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Hurricane Irma has come, and Hurricane Irma has also gone Mash'Allaah. Allah Akbar! The winds have come, the winds have gone; but the signs of ALLAH SWT should still be in our hearts. You see brothers and sisters, ALLAH Fahad Mirza



SWT presents us an infinite amount of signs on a daily basis. ALLAH SWT, in HIS (SWT) Qudrat (might), in his power, HE (SWT) has many different ways in teaching us lessons. Some examples being sickness, death, problems, disasters, calamities, difficulties. Sometimes, things happen in our lives, and they may be a means to putting us back on the straight path. Sometimes things happen in our lives as difficulties as a test, for ALLAH SWT to keep us on the Sirat-tul-mustageem (straight path) because we have everything. So hence, the reason why these things become our trials and test to strengthen our Imaan (faith) and make us a better people. We have just gone through the hurricane, and some of us are cleaning up our houses, fixing and repairing what needs to be fixed and repaired, some of us are waiting for our electricity to be put back on and there is much to do; but, did we ponder over the Qudrat (might) of Allah SWT during the days of the Hurricane? I know while most people, and the millions of people were worried about flooding, electricity, repairing their homes. It's interesting how perspective is important. I was in South Korea when Hurricane Irma was in Florida, and I had a different picture in my mind. I was following the Hurricane and monitoring the news stations, but my perspective and vision was different. I was watching the Friday Khutbah online and I also saw that a lot more people came to Jumah Salah on time, probably because they wanted to pray in advance that the Hurricane doesn't hit them. The Hurricane has gone, and people have gone back to their old ways 'Innal Insaana Li Rabihi LaQanood" - Allah SWT knows that human beings are ungrateful to Allah SWT. We have benefited by the bounty of Allah SWT that we have dodged the hurricane, instead of going towards South Florida, it went out West Florida. Do we make shukr to Allah SWT? How many people prayed (2) rakats to thank Allah SWT that HE (SWT) has saved us from the hurricane?! I'm sure many of us were praying before, "Ya Allah (SWT), save us!" After the hurricane has passed, people were saved, their homes were saved, and their cars were saved, their families were saved; did we really pray (2) rakats salah to thank Allah SWT?! This reminds me of Rasoolullah (SAW), when the Sahabas (RA) would ask him (SAW); Ya Rasoolullah (SAW), your feet are so swollen in praying Salah [Nafl salah, not the Fards]. Why do you have to pray so much when your past sins, presents sins and future sins are all forgiven?! Rasoolullah (SAW) answered, "Should I not at least make the shukr (gratefulness, thankfulness) to Allah SWT?"

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REVEREND'S CORNER

By Rev. Thomas Graf / Professor at BC College, Florida,

TWO WOLVES LIVING WITHIN YOU

As I sit here to reflect and write this article for Al-Hikmat, I am keenly aware that here in

The Keys, throughout Florida, in many places throughout our nation and clearly world-wide, there have been calamities that have affected the lives of many, many people. There is suffering, pain, despair, attempts at recovery and much Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Yet, I cannot help but also be aware of the many, many people who have stepped forward to offer help and assistance. More so, much of this help has come from people of different faiths, cultures, and backgrounds than those of the people they are assisting. Such is very encouraging. However, when things begin to settle, and "near normal" begins to unfold, will we remember the healing hands of a neighbor who perhaps holds some different thoughts, beliefs and philosophies than we do. How do we react and can this/these tragedies be transformative rather than devisive. From the beginning of time, we have records of humanity's attempts to destroy one another. Yet, also from the beginning of time, we know of individuals and groups that have risen as beacons of light amidst and despite such negativity. What makes the difference? I remember hearing a wise tale that a grandfather shared with his beloved grandson. His grandson adored him, and often sat as his feet to hear his many stories. This time the grandfather said, "You must always remember my son, that there are two wolves living within you. One is evil, filled with hatred, jealously, prejudice and who wants to always inflict harm. The other is good, filled with kindness, forgiveness, understanding, mercy and who always wants to be a source of peace. "The young boy thought long and hard, and then questioned his grandfather: "If these two wolves are within me, and they are so different, which of the two will eventually win and take control." The grandfather responded, "The one you feed." Which one do we feed? I believe our answer might allow us to respond properly to the question about how we can make a difference in a world that continues to witness both sides of humanity. As I sit here this day and reflect on past devastation(s) I believe the answer lies within each and every one of us. As I reflect on the devastations of war, another particular instance surfaces that occurred during WWII, the bombing of Coventry Cathedral in England. I am also keenly aware of that faith community's response that led to the development of the "Community of the Cross of Nails." Rather than seek vengeance upon their aggressors, they decided to ask for reconciliation.

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QIYAS

The Hanafis, Shafi'is and the Malikis hold that if the number of dissentients be not large, then the majority view though not absolute, is valid and of binding authority. The reason for unanimity is that whereas

an individual jurist is liable to err, unanimity is a quality that raises presumption of infallibility in a favour of the entire body. According to Hanafis, Malikis and generally Shafi'is an ijma is complete after the jurists of an age have had sufficient time to deliberate and then arrived at an agreement. The version of Hanbal and some Shafi' doctors is that it is not complete until all of the jurists who arrived at a conclusion are dead without any one having withdrawn his assent or changed his opinion. The general view of the Sunni School is that a question decided by ijma cannot be reopened by individual jurists of the same or subsequent age unless the decision is one in which a particular jurist had differed. Ijma of an age may be reversed or repealed by a subsequent ijma of the same age and an ijma of one age may be repealed by an ijma of a subsequent age except an ijma arrived at by the companions of the Prophet, which is unrepealable and as such incapable of being repealed later. A decision constituted by ijma may be expressed in words known or by practice of the jurists called (fa'ili). In both cases it can either be regular or irregular. If the mujtahids severally declare their opinion in words, the ijma so constituted will be regular. But if some observe silence without expressing dissent, it will be irregular. Similarly in the case of ijma by practice if the mujtahids adopt a particular view of the law, it will be regular, and if some do not indicate dissent it will be irregular. Some Hanafi doctors make no difference between regular and irregular ijma, but some Shafi's, some Malikis, some Mu'tazilis and the Zahiris do not recognize the validity of irregular ijma at all. As to the number of jurists participating in the deliberations, Hanafis and Malikis do not consider that the number should be large. But some say that it should not be less

QIYAS - Qiyas or analogy is a source of law for the applicability of which the basis is reason, logic or opinion. This was necessitated by occurrence of new cases due to passage of time and expansion of the Islamic State and was a development on individual free thought, ra'y, through more systematic reasoning on the existing sources viz; Qur'an and Sunnah. All the four Sunni Schools are agreed that in matters not provided for by a Qur'anic text or tradition nor determined by consensus of opinion, law may be deduced from what has been laid down by any of the other three authorities by the use of Qiyas. The function of analogy is stretched to extension of the law of the texts to cases not falling within the purview of its terms.

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Sister Sylmerie

SISTER'S CORNER

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha / Coral Springs, Florida

DO NOT Insult & Ridicule OTHERS

"O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may

be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers. [Qur'an 49:11] Abu Huraira (RA) reported: A bedouin urinated in the mosque, and the people rushed to beat him. Allah's Messenger (SAW) ordered them to leave him and pour a bucket or a tumbler (full) of water over the place where he had passed urine. The Prophet then said, "You have been sent to make things easy (for the people) and you have not been sent to make things difficult for them." The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: "Anybody who believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm his neighbor, and anybody who believes in Allah and the Last Day should entertain his guest generously, and anybody who believes in Allah and the Last Day should talk what is good or keep quiet". (I.e. abstain from all kinds of evil and dirty talk)." (Al-Bukhari) When a Christian delegation from Ethiopian churches came to Medina, the Prophet opened up his mosque for them to stay in, hosted them generously, and personally served them meals. He said: They were generous to our companions, so I wish to be generous to them in person..."narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Sahih Al Bukhari, Vol: 8 Hadith 47. The above event leads right into the next incident, which happened recently at a local masjid. During Ramadan, just before breaking fast in the masjid, a young woman walked over to the area where many sisters were waiting to break their fast. This young woman was not a muslim, and was not wearing a hijab. As she went to enter the door of the masjid, these responsible sisters started talking about her loudly, staring at her and then one of them verbally attacked the young woman yelling at her "to get out of here, you don't belong here". These insults literally brought this young woman to tears. She was frozen in utter disbelief and embarrassment, while the sisters continued to insult her. Thankfully, some other kindhearted sisters came to her aid to talk and comfort her. Choking back her tears, the young woman explained that she came to find out more about Islam. She did not know that she had to wear the hijab, before entering the mosque. The compassionate sisters reassured her that this behavior from the antagonistic sisters was unacceptable and definitely not tolerated in Islam. The young woman gently said, she did not want to come back to the mosque and she walked away. Now, let us step back and ask ourselves, were the sisters pleased with their actions?

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DEPRESSIONS OF THE FAITHLESS SOCIETY

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

God declares in the Our'an that He has cre-Dr. Harun Yahya ated mankind according to a certain disposi-

tion: "So set you your face steadily and truly to the Faith: (establish) God's handiwork according to the pattern on which He has made mankind." (Qur'an, 30:30) The disposition of mankind relies on being a servant to God and having faith in Him. Since man is unable to meet his unlimited wishes and needs by himself, he naturally needs to humble himself before God and turn to Him. If the individual lives in accordance with this disposition, he attains true confidence, peace, happiness and salvation. If he denies this disposition and turns away from God, he spends his life in distress, fear, anxiety and grief. This rule, which is true for man, also holds true for societies. If a society is comprised of people who believe in God, it becomes a just, peaceful, happy and wise society. Unquestionably, the opposite also holds true. If a society is unaware of God, then the order of such a community is basically ruined, corrupt and primitive. When societies that have turned away from God are examined, this fact is readily seen. One of the most important results of irreligious thought is the abolishment of the concept of morality and the development of completely corrupt societies. In a society where people live only for the satisfaction of their own desires, it surely is not possible to maintain peace, love and amity. In such a society, human relations depend on mutual interests. An extreme feeling of distrust prevails. When there is no reason for one to be sincere, honest, reliable or well-behaved, nothing stands in the way of dissimulation, falsehood, or betrayal. The members of such societies have "cast God away behind their backs (with contempt)" (Qur'an, 11:92) and thus never acknowledged the fear of God. Since they cannot "make a just estimate of God," they are unmindful of the day of judgement and the day of account. This situation naturally brings on the ethical degeneration and moral collapse that we see in many societies today. When every individual thinks of nothing but the satisfaction of his own needs and desires, everyone else, including his family and friends, have secondary importance. Other individuals in society have no importance whatsoever. Not knowing by whom, when or how misdeeds will be committed in such a society, people live spiritually in a condition of great fear and distress. General distrust and suspicion cause them to lead very unhappy lives. In a society where all kinds of moral values are disregarded, the outlook of people on notions such as family, honesty and chastity is quite alarming, for they have no fear of God.

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SPENDING ALLAAH (SWT)

Bro. Farooq Shafi

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

There are many Muslims, who believe that Allaah SWT expects nothing more from them, than to go through the daily, weekly and yearly rituals, without stretching themselves and making sacrifices for the sake of their communities and for others in distress. These Muslims seem to think, that their prayer, their fasting and Hajj alone will earn the pleasure of Allaah SWT and secure their place in paradise. Some of them even become so outwardly pious and self-righteous, that their main pleasure is to debate the finer details of some minor issue, quoting Quran and Hadíth at length. It is, as if their concern for these tiny technicalities will somehow make up for their lack of involvement with the real pressing problems of the day. These people are what we might call, formal Muslims, because they are more concerned about the form, than with the substance, of Islam. Can they be right? Is this attitude enough? Will Allaah SWT accept us as mere formal Muslims? Can we really attain the goal of truly righteous Believers by only observing our prayers in a narrow, formal way, and caring for little else? In Surah Al Baqara, 2:v177 we read, "It is not righteousness that you turn your faces toward East or West. But it is righteousness to believe in Allaah SWT and the Last Day and the Angels and the Book and the Messengers. To spend of your substance out of love for Him, for your kin, for orphans, for the needy, for the wayfarer, for those who ask and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer and to practice regular charity. To fulfil the contracts which ye have made; and to be firm and patient in pain (or suffering) and adversity and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth the Allaah SWTfearing." In one beautiful, sweeping and inspiring verse, we are told precisely, what "righteousness" really means. The truly righteous Muslim, is not one who simply faces east or west in ritual prayer. It is one whose whole life has been dedicated to the service of Allaah SWT, and of all His creatures. A true believer's heart is full of fear and reverence and respect for his Lord. These are the qualities of Al Muttagee, one whose heart is full of taqwa. We must believe sincerely in all that Allaah SWT teaches us through his Books and Messengers. And then, just as important, we must carry out those beliefs. We must translate them into Action. Without action, our beliefs have no meaning. Doing our duties to Allaah SWT, therefore, cannot be separated from doing our duties to our fellow human beings. For this reason, we find that in no less than 18 places The Holy Qur'an uses the expression: "Establish the prayer, and practice regular charity." The one is a duty we owe to Allaah SWT, the other is a duty we owe to our fellow human beings.

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ISLAM IS THE RELIGION OF LOVE

Lecture by Mufti Menk Written by Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA

Our Beloved Prophet (pbuh) was sent to guide us to love and to make clear that love is the cornerstone of our religion. No religion urges its followers to adopt mutual love and affection like the religion of Islam. Islam encourages showing affection and love towards each other at all times. Love in Islam is all-encompassing; it is not restricted to one form only, which is love between a man and a woman. At the center of it all is love for the Almighty and His Messenger (pbuh), the Companions, may He be pleased with them and the love of good and righteous people. Islam enjoins the general concept of love between mankind as well. This is first and foremost done by promoting the love of the Almighty amongst us. Learn to love that which the Almighty loves and do not stop remembering Him. Serve and worship Him alone and don't associate with Him any other and be ever conscious of Him. Many of us find it easy to express love for the Almighty verbally but unfortunately our actions don't reflect that love for Him. How can we claim to love Him when we take what He has revealed lightly, don't follow His commands, and fail to behave in a way that pleases Him? Many times we find that love missing from our hearts because our hearts are filled instead with doubts, vain desires, and temptations of this temporary life. To counter these, we need to firm up our beliefs. We need a better overall spiritual perspective in order to counter desires and temptations. We also need to clear those doubts that hinder the instilling of the love for the Almighty by learning more about our Deen and seeking knowledge from reliable and approved sources. Many of us spend a lot of time and effort to gain the love and pleasure of others and sometimes we may do it at the expense of disobeying the Almighty's commands. We should realize that such things are futile and don't last. They will earn us nothing but His wrath and displeasure. On the other hand, if we focus on cultivating His love in our hearts, we will not only get His love but He will instill our love in the hearts of others as well. Love is so central to Islam that without it there can be no real faith. The relationship of love between us and our Creator, between us and others, and between us and all of creation is essential to reaching our full potential as human beings. When we nourish our hearts with love, when we manifest His love in our lives; with our families, with our friends, in our work, in our prayers, in everything that we do, the entire meaning of life changes. May the Almighty bless us with His love and the love of those who love Him. May He fill our hearts with love. Aameen.



Mr. Gary S. Roen

Book Reviews

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

Name of Book: Settle For More

Author: Megyn Kelly Harper / Harper Collins Publishers 195 Broadway New York, New York 10007

"Settle For More" is a shining example of what you can do if you want to change your life. For 9 years Megyn Kelly worked as a very successful attorney but something was missing in her life. She had always wanted to be a journalist. For whatever reason she did not do what she wanted until one day she saw a television show that changed her life forever. She realized then she could do much better and that she was the person who controlled her destiny by striving for something better. For other people in similar situations "Settle For More" is a positive message that shows you can get everything you want and more if you take the first step to do so.

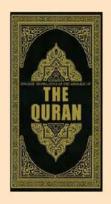
Name of Book: Family Many Lives One Story Author: Victoria Noorzai / Legacy Book Publishing 1883 Lee Road, Winter Park Fl 32789

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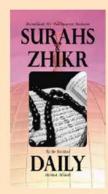
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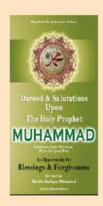


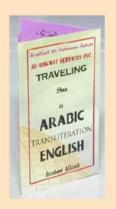


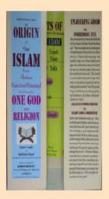


















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A LIFE WASTED

Submitted by Bro. Taj Siddique / Florida USA

After 73 years on this planet, every new morning is getting me closer to my final destination, when I will be facing my cre-

ator. Allah will ask me, oh my servant, I have granted you a long life, and I have given you time, wealth, dignity, and intelligence. I have blessed you with good health, decent education, loving caring parents, and obedient children. I have given you a life that millions of other humans dream of. What have you done with this life. What are your accomplishments. On that day, in-front of my creator, I will be standing with empty hands, with my head down, and my face deep in embarrassment. I have nothing to show, except three well raised children, and even that credit goes to

Our beloved prophet (PBUH) received the first verse of Quran at 40 and passed away from this world at the age of 63. In this 23 years (20 solar years) he revolutionized the world. The first 13 years in Mecca were full of struggles and only during the short period of the last ten years in Medina, he established Allah's religion. Not in books and speeches, but in real every day practical lives on this earth. I cannot compare myself to our beloved Prophet (PBUH), but I have his clear example to follow. I have been in United States for over 45 years, and have achieved nothing for my religion, for my country or even for my community.

There are thousands of more qualified engineers and more intelligent human beings than me. However, Allah selected me to go to the United states, and granted me high level engineering career, dignified status, prosperity, and wisdom. I was given all the time and resources and the position to do good for my fellow humans. However, I always placed my own interest above any other noble deed. I acquired property, bank accounts, nice cars and other ma-

terialistic goals. In order to suppress my guilt, I gave some charities, a little handout, some left overs.

So, on the day when I will face my creator, with empty hands and my head down in embarrassment, I will reply to my Lord, my Rab, Oh Allah, you gave me everything except one. I have no courage. I am a coward person, and I was never able to stand up for myself, or my goals. I always compromised and said yes sir. I always accepted the results and never tried to defeat others for my advantages. With all your blessings and your gifts, I always remained a no-name, dull, below average, less than an ordinary human being. Yes, my Lord, I have not fulfilled my duties. A lifetime without any accomplishment is a life wasted. Yes my Lord, I have wasted this precious life that you have granted me on this earth, and I have returned to face you with empty

The end is near, and I can feel the finish line. Today I am very frustrated, suffocated and depressed to the point that I do not believe in Duaa anymore. However, I raise these empty hands for may be the last time. Oh my Lord, my Rab, Oh Allah, please grant me a peaceful death with Iman. Please grant me forgiveness. You are Rahman

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By: An Anonymous Sister

Dear A'ishah: What can I do to help when visiting a sick person? A'ishah, can you please advise?

Sincerely,

Visiting the Sick

Dear Visiting the Sick:

Whenever Allah's Messenger (SAW) paid a visit to a patient, or a patient was brought to him, he used to invoke Allah, saying, "Take away the disease O the Lord of the people! Cure him as You are the One who cures. There is no cure **but** Yours, a cure that leaves no disease."

Sincerely, A'ishah

Get acquainted with "Ask A'ishah", the provocative column that answers inquiries from readers who seek her advice and narrations based upon the authentic Hadith of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It's scholarly, inquisitive and contains witty, sage advice to husbands, wives, teenagers, families and everyone else in between.

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HURRICANE IRMA

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HEREAFTER PREPARATION

Summarized by Bro. Fahad Mirza

He(SAW) didn't pass through a hurricane, but he (SAW) was making the shukr to Allah SWT. As human beings; we suffer from the quality of forgetfulness. We so easily forget! We ask Allah SWT for everything, to not harm our families, our businesses, our lives. When Allah SWT's help and assistance comes, do we really remember Allah SWT? Do we really thank Allah SWT? Do we really get back to what the Qur'an and Sunnah has taught us? My brothers and sisters, it's interesting that Allah SWT teaches us by signs. Nowadays, you have so many trials and calamities happening all over the world! The shortcomings that we have, the Salah, the Zakat, the Haji; what about all these orders that we were short on? Why do we not ask ALLAH SWT for forgiveness?! What about our eternal homes? We were so preoccupied and concerned about our families from the winds of Irma, what about being concerned about saving our families from the hell fire?!

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AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

Al-Hikmat Da'wah/Interfaith Trip To Philippines - Hong Kong - South Korea



Shaikh Shafayat delivering the Jumua Khutba in the Philippines



Shaikh Shafayat Meeting in Hong Kong

Aug. 22nd, 2017 - Sept. 13th, 2017 Al-Hamdulillaah- Shaikh Shafayat delivered the Jumua Khutba at the Blue Mosque of Maharlika Taguig Philippines, where over 1,000 people were in attendance. He also discussed Da'wah and Interfaith activities with Kowloon Masiid Executive



Photo above: 30,000 people at the Interreligious International Clergy Conference for World Peace in South Korea.

Board (the largest Mosque in Hong Kong. Imam Elahi, Dr. Hamdy and Shaikh Shafayat were also special guests of Imam Abdur Rahman, the Imaam of the Central Masjid of Seoul, South Korea- the largest Masjid in South Korea. Imaam Elahi of Detroit, Dr. Hamdy of California and Shaikh Shafayat of Florida were the Muslim representatives of the USA, invited by ACLC (American Clergy Leadership Council) to attend the Interreligious International Clergy Conference for World Peace in South Korea.

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Central Masjid of Seoul, South Korea Photo from right: President Dr. Choi, Imaam Elahi, Imam Abdur Rahman, Dr. Hamdy & Shaikh Shafayat.

IUMUA KHUTBA AT IFSF



Photos above: On Friday October 13th, 2017 Shaikh Shafayat was invited to deliver the Khutbah at IFSF in Sunrise, Florida USA. IFSF is one of the largest Islamic Center in the State of Florida. MaaShaa Allaah.



Who's Who in America

Hurricane Relief in USA Guest: Bro. Abdul Rauf Host: Shaikh Shafavat



Global Issues

Muslims & Politics GUEST: BRO. IMTIAZ MOHAMMAD Host: Shaikh Shafayat



Global Issues

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Politics in America

Guest: Bro. Suhail Nanji Host: Shaikh Shafayat Host: Shaikh Shafayat



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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

Yom Kippur Interfaith Dialogue



Photo above: Rabbi Barry Silver from Congregation La Dor Va Dor, Boca Raton celebrated Yom Kippur on Sat. Sept. 30th, 2017. He organized an Interfaith Dialogue at Santaluces High School, Lantana Florida. There were leaders who represented different faiths such as, Bahai, Hindu, Christian, Athiest and Islam.

Palm Beach County Democratic Party Gala Dinner



Photos above: Palm Beach County Democratic Party Gala Dinner at West Palm Beach Marriot. The event was held on Saturday October 7th 2017. / In the audience were, Congressmen, Senators and Commissioners plus the Governor of Virginia Terry McAuliffe. An invocation were performed by Rabbi Winer, Pastor Lea, Pastor Nick and Shaikh Shafayat.



Islam Today at Miami Dade College



Photo on left:

Al-Hamdulillaah and Jazaak Allaah Khairaa to Dr. Jaffer and his family for their generous donation of \$75,000.00 towards Islamic studies at Miami Dade College Florida USA-MaaShaa Allaah.

Senior Citizen Services

Photo on right: On Oct. 18th, 2017 a special program was coordinated by Sis. Naima Khan-Ghany with services / activities for Senior Citizens in the Community at Al-Hikmat Da'wah recreation Center in Pembroke Pines, Florida



USA. All are welcome to join and participate in this community services program for Senior Citizens every Wednesday from 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Da'wah in Mexico



Photo above: EL-Hajj Arnold Akbar Shariff from Miami, Fl. USA recently visited the dessert of Mexico. Bro. Sharif also travelled 7,000 miles from Miami Florida to the Republic of Panama. The purpose of his trip was in memory of his late wife Sis. Judith Sabreen Sharif, victim of the Multiple Myloma Cancer in Playa Leona La Mitra, Panama. Bro. Sharif gave out Da'wah materials during his trip.

SOUTH FLORIDA MUSLIM FEDERATION



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah - On October 8th, 2017 South Florida Muslim Community Leadership held a retreat at Marriott Hotel, Coral Springs Florida- where they agreed upon many key decisions. The retreat was sponsored by Bro. Khalid Mirza and the Guest Speaker was Bro. Abdullah Mitchell from Chicago, Illinois. MaaShaa Allaah.

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YOM KIPPUR

Dear Shaikh Shafayat & Rabbi Silver, My wife Sherita and I enjoyed the Yom Kippur event on Saturday September 30th, 2017. We are grateful for the teaching of tolerance through the leadership you both provide by walking your talk. This world needs more spiritual leaders such as yourselves that are in love with humanity and justice for all! *Sincerely*,

Eduardo / Boca Raton, Florida USA

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,
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Praise be to Allaah! My name is Jerry Graham, Muslim name is Siddiq. I am a Muslim in need of a little book called: Fortress for Muslims, prayers before and after. I have no money and I'm in prison. Could you please help and if possible, the Ninety Nine Names of Allaah as well, please. Thank you!

Bro. Siddig / Texas

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MUSLIM MATHEMATICIANS OF A GOLDEN PAST

By Br. Hamzad Mohammed
T.T.U.T.A.'s Teacher of the Year 2013, Trinidad, WI

Ilm (knowledge) is a vital tool needed for the success of Muslims if we are to shape this world of ours. Many Muslims of centuries (7th to 13th) gone by took up such a responsibility and lit the world with a daz-

zling array of discoveries and developments in the academic domain of mathematics. Those centuries were regarded as the golden age of Muslim learning. Towering above most as a mathematician and known for his intellectual rigour was Al-Khwarizmi of the ninth century in the Arab world. His mathematical treatise or work "Al-Jabr wa Al-Muqabala" (Book of Calculations, Restoration and Reduction) was a pivitol point in academia as from the book's title (the phrase al jabr) the name algebra originated, hence him being known as the Father of Algebra. A translation of that algebra book by Al-Khwarizmi from Arabic to Latin was done in 1145 by Robert of Chester an Englishman. Al -Khwarizmi also authored many other books in mathematics, one of them being an arithmetic text that was translated a few times. All of Khwarizmi's mathematical works were colossal in their influences. Another class mathematician was Al-Karaji, a Persian of the 10th century. His inputs ran the gamut of mathematics viz. arithmetic, algebra and geometry. The method of proof by mathematical induction was developed and made famous by him. Al- Kafi fi Al-Hisab' (Essentials of Arithmetic) was one of two famous books written by him and which provided computational guidelines or rules thus others' claim of his arithmetization of algebra. In the 13th century came a brilliant mathematician from Persia and he was Al-Tusi. Spherical trigonometry became his specialty. One should not forget the giant in mathematics known as Al-Biruni (973-1050 CE). Among his grandiose accomplishments was his calculation of the earth's circumference in a unique way. Straddling both fields of poetry and mathematics was a bulb that glowed in the early 12th century and one who was a versatile genius, Omar Khayyam. This mathematician shone in algebraic geometry. However, Omar Khayyam was in many circles more recognized in the literary sphere of poetry. Other Muslim mathematicians who excelled were ibn Qurra (9th century), ibn Sinan, and al-Uqlidisi (10th century), al-Haytham (Alhazen) of the 11th century and the 13th century pair of al-Farisi and al-Marrakushi. Since the articles focuses on mathematics, I would pose a problem of that nature to tickle one's imagination: There are five numbers A, B, C, D and E. The sum of the five numbers is divided by the product of five specially selected factors (one suitable factor chosen from each of the five numbers) and results in a 1) Quotient of forty-two and a 2) Remainder that is equal to (Product of factors- Sum of factors). Find the five numbers A, B, C, D and E that will satisfy the conditions of 1) and 2) above in the problem. Let us all wet our feet in mathematics to better understand and develop the world in which we live.

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Dr. Mohsin Jaffer

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Dr. Mohsin Jaffer / President of Senior Medical Associates

It's no myth that exercise helps increase our body's ability to live a longer life. Many people believe that in order to receive all of the benefits of exercise you need to start at a young age. While it's to your benefit

to begin exercising while young, there is no denying the importance and impact of exercise on a persons well being at any age, especially for seniors. It is common for seniors to believe there is no purpose in beginning or continuing to exercise as they age. I am here to tell you, there is a great purpose. Let me help clarify some of the myths associated with exercise and senior citizens, as well as give you some insight on the advantages physical activity can have on your body. I have too many hurdles to overcome. Consistent physical activity allows your body to decrease, or in some cases even eliminate, the risk of health conditions and illness' which may lead to increased medication intake and frequent hospitalizations. While there are inevitable physical aspects that will occur beyond your control, there are things that you can improve such as your posture and weight. It's too late for me. It is never too late to improve your health. Science has proven that elders who have taken up exercise in their later years show greater physical and mental improvements over the younger generation. What if I fall? The positive factors associated with physical fitness and seniors include the improvement of flexibility, endurance, strength and balance. As you build up your bones, your balance becomes increasingly more stable, which lessens your chances of falls and other injuries that unfortunately may occur often. You're too tired to exercise? Exercise actually improves your ability to sleep and can provide you with more energy. There's just to much for me to do. You may notice you are able to manage daily stress a lot better too. To your advantage, many of the diseases associated with aging may be prevented simply from exercising. Start off with body weight bearing exercises and slowly increase resistance to ease your body. Walk a block and increase your distance and gradually your speed each day. Consistency is key. Everything hurts, I can't exercise. If you suffer from wounds, it has been noted that with exercise, the wound-healing process speeds up. Consult with your doctor who can help you develop a personalized exercise plan that will fit your needs. Your doctor will most likely perform a physical examination on you and review your medications to be certain exercise has no effect on the medications you are taking. There is no excuse or boundary to physical fitness. Think of physical fitness as not just adding years to your life but adding life to your years. It is a good way to keep you motivated and ready to get moving.

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SPENDING FOR ALLAAH (SWT)

Submitted by Bro. Farooq Shafi

It is as though the two complement each other. Prayer without active charity would be an empty ritual, and charity that is not done in the name of Allaah SWT would have the wrong motive, and therefore be unworthy. We must "spend out of our substance, out of Love for Him..." and for that reason alone. Not for any other reason, not to massage our vanity, nor to impress other people. Spending on Zakaat, Fitra and Sadaqa should be motivated purely by our deep sense of gratitude and Love for Allaah SWT. We must constantly remind ourselves, that no matter how learned or wealthy or successful we might become, we entered this world with nothing, and we will leave it, with nothing except a record of our deeds. By spending in the way of Allaah SWT, out of love for Him, we are simply following the natural order of things, just as the fruit trees blossom in our garden, spend their lovely fragrance and delicious fruits freely on us. There is no other reason for their existence, but to glorify Allaah SWT, and to serve His creatures. It is the same with man. There is no other reason for our existence, but to glorify Allaah SWT, and to be of service to His creation. What about those who deliberately refuse to spend their wealth, their time, their talents and skills, in a way that pleases Allaah SWT? They range from the frugal, cautious with money types to those who are downright selfish, stingy & miserly. What has the Qur'an to say about them? In the last verse of Surah Muhammad [47:38] we are warned that selfishness, niggardliness, is the work of Iblees/Satan: "Behold you are those invited to spend (of your substance) in the way of Allaah: but among you are some that are niggardly. Any who are niggardly are so at the expense of their own souls. Allaah is free of all wants and it is you that are needy. If you turn back (from the Path) He will substitute in your stead another people; then they would not be like you!" Clearly, Allaah SWT does not love those who are selfish. Selfishness betrays a lack of trust, a lack of faith in Allaah's mercy.

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HUMOR

SEEKING A PERFECT HUSBAND

At a local coffee shop, a young woman was boasting to her friends of her wish to have the most perfect husband. "The man I marry must be a shining light amongst friends. He must be musical. Tell jokes and sing. Be with me wherever I am - actually, he should be someone that I can control with the tip of my finger!" An old lady walking by, overheard and said, , "Young lady, if that's all you want, get a

SMARTPHONE!!!"



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DEPRESSIONS OF THE EAITHLESS SOCIETY

By: Harun Yahya / Ankara, Turkey As stated in the verse, "Were you to follow the common run of those on earth, they will lead you away from the way of God" (Qur'an, 6:116), that most of society share a common character creates a "mass" psychology that reinforces the already-existing disbelief. God describes such societies that are unmindful of Him and the Hereafter as "ignorant" in the Our'an. Even though the members of this society may study physics, history, biology or similar sciences, they do not have the sense and conscience to acknowledge the power and might of God. And they are ignorant in that sense. Because the members of an ignorant society are not devoted to God, they go astray from His path in different ways. They follow people who are incompetent servants of God just like themselves, taking them as examples and adhering to their ideas as absolute truths. Ultimately an ignorant society ends up a closed society that increasingly blinds itself, becoming further and further divorced from reason and conscience.

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POETRY COLUMN



LADY ^{IN} ANGER

Written by: Bro. Azad Ali Chairman of Darul Uloom Institute, Florida She moves with a swagger across Barbuda

and Dominica

Mortals are helpless as they kneel in surrender, Faces bowed to this mystery of nature

Lives lost, buildings no more as she moves in anger... What lies ahead to the helpless in Barbuda

and Dominica

For they know not the destruction to come as dark clouds gather,

Overwhelmed with fear as they run to cover For they have no answer to this fury of nature!!!!

Birds take cover, paved paths submerged in water

Rooftops and tree tops mingled together, The once lush green forests stand still but now bare

Scenes of untold destruction beyond compare.

Tearful eyes now look around in despair Cries for help echoes throughout the dampened air,

All the world tearful, look on at this total devastation

As she swaggers proud, creating a litany of everlasting destruction.

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No one imagined the heartache to unfold
The insanity of man's inhumanity in a
beautiful world.

Music thus known to be the "food of love" As many a heart glow under the sky above, Evil shall not prevail over the love of man For we shall together hand in hand.....

No matter the chimes of the villainous mind

The light of love shall forever shine, Mankind was created to know one another For love and kindness shall bind us

forever!

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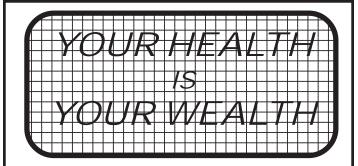
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Dr. Sheeba Rahman (left) presenting the award to Sis. Veronica Ali (right) at Al-Hikmat Annual Award Ceremony.

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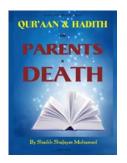
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This poem was written by me and appeared in the local Muslim magazine, 'The Trend'

This is my head, that has to bow To keep me fit, and serve the Lord This is my face, that's beauty to me The index of mind, to show more kind. My face has also a broad forehead To glorify my God in prostration A pair of ears, to hear any sound Which we hear on Quranic recitation. These are my eyes a gift from God To read and grasp the Words of Lord From the most revealed Holy books And to avoid any evil and lusty looks. To smell with nose,a beautiful rose And when you sneeze do thank Allah

On hearing this you say,

May Allah bless you

In return you pray for their guidance This mouth is to speak nothing but good The tongue that tastes all lawful food My lips that make me smile a while These are such qualities you make avail. My neck and chest, with shoulders abreast

My hips and back, are parts in me. These are my hands, with elbow and palm My fingers that count numbers to ten These are my thighs with a pair of knees

My feet has also soles and toes My legs are meant to go anywhere But then should you be always aware

To walk to places of highest learning And get the reward for God's yearning My mind's so clear of malice and ills But with LOVE to cheer all friends alike.

Do Not Insult & Ridicule OTHERS

By: Sis. Sylmerie Mustapha

Did they feel a sense of superiority when they told her off? Did they feel empowered while belittling this young lady as all their friends at the table watched? If we checked off yes to these questions, then we are no better off than the young woman, who did not know much about Islam. Thankfully, most of us would not have reacted in this negative way; however, the worrisome fact is that this type of behavior of judging and criticizing others (muslims or non-muslims) happens very frequently amongst responsible adult sisters, who are supposed to know better. We always find ways to criticize and to condemn others, whether it's about someone's children, spouse, job, attire, appearance etc. We are always pointing fingers at others, all the while spreading "our" judgmental views, without looking at our own situation. Sisters, let us replicate the gentleness of the Prophet (SAW) when trying to correct others. Let us try to respect and coexist with those that are not of our deen and let us pray that we all may be rightly guided, and let us control our urge to pass judgement on others. Our tongues are like double-edged swords, they can work for us and against us, both in this world and the Hereafter. We will be held accountable for what we say. Allah (SWT) tells us: {He (man) does not utter a statement except that there is an observer by him ready to record it.} (50: 18). The Quran also teaches us, "The (true) servants of Allah (SWT), the Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they reply with (words of) peace." The Holy Quran, 25:63. May Allah (SWT) forgive us for all our mistakes and guide us to make a concerted effort to correct our ill actions, and to seek more knowledge of our beautiful was of life. Ameen.

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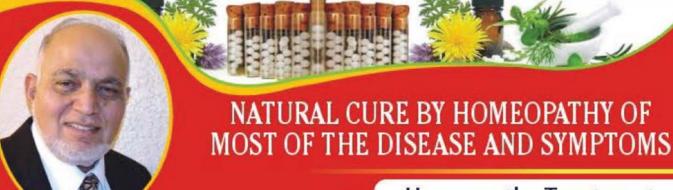
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By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

WHAT ARE SOME DEEDS

THAT ARE BENEFICIAL AFTER DEATH?

Question. What are some deeds that are beneficial after death?

Answer: Al-Hamdulillaah the following are two sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad S.A.W., pertaining to receiving blessings/benefits after death. Hazrat Abu Qatadah, Rahimahullah, reported that Allaah's Messenger, Sallallahu 'alayhi wa Sallam, said: "The best that a man can leave behind after his death are three things: a righteous child who makes du'a for him, an ongoing sadaqah whose rewards continue to reach him, and a knowledge that continues to be implemented after him." "Among the good deeds that continue to benefit a believer after death are: a knowledge that he taught and disseminated, a righteous child that he left after him, a Qur'aan book that he left as inheritance, a Masjid that he built, a house that he built for wayfarers, a stream that he ran, or a charity that he gave from his wealth during his healthy lifetime so that it would reach him (in rewards) after his death." Ibn Majah

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HURRICANE IRMA And The HEREAFTER PREPARATION

These are signs from Allah SWT for us to reflect. The meteorological sciences can only estimate where the hurricanes can come. They will tell us that the hurricane is going north, it's going south, but they CANNOT stop the hurricane from happening. We were taught that with the winds comes good, and with the winds comes bad. Allah SWT can cause any calamity or trial or occur to teach us and make us recognize who ALLAH SWT really is. We need to use these signs to self reflect and ponder over the power of ALLAH SWT. Everything that we work so hard for in this life (Dunya), we will leave it all behind when we are experiencing a natural disaster and turmoil. All aspirations and ambitions are forsaken just from a quick reminder from ALLAH SWT! The very same things that ALLAH SWT makes us enjoy; the wind, the water, the rain, are the very same things that we must escape from. That's how ALLAH SWT works my brothers/ sisters. Allaah says in Surah Adiyat 100:6 - "Innal Insaana Li Rabbihi La Ka Nood" - Man is certainly very ungrateful to his LORD. We don't check the bounties/favors, nor do we contemplate what ALLAH SWT is capable of! People would prepare in advance for the hurricane, but what if you were to DIE in this hurricane? How many would be prepared for the graves? We prepare the homes/businesses here, but what about preparing for tomorrow (your life hereafter)?

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SPENDING FOR ALLAAH (SWT)

people justify themselves by saying they are merely protecting themselves from hardship and need. Is Allaah SWT not the best of protectors? But their selfishness harms their own souls. Until they learn to trust Allaah SWT, they will not be able to build strong faith (Imaan). Their lack of faith makes them easy prey for Satan, as we see in Surah al Bagara, v268: "The Evil One threatens you with poverty and bids you to conduct unseemly. Allaah promises you His forgiveness and bounties and Allaah cares for all and He knows all things." Kahlil Gibran wrote: "Is not the fear of thirst, when your own well is full, the thirst that is unquenchable?" Let us beware of Satan and his many ways of undermining our faith (Imaan). If we try hard with sincerity, Allaah SWT will strengthen the faith in our hearts, so we do not let the fear of poverty prevent us from spending in Allaah's way. We are promised in Surah Al-Imran v92: "By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give (freely) of that which you love; and whatever you give, truly, Allaah knows it well." And, in another beautiful metaphoric verse, we are asked in Surah Al-Baqara v245: "Who is he that will loan to Allaah a beautiful loan which Allaah will double unto his credit and multiply many times? It is Allaah that gives (you) poverty or plenty and to Him shall be your return." This metaphor is repeated no less than 6 times in The Holy Qur'an. Again, we are promised in Surah Al

Baqara v277: Those who (in charity) spend of their goods by night and by day in secret and in public have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fear nor shall they grieve. May Allaah SWT give us the wisdom and courage to spend in His path, In Sha Allaah, Ameen.

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By: Harun Yahya / Ankara

DEPRESSIONS OF THE FAITHLESS SOCIETY

God describes in the Qur'an with a striking parable how such a life, resting upon a vain and corrupt basis, is destined to be ruined: "Which then is best? He that lays his foundation on piety to God and His good pleasure? Or he that lays his foundation on an undermined sand-cliff ready to crumble to pieces? And it does crumble to pieces with him, into the fire of hell. And God does not guide people that do wrong." (Qur'an, 9:109) There is yet another point to be remembered: Every society and every person has the opportunity to be rid of the indoctrination, way of life and philosophy of ignorance. God sends them messengers who warn them and inform them of the existence of God and the hereafter and who tell them the real meaning of life. And along with His messengers He sends righteous books that answer all the questions that are derived from the very conscience of people. This is the law of God that has existed since eternity. In our day, the guide of all people is the Qur'an, which shows the right way and leads people from darkness to light.

HURRICANE IRMA And The HEREAFTER PREPARATION

Every breath may be our last breath, hence we must always ask for forgiveness from ALLAH SWT. We were concerned about taking our families, and leaving everything behind during the evacuations. What if ALLAH SWT had taken us and we had to leave our families behind? How many people lost their lives during the storm? Those people left their properties AND their families behind. These are the signs of ALLAH SWT! How many nations did ALLAH SWT destroy before us? They were warned to maintain Taqwa (piety), but they rejected it. When calamities are approaching, it is then when we institute prayer and supplications. However when the calamities pass, we revert back to the same condition of not giving shukr (thanks) to ALLAH SWT. These are ahadiths (prophecies mentioned in the sangs) that were mentioned by Rasoolullah SAW, earthquakes, murders, disasters, storms, genocide, crimes, fires, floods! These are all mentioned in prophecies that would occur one immediately right after the next. When people will lose their imaan (faith), hence ALLAH SWT will order the trumpets to be blown! Allah SWT will never command the angel to blow the trumpet, beginning the day of judgment as long as there are believers on this earth! ALLAH SWT will save the world as long as there will be people who recite the Kalima. The lesson is that, always make the Dhikr and connect with ALLAH SWT! We can prepare for the calamities/disasters in this world my brothers/sisters. Ask yourselves, did we save our families from the torment of the grave? Did we save our children from misconduct? Did we save our families from the hell fire by teaching them Qur'an? Do they read the Qur'an? Allah SWT is saying by reading, living, and practicing this Qur'an is how HE (SWT) will eliminate calamities, and spiritual diseases.

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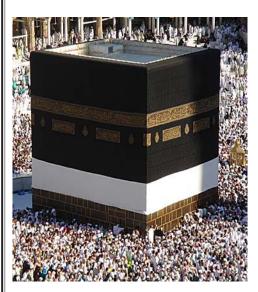




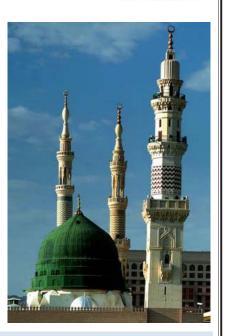




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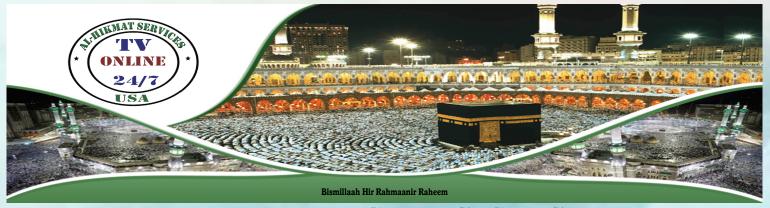
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