Hamzad Mohammed. May Allaah (S.W.T) bless Shaikh Shafayat and reward him for his Da'wah work. Ameen.
*Teacher Muhammed Ahmed
 Trinidad, W.I.*

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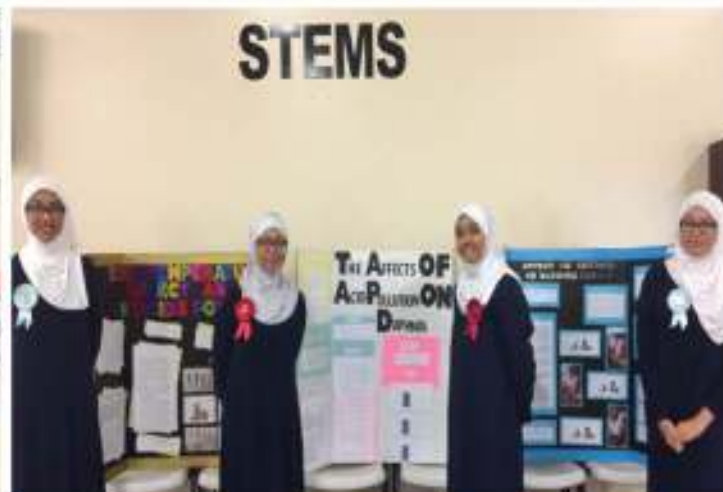
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T.T.U.T.A.'s TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2013, TRINIDAD, WI

If one takes a look at the July/Aug. /Sept. 2017 issue of the Al Hikmat magazine, it will be seen where science in Al-Quraan is spoken of but not reproduced in detail because of space constraint. Realising the

magnitude of those science references, I think it is incumbent upon me to highlight additional ayahs (verses) of Al-Quraan on various scientific topics so one can further grasp the essence of the greatness of Almighty Allah. A few of the many parts of Quraanic verses which reflect on Science are:

-16: 15 – “And He has set up on the earth mountains standing firm, lest it should shake with you...”

-21: 30 – “Have not those who disbelieved known that the heavens and the earth were one connected entity, then we separated them?...”

-23 : 12 to 14 – “ Man we did create from clay; then We placed him as a drop of sperm in a place of rest, firmly fixed ; then We made the sperm into a clot of congealed blood; then of that clot We made a (foetus) lump...”

-25 : 53 – “ It is He who has let free the two bodies of flowing water ; one palpable and sweet, and the other salt and bitter ; yet has He made a barrier between them , a partition that is forbidden to be passed.”

-41: 11 – “Moreover, He comprehended in His design the sky, and it had been (as) smoke...”

-55 : 19 to 20 – “ He has let free the two bodies of flowing water, meeting together: between them is a barrier which they do not transgress..” and

-78: 6 to 7 – “Have we not made the earth as a wide expanse and the mountains as pegs?”

In the book entitled ‘A Brief Illustrated Guide To Understanding Islam’ (published in America), world-renowned professor, scientist and author, Dr. Keith L. Moore, was quoted to have said at a medical conference in Saudi Arabia in 1981 with statements attributed to Allah and His messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAW); “It has been a great pleasure for me to help clarify statements in the Quraan about human development. It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. This proves to me that Muhammad must have been a messenger of God.” Subsequent to that utterance, Professor Moore was posed with a question: “Does this mean that you believe that the Quraan is the word of God?” He replied: “I find no difficulty in accepting this.”

Poetry for conclusion (Ilm - Knowledge, Insaan – Mankind or humanity):

In Al – Quraan you will find,
Scientific truths for mankind.
The Ilm across a wide range,
That none of Insaan can change



Linda M. Kaplan

IMMIGRATION CORNER

Good Economic News and Trump's War on Immigration

By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

The April Jobs report shows that unemployment has dropped to 3.9 % for the first time since 2000. This is good news in general, but many employers are struggling to find workers. This is especially true for fast food restaurants, retail and construction companies but it is also a problem for employers of professionals such as teachers and nurses. There was a recent article in the New York Times entitled “A Fast-Food problem: Where have all the Teenagers Gone?” Despite wages in the industry increasing faster than overall wages, employers simply do not have enough workers. A recent study by the Bureau of Labor Statistics found that an increased emphasis on education and getting scholarships had contributed to the decline in working teenagers. On April 8th, The Washington Post Editorial Board posted an article “America needs more workers. Trump’s war on Immigration won’t help.” They indicated that “American employers in an array of industries – manufacturing, agriculture, trucking, home building, energy, food service, retail and others – are warning that a long-brewing labor shortage is reaching crisis proportions” The causes provided for the shortages include an aging population and a historically low birth rate. A Barron’s article titled “The Great Labor Crunch” projects a nationwide shortage of 8.2 million workers in the coming decade. Consider how the war on immigration will further aggravate the labor shortage problem. DACA – Deferred action on Childhood Arrivals – is one source of employees that may disappear under the current administration. I read that over 20,000 DACA recipients are teachers. Loss of these teachers would be devastating to our communities facing teacher shortages. While a significant number of DACA recipients hold professional occupations, they are more commonly employed in hospitality, retail, construction, education, health and social services. These are the very industries warning of a “long-brewing labor shortage that is reaching crisis proportions” TPS – Temporary Protected Status – has been terminated for Hondurans (57,000 in the U.S. with 7800 in Florida), Salvadorians (200,000), Haitians (45,000) among other countries. Who will take the jobs they must leave behind? The American Immigration Lawyers Association recently published a document entitled ‘Deconstructing the Invisible Wall: How policy changes by the Trump Administration are slowing and restricting legal immigration’ This document starts with pointing out the many immigrant success stories including – No less than 43% of Fortune 500 companies were founded or co-founded by an immigrant or a child of an immigrant. This figure rises to 57% if you look at the Fortune 500 Top 35.

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POETRY COLUMN



Bro. Azad Ali

THE REALITY OF LIFE

Written by: Bro. Azad Ali Chairman of Darul Uloom Institute, Florida

Sunken eyes, unkept hair, no top, torn skirt
 Shivering Hands out-stretched, feet soiled with scented dirt,
 Not a word, yet her eyes revealed her tortured soul,
 No love, no warmth, no place in this world.
 Those who pray and are blessed with good fortune
 With wealth more numerous than grains of sand dunes,
 Their hardened hearts give not to those in need
 Living for today and sowing forth a poisoned seed.....
 The Almighty gives but taketh away
 For He observes and tests us each and everyday,
 If you are blessed then give to those in need
 Perchance you may lose it all because of greed.....
 The Divine has ordained to "give to all"
 And He would replenish at your beckon and call,
 So remember the hungry, the unloved and those in strife
 For they are your "gateway" to a joyful and everlasting life.

HUMOR

A RABBI & A PRIEST

A Priest and a Rabbi were in a car crash and it was a bad one. Both of their cars were demolished, but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the Rabbi says, "So you're a Priest. That's interesting; I'm a Rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace." The Priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together." "And here's another miracle," says the Rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest. The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the Rabbi. The Rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on. "Aren't you going to have any," asks the Priest. "Not right now," says the Rabbi, "I think I'll wait until after the police come and make his report."

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LONELINESS

Is a Modern Day Epidemic

First of all, it is important to prevent the constant inculcation of society with self-centered and materialistic ideas. Instead, people should be encouraged to be more attentive, caring and selfless. They should understand the health benefits of showing affection, care, and having real, physical socialization. This awareness should be supported with campaigns informing people of the health hazards of loneliness in addition to its future implications for the societies. Nursing homes could be built on the same premises as universities so that these two groups can interact. In this way, young people will be able to benefit from the invaluable life experiences of seniors, while seniors are saved from the trap of loneliness and can enjoy their later years in the presence of good company. Britain particularly suffered from the problem and responded by setting up a ministry in charge of tackling isolation and loneliness. It is announced that the Ministry for Sport and Civil Society will be working on a national strategy to address loneliness across all ages, devise methods to measure loneliness and set up a fund to develop a wider strategy to solve the issue. In other words, loneliness is certainly not a difficult problem to solve, but it is clear that it should not be left unchecked.

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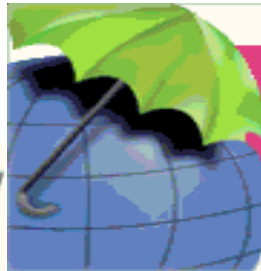
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MWO-SFL Ramadan "Rush for Rewards"

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The Muslim Women's Organization of South Florida (MWO-SFL) is a non-profit organization started by women for women and their families in South Florida. Their mission is to encourage Muslim women and their families to be a meaningful group that is committed to community service, personal development and philanthropy. In their endless efforts to help others, MWO-SFL continues to flourish and has grown tremendously over the years. In a recent interview with members of the Board of Directors at MWO-SFL, the ladies tell us about all the activities going on this Ramadan and how you can get more involved.

members of the Board of Directors at MWO-SFL, the ladies tell us about all the activities going on this Ramadan and how you can get more involved.

Q: Catchy phrase! What does it mean to "Rush for Rewards"?

A: We are currently in the holy month Ramadan and MWO-SFL has several signature sponsored events during this time that is based on a theme, Ramadan "Rush for Rewards". It is a way to nurture the soul and help others who are less fortunate. Whether it's feeding the homeless or donating toys for kids, we are working together to improve the lives of others in the community and to support one another.

Q: What activities have you already done this Ramadan?

A: We recently worked with Project Downtown-Fort Lauderdale and raised donations to provide meals, hygiene kits, and clothing for the homeless. We do this every year, on the first weekend of Ramadan. It is one of our annual events and such a self-rewarding experience.

Q; Can I help with the Eid Toy and Book Drive?

A: Yes, Rush for Rewards continues with the Eid Toy and Book Drive which is a multi-day event where you can donate toys and books for at-risk children in South Florida. Several masjids participate by being collection points for this event and last year we distributed over 600 toys and books. We also have an Eid Toy Wrapping Party which is always fun.

Q: Did you say Toy Wrapping Party? I love a Party! Can I come?

A: Absolutely! We get together the weekend before Eid and wrap all the toys that are donated. You can also bring donations of canned foods which we give to the Masjid Al-Ansar Food Pantry in Miami. It's another great way for families to get involved and to teach our kids the joy of giving. This year, the party is at IFSF on Saturday, June 9 at 2pm. We would love to see you there.

Q: How can I get more involved with MWO-SFL?

A: We encourage all of you to help and participate in all of our events around the community. Our volunteers are our backbone and without them our events and vision could not be successful.

If you would like to join us and be involved, please add us on Facebook MWO- of South Florida or email us at mwosfl@gmail.com!



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Marjorie Aloni

and legislators and has been recognized for her strong leadership marketing and consensus building abilities. Ms. Aloni has developed relationships with inter faith leaders media representatives health professionals academia personnel corporate executives and key elected officials who represent citizens from all municipalities throughout the South Florida area. Mrs. Aloni was a former President of the Hollywood Interfaith Council. She also worked many years with the Jewish Federation in Broward. She has also worked together with Shaikh Shafayat on many Interfaith Activities over the past twenty years.

It is one of our annual events and

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Submitted by Bro. Farooq Shafi

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WORSHIP WITH UNDERSTANDING

I was actually promising and re-affirming that all my prayers, my sacrifice, my life and my death belong to Allaah SWT. These words cannot be taken lightly. It is a complete, lifelong commitment and it affects everything we say and do. And you know, the more we think of the meaning, the more our salaah our du'ah and dhikr will change our lives for the better. Imagine if we really understood every du'ah and every dhikr and we reflected deeply on the meanings. This understanding will generate a complete transformation in the way we think and feel about ourselves and our responsibilities to others. True faith, true imaan, does not enter someone's heart without improving it, without beautifying it. Therefore, if we want our lives to be improved, to be beautified, than we can begin by learning the meanings of all that we recite in Arabic with so much skill and elegance. If you want proof of this power of Allaah's words to transform human beings from half savages to leaders of great civilizations, then look to the history of every people before their contact with Islam, and afterwards. This is what happened to the Holy Prophet's companions so many years ago, and to all the great scholars, the Friends of Allaah SWT, throughout the ages. They understood every word of their salaah, du'ah and dhikr, so that they could put meaning and feeling into their worship. They could be sincere to Allaah SWT. Unless we know what we are saying, feeling and doing, our efforts will lack complete sincerity. Therefore, for those of us who do not speak Arabic; let us make a sincere effort to memorize the

meanings of our salaah, du'ah and dhikr. Let us think and reflect on these meanings so that our hearts can be moved and our behavior improved. This will bring us closer to Allaah SWT. Thinking, reflecting and contemplating the words of Allaah is highly recommended in the Holy Quran. Those who do so, are referred to as "people of understanding". These inspiring and soul-stirring words come from the last verses of Surah Al-'Imraan: 190. Behold! In the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of night and day, there are indeed Signs for men of understanding.

191. Men who celebrate the praises of Allaah standing sitting and lying down on their sides and contemplate the (wonders of) creation in the heavens and the earth (with the thought): "Our Lord! Not in vain have You created (all) this! Glory to You! Give us salvation from the penalty of the fire."

Let us through a deeper understanding of our faith become those whom Allaah SWT calls, "people who contemplate," people who reflect, people who understand.

I ask Allaah SWT to give us all some of His divine wisdom, Hikma, so that we have a light to illuminate our way through the confusion in the world out there. May Allaah SWT help us and all our future generations to know and love the beautiful Way of Islam. May we all hold fast to the rope that Allaah SWT extends for us. May we all set a good example for others, a justly balanced community, "Ummatan Wasatan", and a witness to the nations [Quran 2:143]. Ameen!

Allaah SWT Knows best.

WE ARE NOT PERFECT!

Submitted by Bro. Al Mustafa

- Many of us waste a whole lot of time on facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, twitter and other social media doing many of the above sins, while missing or not praying our Salaah, or not going to the Masjid etc. This is very valuable time which we cannot afford to waste my friends! We should try to utilize our time more wisely as we will be questioned!

Allah God Almighty SWT advises us in chapter 103 of His Quran (English meaning): By time, man is in a state of LOSS, EXCEPT those who BELIEVE and DO GOOD WORKS, and exhort one another to TRUTH and exhort one another to PATIENCE. Let us always take Allah's advice; our life in this world and in the hereafter absolutely depends on it! My friends, we have to try daily to become better Muslims and better humans by changing our lives, by following the commands of Allah SWT and the teachings of the noble Prophet Muhammad SAW. We must always make the effort to get closer to our Lord and Creator by:

-praying to Him 5 times daily with more sincerity and focus

-by reciting and reading His great gift to us Quran, the last revelation on a daily basis and try to understand the meaning of what we read.

-We have to try harder to improve our character and have good manners on a daily basis as shown by the Prophet. Islam was spread to the four corners of this world through the honesty, integrity and good character of the Rasool SAW and his companions and their descendants. We must continue to spread the message in this manner!

-We must make more time for our parents and families; teach them, listen to them, help them and have the best relations with them and others.

-We must recognize that this life is very fragile and short, we are getting older by the minute, and people are dying around us daily naturally and thru disasters and tragedies. Let's prepare daily to meet our Maker!

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By: Sheikh Shakir al-Mohamed

THE NIGHT OF POWER

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

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 oddnumbered 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.

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Judge Norman O. Hemming

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Palm Beach and Fort Pierce. Norman split his time pursuing his undergraduate degree in Government and Public Administration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Cornell University. He is a Merit Fellow graduate of Howard Law School where he served as Associate Editor of the Law Journal and President of the Student Bar Association. He presently serves on the Pastor’s Council of Cooper City Church of God. Additionally, Norman has previously served on the Vice-Provost Council for Florida International University, which raises and distributes scholarships to students of FIU who are first in their family to attend college. Further, Norman has served as a conciliator for the Sunni, Shia, Christian, Sikh, Hindu and Ahmadya communities in South Florida. Judge Hemming is the recipient of the coveted CAIR Florida award; the 2016 Community Service award from the Pakistani American Association; the Special Agent in Charge Award from the FBI Miami Division; the 2016 Law Enforcement Foundation Award for Prosecutor of the Year; the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area abatement Award; the 2012 US Department of Justice Hugo Black Award; the US Department of Commerce NOAA Award for interdiction of smuggled endangered species; the Nucleo Polizia Tributaria from the Guardia Di Finanza in Pescara, Italy; and the Noted Judiciary Award from the Jamaican American Bar Association. More importantly, Norman is married for 24 years to his wife Carol, and is the father of two children, Imani, a graduate of Florida State University and Rachel who is a junior at FIU.

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WE ARE NOT PERFECT!*Submitted by Bro. Al Mustafa*

-Let's make the necessary changes in our lives before our limited time runs out! Let's try harder daily to change our bad habits into good habits and stop sinning our souls as we do now.

-This will first require us to look into our lives and recognize our sins and weaknesses and shortcomings and to make changes In shaa Allah. May Allah SWT guide and strengthen our efforts to be better servants and better worshippers. As we enter the blessed month of Ramadhan with the mercy of Allah SWT, let's make these changes so we can leave this world having the BEST relationship with Allah SWT and then with our families and mankind! May Allah SWT continue to bless and guide us and make it very easy to make these changes so we can have the best connection to Him, Ameen. May Allah accept all our Ibadah especially in Ramadhan, Ameen. ○

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Good Economic News and Trump's War on Immigration

The article points out that despite overwhelming evidence of the value immigrants bring to this country, the current administration has adopted dozens of policies and procedures that are slowing, or even stopping, legal immigration, without any Congressional Action. The result of these steps has discouraged U.S. employers from recruiting foreign workers and caused highly talented foreign workers to look elsewhere so other countries are benefiting from our losses. Foreign student enrollment has dropped. Foreign student's tuition is often 4 times that of American students, so they have been subsidizing

our students. Who will pay to make up for the loss of revenue to our Universities? Tourism has dropped. The Visit U.S. Coalitions notes that the recent drop in tourism translates into billions in lost revenues. While President Trump publicly fights for the construction of a physical wall, he and his administration are quietly and very deliberately restricting and slowing the pace of legal immigration by building an "Invisible Wall" If you wish to read the entire article you may find it here. Hopefully the tide will turn soon so that we can start to move back to our legacy as a Nation of Immigrants. ○

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Spreading The Message To Humanity*Submitted by Bro. Kaleem Ali*

Many run from their countries due to wars. People are being killed for differences in opinion and being banned from masjids. The Rasool (S.A.W.) was sent as a mercy to the worlds, even for animals, far less for people of different Madhaahib (schools of thought). This is really a sad time. Something is wrong with our Imaan and in our following of the Sunnah. Try to hold on to the Qur'aan and follow the Sunnah that we ignore. We should follow the Rasool (S.A.W.) and not our egos, whims and desires. To conclude, so powerful is this mercy to mankind that in Surah Ahzab, it is said that Allaah (S.W.T.) and his angels send salutation upon Rasool (S.A.W.) and commands us that we must also do so. Maybe we may get the Hedaya (guidance) to start practicing his Sunnah. We cannot be true Muslims without exemplifying what the Prophet (S.A.W.) came to teach. In surah Hadeed vs 28, Allaah (S.W.T.) says to have faith in Rasool (S.A.W.). We do not worship him but we were commanded to follow him. Have faith in what he says and what he did. Allaah (S.W.T.) will establish a light for us to stay on the straight path. If we really follow him (S.A.W.), we will be with him in Jannah. ○

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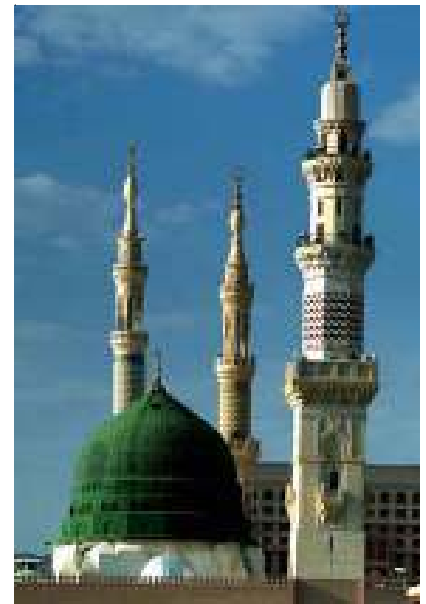
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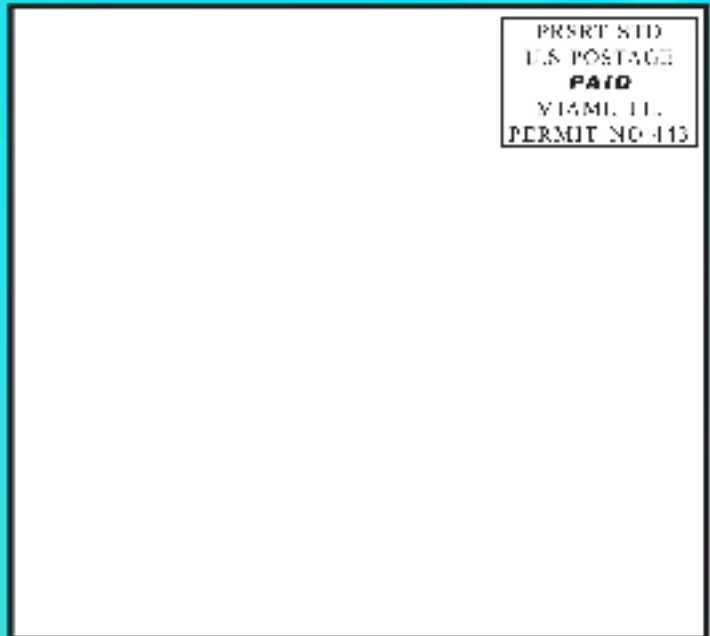
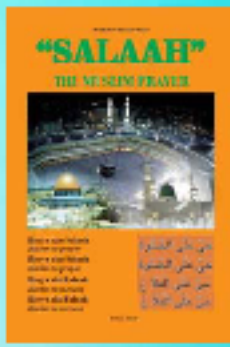
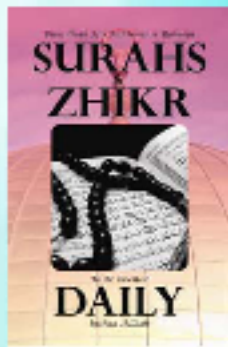
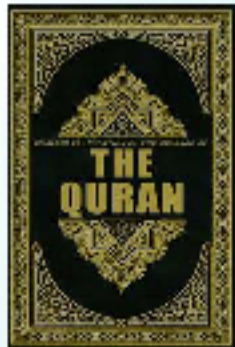
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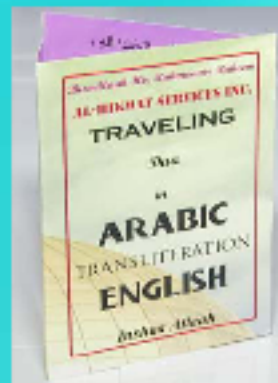
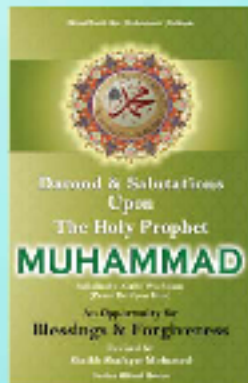
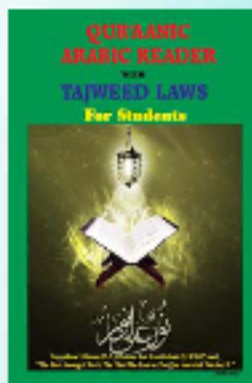
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