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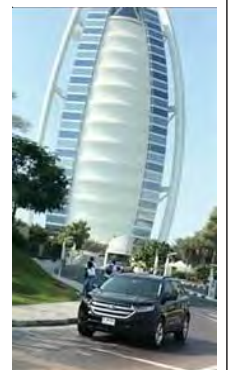
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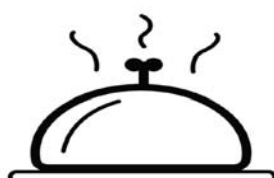


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“Indeed what is to come will be better for you than what has gone by.”

Hadith: Narrated ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr (RA): A man asked the Prophet (S.A.W), “What Islamic traits are the best?” The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “Feed the people, and greet those whom you know and those whom you do not know.” (Sahih Bukhari)

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“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

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SHAIKH SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE*Summarized by Bro. Kaleem Ali / Trinidad W.L.***SATAN MISLEADING PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT SINCERE**

We begin by reminding ourselves of the love and unity among the brothers and sisters in the ummah. We are reminded that we are one ummah, but when issues were brought up in the past, we find people arguing amongst each other. Our message is not that we have to agree upon everything but to acknowledge that each side has their opinions while we look for ways to unite. We as muslims would have non-muslim friends who we have completely different opposite lives to, yet we don't disunite with them. We use every opportunity to give dawah. The Sahabas Ajmeén showed mercy to a man who was a constant drunkard. It does not mean the man was supported in his drinking but there was no need to curse and abuse him. We must look at our own selves. We have differences of opinion in our deen which are allowed. Are we going to disunite with every person who doesn't have the exact opinions as us? No. Within the Qur'an and Sunnah we have choices in Islam. The Messenger never ate onions but allowed the Sahabas to do so. He didn't because he was in constant communication with Jibraeel (AS). He told them not to eat them when

going to the masjid out of courtesy for the angels and brothers and sisters, for them not to get the bad scents. We are not here to discuss the details but we are not to disunite on the basis of differences of opinion. Having different preferences does not mean to hate one another. The Prophet (s.a.w.) even found ways to unite with the disbelievers. He would never disunite even with his uncle who was a non muslim. Where is our Qur'an and Sunnah and Islam?

Surah Imran Ch 3 vs 105: "And do not be divided among yourselves after clear signs have been received." If we base our actions on sincere intentions, we would never look for reasons to disunite. This is why the first hadith in books is about sincerity. Islam is a way of sincerity. When we do things for ourselves, we open ourselves up to pride and arrogance and that's how we cause disunity and lose the blessings of what we're doing. Everything that we do should be for ALLAH only and we should try to do things in the way the Rasool would do them.

Surah Zumar Ch 39 vs 11: "Say: Certainly ALLAH has commanded us to obey him with Ikhlas." We are reminded of the

story about how Satan refused to bow to Adam (AS) due to his arrogance. Satan has vowed to misguide the servants of Allah and stand in the path of our good deeds. Whatever good deed we intend, Satan can come to us and try to corrupt our intention, making us do it for show. The important lesson to note is that even Satan admits that those servants who are sincere, he wouldn't be able to tamper with them. ALLAH mentions this incident in many places in the Qur'an and reminds us that when our intentions change, we can become a follower of Satan. From Abu Huraira (RA), the Prophet said: ALLAH does not look at your faces nor your wealth but he looks at your hearts. ALLAH says in the Qur'an that the servants who are sincere are truly on the straight path. A man who gives one date in the path of Allah is better than the man who gives mt Uhud in gold without sincerity. This is the importance of Ikhlas.

To end, anything that we do, whether it be in our professional and family lives, do it for the pleasure of ALLAH as the Qur'an says that ALLAH has not created us except that we worship Him. ●



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Al-Hamdulillaah- Shaikh Shafayat was born, in Trinidad, West Indies, where he attended College etc.. Due to his multi-faith and cultural upbringing, he was awarded a scholarship to become a Christian Minister. In 1975 he went to India to study Islam and became the first student from the Caribbean and North America to have graduated as an Islamic scholar from Darul Uloom Deoband, which is the largest and oldest Islamic Institute in India. He is the Founder of Al-Hikmat Services and Darul Uloom Institute Pembroke Pines Florida USA. He is the first Muslim to become President of the Interfaith Council of South Florida in the year 2002 and was also the first Muslim to represent Islam at a Florida State Faith Summit, held at the Capitol Building with Gov. Jeb Bush in the year 2000. He has received many Interfaith Awards including the Peacemaker Award from St. Thomas University. Shaikh Shafayat is well known by Muslims and Non-Muslims as a Motivational Speaker. He lectures throughout the U.S.A. and worldwide on Islam and Terrorism, Interfaith Issues and Cultural Diversity etc. MaaShaa Allaah.

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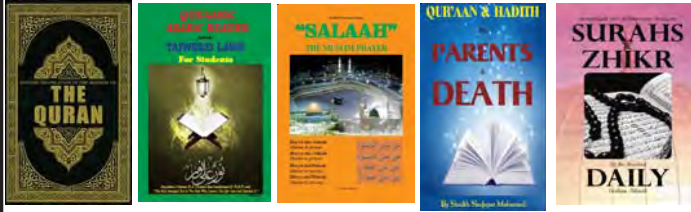
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Yom Kippur REFLECTIONS


Muharram the first most holy month of the Islamic year is upon us and the Islamic New Year has begun. The Jewish High Holy Days also began this month with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. As I sit to write this reflection, I am keenly aware that our Jewish brothers and sisters are preparing to celebrate their High Holy Day of Yom Kippur...the Day of Atonement. More than 3,300 years ago, after hearing from Gd at Sinai, the children of Israel sinned by creating and worshipping a golden calf.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai, saw what had happened, and smashed the two tablets on which the Ten Commandments were engraved. Moses then ascended the mountain once again, and stayed there for 40 days, and then another



40 days. On the tenth day of the month of Tishrei he came down with a complete pardon as well as a second set of tablets. Each tradition has similar times of the year in which they look to renew, but clearly need to look within and reconnect with God and one another. May such times remind us of the connections we have and the connections we need to develop as sons and daughters of our one God. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **I John 4:7**

To Practice this Thought: Peace must have the last word and love must rule so that we might bless the heart of the God that made us in His image and likeness. Amen.



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"It is He Who brought you forth from the wombs of your mothers when you knew

nothing; and He gave you hearing and sight and intelligence and affection: that you may give thanks (to Allah)"(An-Nahl, 16:78). Allaah reminds us: "And whoever is grateful, he is only grateful for the benefit of his own self" (Luqman 31:12) And He gave you all that you asked for, and if you count the blessings of Allah, never will you be able to count them. (Surah Ibraheem, verse 34)

My dear sister and brothers, Assalamu Alaikum. Allah (SWT) has indeed blessed us abundantly from His immeasurable bounties and favors. If we were to list all the things that Allah (SWT) has blessed us with, it becomes truly overwhelming. Furthermore, if we are more aware of the fact that it is Allah (SWT) only who has helped us in our lives, it will make us appreciate all His blessings. First and most important, we are thankful for this Deen, we are thankful for His mercy and forgiveness, for His protection, for His sustenance, for His guidance, for His provisions of our homes, our food, our health, our families. We are thankful to Allah (SWT) every day for blessing us to be able to see, to hear, to speak, to smell, to walk, to eat, to digest, to move, to smile. We are thankful to Allah (SWT) for our jobs that helps us to have a roof over our heads, means of transportation, abundant meals, ability to have electricity, running clean water, air condition, heat (in winter) , comfortable beds and furniture and all the comforts of home. From the minute we are able to get out of our bed to the minute we rest our heads at night; all are blessings of Allah's protection and mercy. We will not survive from one minute to the next, but by the mercy and guidance of Allah. Our academic and professional progress and success in life, is all due to Allah, we did not do it on our own. For the most part, we all have so much to be thankful for, every second of every day. We all must make more effort to thank Allah (SWT), and always throughout our day (as much as we can) praise Him. He knows whether we will be here to see the next second of our lives; yet, sometimes, we live our lives as if our plans for the next hour, the next day, the next month, or years; will always materialize. There are no guarantees, but we can certainly show our gratitude for all that Allah (SWT) has blessed us with, by not only thanking Him in our duas and other ibadah, but also by our good actions. If we were to compare our lives with those afflicted with suffering in different parts of the world, we will be very grateful to Allah (SWT) for all that he has given us and furthermore, we should stop complaining about trivial matters.

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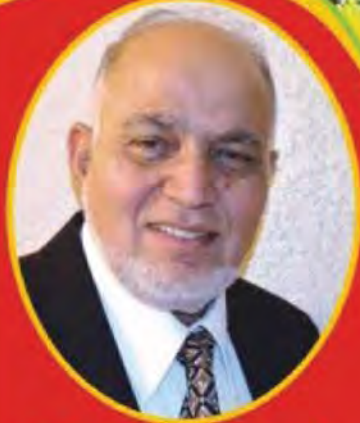
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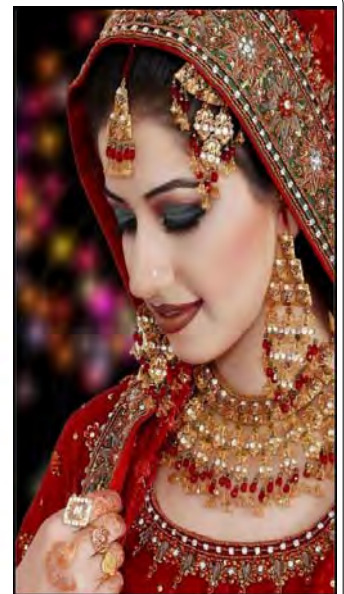
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THE FAREWELL SERMON OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S.A.W)

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

As we read these lines, about 2 billion Muslims across the world, from Morocco to Jakarta, will be paying homage to the Prophet Muhammad SAW on his birthday.



Don't Accept Losing Your HUMANITY

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

About 1,440 years ago, Prophet Muhammad SAW delivered the historic Last Sermon (khutabat al-wida) on the parched terrain of Mount of Mercy (Jabal ar-Rahmah) in the Uranah valley of Mount Arafat, 20 kilometres east of Makkah. It was precisely on the ninth day of Dhul-Hijjah (12th and last month of the Islamic year) in the tenth year of hijrah (migration from Makkah to Medina) that the Prophet SAW addressed close to 144,000 pilgrims. The sermon, though seemingly addressed to a Muslim gathering, had a universal message. It consists of summarized exhortations based on some core teachings of the Qur'an and sunnah (Prophetic practices). It captures the ethos of Islam and provides a great lens to view the religion through. Some of his advices have become the fundamental touchstones of the Islamic faith. Muslims use the occasion as a promising time to rededicate themselves to the universal human values such as sacredness of life and property, equality, justice, peace, forgiveness, non-violence, women's rights, the pillars of Islam and more. Upon these lofty principles, the religion of Islam was built. The Prophet SAW died after unifying Arabia and his lifelong declared love of learning protected and contributed to classical knowledge and continued the tradition of Persian scholarship during the dark ages of Christendom. For centuries, the Prophet SAW inspired the Muslim world to thrive economically, culturally, scientifically and artistically. More than 1,440 years on, the divine providence of his philosophy, among myriad other socio-economic and political factors continue to anchor the Muslim civilization. We still have so much to learn from this 1,440-plus-year-old cry and we are so much in need of this message of Prophet Muhammad SAW to soothe and heal our broken times where we continue to struggle with almost identical issues in our global human community. The content of the message was powerful and intense, and the Prophet SAW began by stating that he did not know whether he would meet the pilgrims again 'in this place after this year'. After praising Allaah SWT and declaring the basic creed, 'There is no deity but Allaah and Muhammad is His Messenger', he went on to speak on various themes. He then reminded them and all of us, of the sacred character of the place and month, as well as of that of their lives, their honor and their belongings. He explained that the period of ignorance had come to an end, and so had its practices, its rivalries, and its conflicts based on power and profit. Henceforth, all Muslims were united by faith, fraternity and love, which were to transform them into witnesses of Islam's message. They must under no circumstances accept being 'either oppressors or oppressed.'

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It is no secret that the Western world treats murders that take place in the Eastern part of the world as a lesser evil. Nonetheless, crime is a crime no matter where it happens. Humans are humans regardless of their geographical location. A child is always a child; always deserving the best of treatment, no matter where he lives, or what race he belongs to. Therefore someone being killed in Aleppo is just as bad as someone being killed on a Manhattan avenue. But the reaction seems to change as the location, identity, language, race and religion change! The location shouldn't determine if a person will be respected or not. Nor should it decide if a child is going to be treated like a child, or if he is going to be forced to run for his life and scavenge for food. Regrettably, as you move from the affluent parts of the world to less privileged places, or more specifically, from the Western world to the Eastern world, human life begins to lose importance and starts to turn into statistics. Most of the time, horrible events happening in these places are perceived in the Western world as nothing more than hazy background news. This is the reason why a terror attack in Paris draws world leaders to a major rally, while another attack in Istanbul, one that is incomparably more violent, is barely covered. This indifference and hypocrisy seem to affect not only politicians but the media and regrettably, a majority of the people as well. This is particularly surprising considering that new generations have grown up with powerful rhetoric on the importance of human rights, democracy and equality and were supposedly well-equipped against the scourges of racism and violence. Indeed, painful discrimination and cringe-worthy bias persists without any allowance for women, children or the elderly. The situation is so severe and so distressing that one prime minister can call the refugees "swarms", while another political leader poses in front of a picture of refugees, promising to stop them. In other words, the so-called civilised, modern, democratic part of the world displays a shockingly insensitive attitude and appalling bigotry. It is as if there is a mutual silent agreement: "Shut your eyes, close your ears and pretend this is not happening. Ten years later, we'll say we will never let this happen again". After all, it happened before. When the Rwandan genocide and the Bosnian massacres happened, the people in a position to help were quiet, but today they vehemently insist "they will never allow it to happen again". Yet again today, children die, women are hurt and the elderly are abandoned to the streets. This indifference will no doubt be a dark, indelible mark on the pages of history. Furthermore, this time, it will not be like the WWI or WWII.

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Bro. Al Mustapha

HELPING OTHERS EQUALS HELPING OURSELVES!

*Written by Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA
A tribute to all our brothers and sisters who do good deeds by helping others in this life while they can, for the pleasure of Allah God Almighty, thus investing in the hereafter.*

My dear friend Brother Ali who lived in Trinidad as a true follower of the noble Prophet PBUH was a very selfless, humble and jovial human being who served others for the pleasure of Allah SWT. He followed the noble Prophet SAW in many ways. From a young age he was very active in the Islamic Youth Movement at the Nur E Islam Masjid in Trinidad and taught others and myself to perform wudhu, pray salah, helped us to understand the basics of Islam and the importance of inviting others to the Masjid and to Islam etc. He also assisted the Imam in many different ways. He did lots of Dawah work at several elementary, secondary schools and colleges and organized for students to attend the Jummah Salah. He very frequently made funeral and burial arrangements for many bereaved families in the community. He always responded positively to everyone sharing his bright and infectious smile with them. He frequently visited the sick and ailing at hospitals and homes and always helped the poor and needy in the community. He arranged and conducted Islamic talks, Quran Readings, Aqiqahs, Nikahs, Qurbani etc. for many families over the years sharing the message and teachings of Islam with them. He selflessly assisted others in the community in many different ways. His loving wife and kids made many sacrifices while he was out serving the community for the pleasure of Allah. He did also make time to spend with them and take them on vacations etc. My dear brother gained more knowledge attending classes at the Masjid and in return gave much needed advice on Salah, Zakat, Sadaqa, Hajj, Fasting, Life, Marriage and Death etc. to many families. I could go on for a long time describing only some of the ways in which our dear brother touched the lives of so many others as commanded by Allah SWT and shown to us by the Rasool SAW. The big question is how many of us will rise to the occasion to do just some of what our brother did to make consistent investments in good deeds and Sadaqa Jariyah (continuous charity) by helping others? This void which does exist in many communities must be filled in an effort to grow and support the Ummah while obeying Allah SWT and also implementing many Sunnahs of the Noble Prophet Muhammad SAW. So who are the brothers and sisters who for the sole pleasure of Allah will make the effort to gain more Islamic knowledge, recite and understand the Quran even if it's one verse and pave their way to Jannah utilizing their youth, health, wealth and life in serving the community, visiting the sick, printing and sharing Islamic CDs, Qurans and books sharing the knowledge of Islam, giving Dawah and investing in the afterlife with Sadaqa Jariyah as our dear brother did while he was alive?

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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.*

*Enraptured / Austin W. Ives / Legacy Book Publishing
1883 Lee Road, Winter Park FL 32789
9781947718098, \$14.95, www.amazon.com*

Though I write poetry I often have a hard time understanding other writers who also create in this art form. Many of the works here are ones I have that problem but there are others I didn't. What the author does very well is make you see his imagery and think about the words he has written. Again no one ever said you have to understand everything you read but author Austin does a masterful job of conjuring up symbolism and appearances that begin with the fantastic cover in his mind-boggling collection "Enraptured."

*The Haunted Bakery of Seven Pines
By Becky Robbins & Erika M Szabo Illustrations by Sudipta Dasgupta*

*Golden Box Books Publishing / New York
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Bullies get their due in "the Haunted Bakery of Seven Pines" The authors bring together characters into a most interesting situation combining a haunted mansion with a bully who wants to prove he is not afraid of anything by spending the night in a vacant home that has had many legends told about it for many years. The solution to the aggressive behavior of certain kids is handled in a most unique way that makes for an interesting read that is enhanced by the artwork of artist Sudipta Dasgupta. There are many symbolic renderings for readers to pick up on in "the Haunted Bakery of Seven Pines that increase the enjoyment of this work for all ages to appreciate.

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Bro. Taj Siddiqui

DUDE, WHERE IS MY RELIGION?

During the past Ramazan, in California, a Japanese lady asked her co-worker, a young Muslim man from India, what do you guys achieved by staying all day without food and water? The Muslim man explained to her that we not only stay away from food and drinks, but we also stay away from lying, cheating, hurting others, vulgarity, and other bad deeds. The Japanese lady replied in shock, "Oh my God, you guys are very fortunate, we have to stay away from all these bad virtues for all twelve months." Dude, where is my religion?

A Muslim went into the bathroom. Before entering he recited the Duaa for entering the bathroom and when he exited he recited the Duaa for exiting the bathroom. After utilizing, he left the bathroom a total mess, dirty, filthy and unusable for the next person. Water on the floor, on the toilet seat, toilet tissues everywhere, and paper towels in the toilet. Dude, where is my religion?

On the 27th night of Ramazan, I stayed up all night praying Salats and reciting Quran. After Sahri I offered Fajar and realized that I was too sleepy and tired to go to work. I called my friend and asked him to forge my presence at the office. I knew that during Ramazan, they won't care for this lie, as we all do it. Dude, where is my religion?

During a recent Friday Khutba, our Imam was preaching that we should never give up on Allah's mercy. He gave the example of a sinner who has committed 99 murders, and then approached his Imam to pray for Allah's forgiveness. The Imam refused, and the guy killed him, thus making it 100. After this, the killer himself prayed directly to Allah to forgive all his sins, including 100 murders, and Allah accepted his Duaa. Following he Namaz, I asked our Imam, who was this man, during what period of history and in what City he Lived. He committed 100 murders and was never prosecuted, and never paid for his heinous crimes. The

Imam looked at me as I was questioning his knowledge and wisdom. He just walked away from me without answering. Dude, where is my religion?

He looked at the large number of men and women for Friday Namaz, and said "Insha Allah, Islam will flourish again when we will have this level of attendance for the Fajar Salat. I looked at the littered shoes at the Masjid entrance, I looked at the cars parked everywhere blocking others, I looked at the dirty bathrooms with water on the floor, and I thought. Islam will flourish when we will learn how to properly use the bathrooms, when we learn how to park the cars without blocking others, and when we place our shoes in the empty shoe racks. Dude, where is my religion?

We went to Umrah. We lied about the age of our toddler, to save on the airlines ticket. I gave bribe to the religious police inside Masjid-e-Nabwi to hold a place for me in the first row. A friend was telling us that they reported missing luggage at Jeddah Airport, and that will pay for one family member's ticket. Muslims were crushing each other to reach the sacred Black Stone in the Kaaba. My uncle performs Umrah in Ramazan each year, to take care of his deeds for the other eleven months. My childhood friend has a written Fatwa that declares interest dealings permissible in business and home buying. He is a big donor and is on the Board of the local Masjid. People are rushing not to be late for Sunnat Taraweeh Namaz. After Ramazan, they don't even offer Faraz Isha Salat. Dude, where is my religion?

The airport security searched a Muslim arrival and found a hand-made necklace type hanging in his neck. He told the Immigration Officer that this is a "Taweez" from his mother to safeguard during travel to USA. The officer ripped it open and found some writings inside. He asked the man to explain this script. The Muslim man told the Security that he can read it, but he does not know it's meaning. In response to the officer's disbelief, he further explained that in my country, many people memorize the entire holly

Submitted by Bro. Taj Siddique / Florida USA
book without knowing it's meaning. Dude, where is my religion.

The Leader told me that tomorrow the Jamaat was heading to the Masjid in the next city, where they intend to continue Dawah. The pathway between the two Masjids was filled with girls in skimpy cloths, bars selling alcohol, stores selling pork, banks advertising high interest rates. I saw the devil (Shaetan) looking happy and victorious. He said, man, I worked very hard for centuries to achieve this. Now the Mullas are confined inside the Masjids, and I controlled the rest of the world. I allow gay marriages, adultery, alcohol, pork, riba, nudity, abortion, and you name it. Outside of these walls they can not even call the Azan. Dude, where is my religion?

The Imam arrived just in time to deliver the Friday sermon. He is dressed in a spotless long white rob, well groomed, wearing perfume, walking with grace, smiling and waving. He draws a salary of over \$ 80,000 and performs only specific religious duties within limited hours. He is delivering Khutbah that Muslims should not celebrate Valentine, Halloween, or birthdays. I never saw him assisting to manage parking, cleaning, food, or other matters in the Masjid. Maybe these tasks are not suitable for his dignified personality. However, he frequently gives examples of Rashidun Caliphs. Dude, where is my religion?

You want to know the answer? It is very distinctly specified on the very first page of Quran. Just read only Verses 1 thru 5 of Surat Buqra. Read it's meaning, read it's Tafseer, and follow it. Follow the first page of Quran in your daily life, and you are guaranteed success in both worlds. I have limited space, and I want to write so much. May be some other time. Until then, please take good care of yourself and your loved ones. Allah Hafiz.

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AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

**Relief Efforts at Al-Hikmat Office
Trinidad West Indies**



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah relief efforts currently ongoing at the Al-Hikmat Services Office in Trinidad for the FLOOD VICTIMS - coordinated by Bro. Siddiq Khan. MaaShaa Allaah.

**MWO Making Strides Against
Breast Cancer**



Photo above: MWO supporting the American Cancer Society, and the 27,000 walkers in bringing awareness to an important issue in the lives of so many women, including our own Muslim sisters, moms, daughters, and friends. We remember those we've lost, those we're fighting to save, those who will be diagnosed in the future, each and every day.

Ebrahamic Interfaith Talk Show



Photo above: Shaikh Shafayat (Host), Deacon Norm, Rabbi Barry & Pastor Keith



Photo above: Audience at the Interfaith Talk Show

Al-Hamdulillaah on Sunday September 2nd, 2018, Al-Hikmat TV held an Interfaith Ebrahamic Talk Show at Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center.

2018 Al-Hikmat Services Dubai & India Tour



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah Al-Hikmat 2018 Dubai / India 10 Days Tour, led by Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed, MaaShaa Allaah.

Caribbean American Muslim Association, New York, USA



Photo above from left: Shaikh Rafeek, Sis. Suzy Ismail, Shaikh Shafayat, Dr. El Kasem, , Shaikh Shabeer and Shaikh Abdur Rahman.

Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah CAMA - Caribbean American Muslim Association in New York held a Convention on Fri. Oct. 5th - Sun. Oct. 7th, 2018. Most of the visiting Guest Speakers delivered the Jumua Khutbah at various Masaajid in New York before the convention commenced. MaaShaa Allaah.



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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

Prayer Service At Temple Beth El Synagogue



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah over 700 people attended the INTERFAITH SERVICE held at Temple Beth El Synagogue on Mon. Oct. 29th, 2018 coordinated by Rabbi Tuffs in Hollywood Florida USA, for the victims of Pittsburgh Synagogue. There were many Rabbis and Pastors in attendance plus **Shaikh Shafayat** who represented the Muslim Community. Among elected officials present, were: A Congressman, the Hollywood Mayor, Broward County Mayor, Hollywood Police Chief and many other dignitaries.

International Day of Peace



Photo above: A message on Peace by Shaikh Shafayat at the International Day of Peace Interfaith Service held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pembroke Pines Florida on Friday September 23rd, 2018- coordinated by Pastor Keith Spencer. Participants were the Vice Mayor of Pembroke Pines City Mr. Thomas Good and many other Interfaith Clergy members.

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Prayer Service At Congregation La Dor Va' Dor, Boca Raton, Florida USA

Photo on right:

Al-Hamdulillaah on Tuesday October 30th, 2018, Congregation La Dor Va Dor, of **Boca Raton Florida USA** held an Interfaith Service coordinated by Rabbi Barry Silver for the victims of the Pittsburgh Synagogue. Spiritual leaders of various Faiths participated the event. MaaShaa Allaah.



HIROSHIMA PEACE VIGIL



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah on August 8th, 2018 the St Benedicts Church in Plantation FLORIDA USA held a HIROSHIMA PEACE VIGIL. Guest Speakers were: Fr. Albert, De Anne Graham, Patrick McCann, Deacon Carroll and Shaikh Shafayat. There were performances by Janelle Graham, Laura Sue and St Benedicts Choir. MaaShaa Allaah.

Yom Kippur Panel Discussion



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah- Yom Kippur Panel Discussion on Interfaith Views and Issues with Clergy Leaders at Santaluces High School Auditorium, Lantana Florida- coordinated by Rabbi Barry silver from La Dor Va Dor on Wednesday September 19th, 2018, MaaShaa Allaah.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



Photos Above: Commissioner Jay Swartz with Shaikh Shafayat and the Guest speaker Colonel Thomas Hanley from the USA Army **9-11/2018 -** Al-Hamdulillaah - the City of Pembroke Pines 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY was held on September 11th, 2018 with Mayor Frank Ortis and City Commissioners plus City Officials and Community Leaders.

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Age: 30 / Resides in Florida

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Ethnic Background: Trinidad

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Dear Al-Hikmat Services,
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Thanks,

Charles Edward

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Arcadia, Florida USA

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AL-HIKMAT TV INTERVIEW

*Dear Shaikh Shafayat,
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Best Regards,

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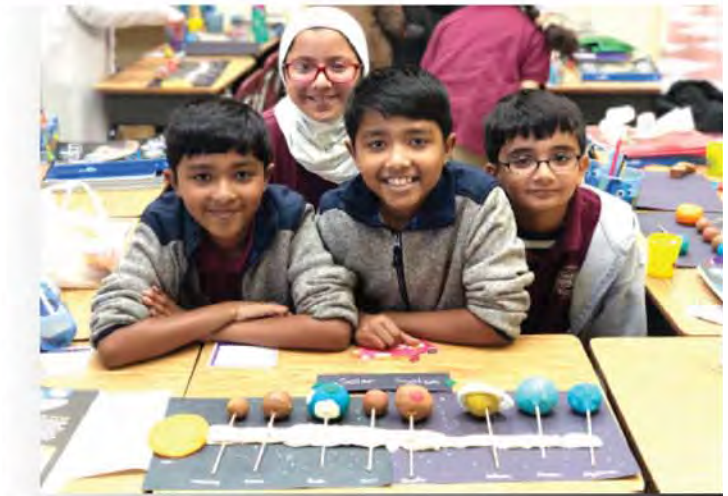
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IMMIGRATION CORNER

CRIMES AND IMMIGRANTS THE MYTH

By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

Every month I struggle with what to write in my monthly blog. There is no shortage of subjects. The problem I have is to decide what of many topics to use and to try not to make it too political but with immigration issues, it is really impossible to stay away from political commentary. Just reading the morning papers give me numerous ideas and then I look at my inbox with emails from AILA (the American Immigration Attorney's Association) as well as emails from my friends and readers. The article this month is one that I have been wanting to write since March when I read an article in the N.Y. Times entitled "The Myth of the Criminal Immigrant" The article in the times starts with two charts. On the left, it shows an increase of 118% in the immigrant population since 1980. On the right, it shows that the violent crime rate since 1980 has decreased by 36%. A Gallop Poll conducted in June of 2017 asked about whether immigrants to the U.S. are making the country better, worse or not having much effect on crime. 9% thought immigrants were making things better, 45 % thought that immigrants were having a negative effect on crime in the U.S. However, numerous well-documented studies show that immigrants are making things better when it comes to crime rates. A study done in Texas by the libertarian Cato Institute studied Texas data for 2015 and compared the immigrants in the country illegally with native- born residents. The study showed that "the arrest rates for illegal immigrants was 40 % below that of native- born Americans" A national study also done by the Cato Institute conclude "Illegal immigrants are 47 % less likely to be incarcerated than natives." (and legal immigrants are even less likely to be in jail or prison than undocumented). A March study "Does Undocumented Immigration Increase Violent Crime? which was published in Criminology in March concluded "Increased concentrations of undocumented immigrants are associated with statistically significant decreases in violent crime" Numerous other studies have found that immigrants overall, including those with legal status, commit far fewer crimes than the native born. Immigrant are coming here to work and contribute to our economy , to reunite with families and to escape crime – not to commit crime. The fact that a few immigrants commit crimes does not mean that "immigrants are brining crime." As the author of the Cato institute report stated ""Imagine I were to claim that women are less violent than men, which is as close to a social fact that we have in criminology and one were to reply saying that this isn't true because in 2015 over 78,000 women were arrested for violent crimes, and nearly 1,000 were arrested for homicide. Those statistics in no way contradict the original statement that men tend to be more violent."

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Br. Hamzad

PROFILE OF A MATHEMATICIAN

By Br. Hamzad Mohammed
T.T.U.T.A.'s TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2013, TRINIDAD, WI

Brother Hydar Ali is a Muslim mathematician from Trinidad & Tobago (twin-island republic). His commitment to the religion of Islam and also to the academic domain of Mathematics should make him a role model for many.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure I present Br. Hydar's brief biographical sketch which will reflect his intellectual prowess in Mathematics and his involvement in Islamic work. Hydar Ali was born to Tyab Ali and Shaffimoon (nee Omar) on January 23, 1944 in Phoenix Park, California. He still lives in a renovated version of that original house. His elder brother, Ousman, died in 2015 and his younger sister, Zulaikha lives in the USA. He is married to Nazira and they have four children and seven grandchildren. He started his elementary school education at the Phoenix Park Government Primary School and in 1953, when the Trinidad Muslim League (TML) opened its first primary school, he transferred to the San Fernando TML Primary School. On the opening day he was literally the first person on the compound and the records show that his name also appears at the top of the Register. In 1954, Hydar wrote the College Exhibition, the entrance examination to secondary school, and successfully obtained a scholarship for secondary education. Hydar attended Queen's Royal College in Port of Spain and during most of this period stayed with relatives in San Juan. At school he showed a flair for mathematics and this was borne out by his performance. In his first major external examination, the Cambridge School Certificate, he gained distinctions in Latin, French, Spanish, Mathematics and Additional Mathematics. This performance enabled him to get a House Scholarship. He went on to get distinctions in Mathematics and Further Mathematics at the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations. Hydar taught for one term at Naparima College in San Fernando before going to The University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamaica to read for a first degree in Mathematics on a Government Teaching Scholarship. He got a Faculty prize in his first year and graduated in Special Honours in Mathematics with First Class Honours in 1965. His brother, Ousman, also graduated from Mona in 1965 in Special Honours in Spanish. After a very brief stint teaching at St. George's College in Barataria, he then went to University College London on a Tate & Lyle Scholarship and completed an M.Sc. in Statistics in 1966. He did further postgraduate studies at the University of Sussex culminating with an M.Phil. in Queueing Theory under Professor Sir John Kingman, F.R.S., in 1968. Hydar then returned to Trinidad as an Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics at The University of the West Indies (UWI) in St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. He remained at UWI till his retirement in 2009 as Senior Lecturer.

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POETRY COLUMN

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



Bro. Azad Ali

LIGHT OF HOPE

In the vast parched lands of the Sahara
Lies a small and dusty town called
Makkah,
Hustling and bustling with idolators
and Traders
Transgressing all bounds of Ibrahim’s
holy Kaaba.....

Here was born a baby boy to Abdullah and Amina
A birth that would change the history of Arabia,
The Almighty had decreed this birth to favor man
For his coming was foretold in His divine master
plan.....

His mother passed on while he was a baby
Father too had gone to an abode in eternity,
All alone as dictated by the Heavenly Father
Now under the loving care of his nurse blessed
Halima.....

grew to be full of grace and truthful
Respected by all both blessed and sinful,
Always doing what was right and just
Midst the turmoil of tribes within the Sahara dust.....

Well known to all his compassion and honesty
Accepted by all as Adjudicator of the community,
His words and advice honored by all
Not knowing one day he would receive that divine
call.....

Known by all as the honest Trader
To the pleasure of Makkah’s renowned Khadijah,
Her admiration blossomed into a blessed marriage
The First Believer of his vision and divine mes-
sage.....

In the tiny cave of Hera he sat in solitude
Meditating on life while in solemn mood,
Pondering at man’s inhumanity to man
And the scourge of evil throughout the land.....

Deep in thought an angel did appear
Startled and confused and full of fear,
A voice uttered “read, read in the name of thy Lord”
Divine words from Jibreel sent by the Lord thy God....

Words of wisdom for all of humanity
Principles of justice and equity enshrined by the
Almighty,

Words if not heeded then man shall suffer
Consequences of his inaction to make life that is
fairer....

All mankind shall one day remember his name
The “torch bearer” of justice with an eternal flame,
LIGHT OF HOPE illuminating the path to eternal glory
The pathway to the real Home in Paradise of the
Almighty.....



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**Don’t Accept
Losing Your
HUMANITY**

By: Harun Yahya / Ankara, Turkey

The perpetrators of the unspeakable crimes of the past usually got away with their evil activities. There weren’t cameras, embedded journalists, smart phones or Internet. There was no Twitter or Periscope. However, the unspeakable crimes of the modern day are happening in plain sight, caught live by cameras. You can find thousands of videos showing how refugee children are being targeted in Europe by human traffickers, how children starve in Syria, how refugees drown in seas but still are shown no sympathy. In other words, for the people of today, “unawareness” cannot be an excuse. It is always an important thing that a person gets hurt, tortured, or killed. If you imagine yourself or someone you love as the person getting hurt, you would understand that it is most assuredly quite important. Human life, human dignity and human rights are always important. Choose not to be one of those people that have been desensitized by the developments in the world. Don’t accept losing your humanity. Continue to be shocked, continue to oppose all that is wrong and do everything in your power to help stop crimes. Don’t let the apathy of others hold you back. It is entirely possible that the sensitivity shown by you will help propel other people into action. Don’t forget, every society needs someone to take the lead because not everyone will have the courage to do the right thing. But once someone steps up, others will invariably follow. Your efforts, which could be something as simple as a small social media post on love, will definitely make a difference.



HUMOR

WIFE’S DENTURES

It seems there was this minister who just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made.

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Yasemin Saib has spent 23 years of her professional life working as a committed philanthropist serving over 11,000 orphaned and abandoned children in 11 countries. She is a non-profit expert who has founded, led and advised numerous global NGOs on how to engage and serve more efficiently and more responsibly. She is a broadcast media connoisseur who has produced 200 TV programs for social good viewed by over 100 million people world-

wide. She is a Muslim community activist who has and continued to engage with various Muslims organizations as a board member, an advisor, a financial supporter or as a volunteering advocate. And she is a certified academic who works as adjunct faculty teaching Advanced Placement Social Studies subjects, her favorite of which is AP Human Geography to high school and college level students. She is currently the Founder and President of Naml Philanthropy which is a non-profit management consultancy, a social enterprise that helps philanthropic organizations achieve their goals and she is the Founder and Chairperson of Live it up Foundation which is a non-

profit organization that aims to rehabilitate and elevate the lives of orphaned and abandoned children globally. Yasemin Saib holds 2 masters Degrees, one in International Development and another in Islamic Studies and she is currently in the dissertation phase of completing her PhD candidate in Islamic Studies specializing in Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh) with a particular focus on the legality and advocacy of Islamic Adoption and fostering. She is on the board of Trustees for two non-profit organizations; 1) Celebrate Mercy, 2) Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE) and she is also on

the Board of Advisors for numerous other NGO in the US, Canada and in the UAE. Yasemin has also served as the Chairwoman of the Board for Muslim Woman's Organization of South Florida for 3 years and recently resigned from her post to make way for new leaders. Yasemin Saib is an author of 5 children's books; she is a licensed foster parent in the state of Florida actively taking care children who enter the foster care; and she is a motivational speaker for the youth and for women on how best to lead a balanced and purpose-driven life. Yasemin Saib enjoys outdoor adventures, traveling and loves to cook and host events for good causes. She currently resides in Cooper City, Florida with her family and is the proud mother of 2 wonderful children.

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PROFILE OF A MATHEMATICIAN

Submitted by Bro. Hamzad

He taught Mathematics and Statistics at the undergraduate level and Statistics at the graduate level. He has published papers in Probability, Statistics and Operations Research international journals. While at UWI, he was a member of several international Mathematical and Statistical organisations. He sat on various departmental and university committees and served as Head and Acting Head of Department on various occasions. Hydar was unable to complete his doctorate at Sussex for reasons beyond his control and was only able to do so late in his career, with the encouragement of his friend, Professor Winston Richards of Penn State Uni-

versity and the support of his family. He registered for the Ph.D. at UWI, with his colleague, Dr. Robin Antoine and Professor C.R. Rao, F.R.S., of Penn State University, as his supervisors. And so, in 2001 at the age of fifty-seven, he successfully defended his doctoral thesis in Statistics. While at UWI Mona, Hydar was active in the Islamic Society there and served as its Secretary for some time, and when he joined the St. Augustine campus, he together with Nazira (who was a student at that time but not yet his wife) and a few other students founded the Islamic Society of UWI (now called UWIIS) in 1969. The UWIIS is still very active on campus. Hydar has been part of the Is-

lamic work of Trinidad and Tobago throughout his adult life. He was among the brothers who established the Islamic Trust in 1975 and served as its Chairman from 1979 to 1981. He was also one of the founders of and remains active in the Islamic Da'wah Movement. He was involved in the creation of the Muslim Credit Union and

served in several capacities in it. Before the days of local Islamic cable television, he was involved in the production of the weekly television programme "Focus on Islam", in which he was at times, Presenter, Interviewer and Scriptwriter. He was also very active in the various Islamic Youth Camps.

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Making the Move to Assisted Living Senior Housing

Whether your search for senior housing is prompted by a serious medical condition or the desire for a lifestyle change, finding the right place to live can be challenging and stressful for both you and your family. However, the earlier you assess your current needs and how those needs may evolve over time, the more choices and control you'll have. By learning about the different types of senior housing available, you can make the choice that's right for you and ensure you enjoy a happy, healthy, and fulfilling home environment as you age.

What is senior housing?

Aging is a time of adaptation and change, and planning your future housing needs is an important part of ensuring that you continue to thrive as you get older. Of course, every older adult is different, so the senior housing choice that's right for one person may not be suitable for you. The key to making the best choice is to match your housing with your lifestyle, health, and financial needs. This may mean modifying your own home to make it safer and more comfortable, or it could mean moving to a housing facility with more support and social options available on site. It could even involve enrolling in a network of like-minded people to share specialized services, or moving to a retirement community, an apartment building where the majority of tenants are over the age of 65, or even a nursing home. When deciding on the senior housing plan that's right for you, it's important to consider not only the needs you have now but also those you may have in the future:

Physical and medical needs. As you age, you may need some help with physical needs, including *activities of daily living*. This could range from shopping, cleaning, cooking, and looking after pets to intensive help with bathing, moving around, and eating. You or a loved one may also need increasing help with medical needs. These could arise from a sudden condition, such as a heart attack or stroke, or a more gradual condition that slowly needs more and more care, such as [Alzheimer's disease](#).

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Don't Be Ungrateful

For instance, we are all aware that currently, there is considerable flooding in Nigeria, Philippines, India, North Carolina, etc. There is drought in Afghanistan, Mongolia, and in parts of Ethiopia, to name a few. There is famine and hunger in Chad, Sierra Leone, Yemen, Sudan Ethiopia etc. Some of the poorest countries are Haiti, Uganda, Yemen, and Mozambique. Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Liberia and many others barely have any health care and so diseases spread very rampantly. There are not enough doctors, no painkillers, not enough medical supplies to ease the pain and suffering of those afflicted by sickness. There is no clean water in Uganda, Mozambique, Niger, etc.; which causes extreme thirst, hunger, no access to clean clothes or daily baths (all of which we take for granted). There are refugees, who have been driven out of their homes and desperately seeking asylum from other countries. There are

children desperate for a safe place, because of human traffickers. Now let us reexamine our lives and we can surely see just how wealthy we are, because wealth is not measured by our bank accounts and our assets; but by all the abundance of blessings that Allah (SWT) gives us every day. Reminder to myself and all of us, let us take time, out of the time that Allah has blessed us with, to thank Him and to be good servants to Him. Let us try to help others in need and also make dua for those who are in unbearable and dangerous conditions, and let us make a concerted effort to help out in whatever way we can. May Allah (SWT) guide us all to be better Muslims and to always be grateful to Him for all His bounties. May He forgive us and have mercy on us and all our brothers and sisters who are suffering all over the world, and grant us all His Jannatul Firdaus. Ameen. ○

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By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

CRIMES AND IMMIGRANTS - THE MYTH

"I understand that statistics rarely change a persons' mind when the issues are so emotional and have been manipulated for political purposes but would like to end this article with words written by Rob Tibbetts, father of Mollie who was tragically killed recently allegedly by an undocumented Mexican immigrant. He wrote this because of all of the political rhetoric about keeping criminals out of the country that this tragic incident generated. "The person who is accused of taking Mollie's life is no more a reflection of the Hispanic community as white supremacists are of all white people. To suggest otherwise is a lie. Justice in my

America is blind. This person will receive a fair trial, as it should be. If convicted, he will face the consequences society has set. Beyond that, he deserves no more attention. To the Hispanic community, my family stands with you and offers its heartfelt apology. That you've been beset by the circumstances of Mollie's death is wrong. We treasure the contribution you bring to the American tapestry in all its color and melody. And yes, we love your food. My stepdaughter, whom Mollie loved so dearly, is Latina.

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

The Importance of Zhikr

Question: What is the importance of Zhikr?

Answer: Al-Hamdulillaah Zhikr / Remembrance of Allaah is highly recommended in Qur’aan and Sunnah. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) used to make the Zhikr of Allaah regularly. In the Holy Qur’aan Ch: 2 V:152 Allaah says, “Remember me, I shall remember you and be grateful and not ungrateful.” Al-Quraan Ch:13 V:28 Allaah says, ”Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allaah: for without doubt in the remembrance of Allaah do hearts find satisfaction. A man complained, “The laws of Islam (beside the obligatory deeds) are too heavy for me, so tell me something that I can easily follow,” the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) told him, “Let your tongue be always busy with the Zhikr of Allaah.” “The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said, ‘When you pass by a garden of Paradise, avail yourselves to it.’ The companions asked, ‘What are the gardens, O Messenger of Allaah?’ The Prophet Muhammad (SA.W) replied “The assemblies or circles of Zhikr. There are some angels of Allaah who go about looking for such assemblies of Zhikr, and when they find them they surround them.” Many a times people gather in a group and talk about trivial and irrelevant matters. Participating in such vain conversations is clearly not recommended in Islam. Therefore, we should constantly remember Allaah (SWT) and do Zhikr. The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said: “If people sit in an assembly in which they do not remember Allaah nor invoke blessing on the Prophet Muhammad (SAW), it will be a cause of grief for them on the Day of Judgment.” The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) narrated: “Allaah (SWT) says: ‘I am to my servant as he expects of Me, I am with him when he remembers Me. If he remembers Me in his heart, I remember him to Myself, and if he remembers Me in an assembly, I mention him in an assembly better than his, and if he draws nearer to Me a hand’s span, I draw nearer to him an arm’s length, if he comes near Me a Cubit, I draw nearer to him a fathom length, and if he comes to Me walking I run to him.”

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WHO’S WHO IN AMERICA

AZHAR DALAL

Azhar Dalal was born and raised in South Florida. Azhar completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Miami, completed Medical School at Nova Southeastern University, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida, and is currently a Practicing Physician in South Florida. Azhar has attended DeenIntensive, Rihla, and Dowra Study Programs throughout the years studying the sacred Islamic Sci-



Dr. Azhar Dalal

ences with various traditional scholars. Azhar is involved in various community organizations and projects, which include Deen Intensive Foundation, Nur Center, COSMOS, Youth Coalition of South Florida, and is a Board Member of the Islamic Center of Greater Miami, as well as a Board Member of the UHI Free Community Health Clinic. Azhar loves working with the youth and enjoys serving others and all of humanity in any way that he can. Azhar is married to Dr. Tehsin Siddiqui and has 3 children.



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**CRIMES AND IMMIGRANTS
THE MYTH**

Her sons — Mollie’s cherished nephews and my grandchildren — are Latino. That means I am Hispanic. I am African. I am Asian. I am European. My blood runs from every corner of the Earth because I am American. As an American, I have one tenet: to respect every citizen of the world and actively engage in the ongoing pursuit to form a more perfect union. Given that, to knowingly foment discord among races is a disgrace to our flag.”

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Making the Move to Assisted Living Senior Housing

Submitted by Dr. Jaffer

Home maintenance. If you're living alone, your current home may become too difficult or too expensive to maintain. You may have health problems that make it hard to manage tasks such as housework and yard maintenance that you once took for granted.

Social and emotional needs. As you age, your social networks may change. Friends or family may not be as close by, or neighbors may move or pass on. You may no longer be able to continue driving or have access to public transportation in order to meet up with family and friends. Or you simply may want to expose yourself to more social opportunities and avoid becoming isolated and housebound.

Financial needs. Modifying your home and long-term care can both be expensive, so balancing the care you need with where you want to live requires careful evaluation of your budget.

This Post was submitted by Susan Williams – For More Info on Assisted Living Types: [Senior Housing](#)

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HELPING OTHERS EQUALS HELPING OURSELVES!

By Bro. Al Mustapha

Many of us can, the big question is...will we? We don't have to wait until we die for our children to hopefully give Sadaqah Jariyah (continuous charity) for us, we can do as much as we can for ourselves while we're alive! Hopefully in this season of resolutions and commitments we will step up for the pleasure of Allah and then for our own benefit while we have the life and health and before we go back to Allah SWT, In shaa Allah. May Allah SWT make it easy for us to do so, and give us the motivation and courage and most importantly the Iman and Taqwa especially in this new year of 1440 / 2019 to be better believers, Ameen. May Allah SWT accept all the efforts and good deeds of our dear brother and bless him and his family and also us and our families with the best in this world and the very best in the hereafter with Jannatul Firdaus without reckoning, Ameen!



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PROFILE OF A MATHEMATICIAN

Submitted by Bro. Hamzad

Hydar spent several summers at Penn State University in the USA as a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Statistics and was the Khatib at the nearby Islamic Center of Central Pennsylvania for several Jumu'ahs. During one of these visits, he delivered the Friday Khutbah at the Rockview Prison in Benner Township. Hydar had the distinction of being appointed an Independent Senator in the fourth Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago (1991-1995). This was the first time that a Muslim held this post and it was also the first time a Muslim, Noor Hassanali, was President of the country. Hydar's father was Imam of the Phoenix Park Masjid for over fifty years and when he passed away in 1989, the Jama'ah appointed him as Imam, a position he still holds. He was appointed a Muslim Marriage Officer in 1991 by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. He still teaches in the Maktab and from time to time he has run courses for members of the Masjid. The ingredients for the recipe of success in Mathematics are quite evident from Br. Hydar Ali's given credentials. It is therefore incumbent on aspiring Mathematical intellectuals to take a page from his book and ascend the rungs of the ladder of greatness. I will leave with you a quote by Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him): **“Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.”**

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THE FAREWELL SERMON OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S.A.W)

Submitted by Bro. Farooq Shafi

They were to learn of the equality of all people in front of Allaah SWT and the desired humility because, he said “You all descend from Adam (AS) and Adam (AS) was created from dirt. The most noble in the sight of Allaah SWT is the most pious. No Arab is superior to a non-Arab, except by their intimate consciousness of Allaah SWT [piety].” He reiterated the need for tolerance to people of all denominations: “an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over a black, nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action”. The holy Prophet SAW reminded all Muslims to treat their wives gently and added: “Be intimately conscious of Allaah SWT as regards women, and strive to be good to them.” He then added, as if to show the way and its conditions to all the faithful present and all those who were to follow his teachings through the ages: “I have left among you what will, if you keep to it firmly, preserve you from error: clear guidance, the Book of Allaah SWT and His (Prophet's) tradition.” After each teaching that he reminded them of, the Prophet SAW added: ‘Have I conveyed the Message? O Allaah SWT, be my witness!’ At the end of the sermon, the pilgrims answered: “We bear witness that you have faithfully conveyed the message, that you have fulfilled your mission, and that you have given your community good advice.”

Concluding the sermon, the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) Allaah Knows Best

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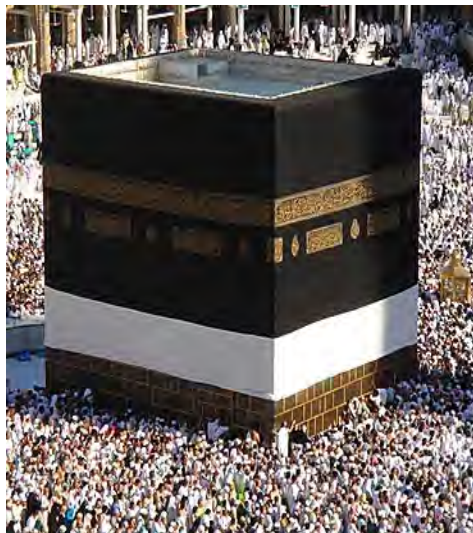
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