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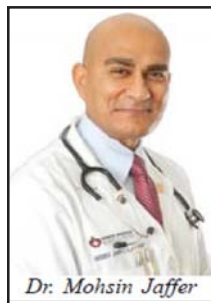
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LIVING FOR THE HEREAFTER INSTEAD OF THE DUNYA

Life is an interesting paradigm. Most of the time, we can't wait to get through the work day, school day, family get-togethers, or whatever we're doing. We can't wait for end of day, for Friday, for the weekend. Sounds familiar right? It's a repetitive pattern of life we foster. But what is lost on us is the fact we have one day less in our life, one day less to achieve our pre-ordained destiny. It is also one day closer to the grave, to the hereafter, to answer for our good and bad deeds, right? So why are we such in a rush to get the end of our lives? Have we accomplished everything we would like in this life and prepared accordingly for the hereafter? It is important to reflect every now and then, to ask ourselves the question: how do we spend our time: the days, the hours, the minutes? The reality is we cannot extend our life more than it is written for us by Allaah (SWT). As the years go by, it is important to understand what we're doing with our life? In general, we tend to concentrate heavily on the materialistic aspects that make us successful in this life: degrees, diplomats, properties, businesses, marriages? Granted, Allaah (SWT) tells us in the Qur'aan, all of these are necessities or Zarooriyat (Urdu) and to enjoy all these things. But while doing so, Allaah (SWT) also tells us don't forget to prepare spiritually for the hereafter. Allaah tells us, recommends to us and guides us on how to invest for our life in the next life. Today, many parents only advise and prepare their children on how to succeed in this life or Dunya, but not how to succeed in the next life. The truth of matter is, if something goes wrong in this life, we can get help from various sources like our family. But if we die today, there is no one to help us through to the Jannah or heaven: no father to help his son, no wife to help her husband, children to help their parents. On the Day of Judgement, we are on our own, brothers and sisters. And as such we are duly responsible to prepare for our judgement day. Now there is caveat or exception in this case: a child can help a parent on Judgement Day if and only if, that parent invested in having that child memorize the Qur'aan and live by Qur'aan. On the Day of Judgment, the parents of that child will wear a crown and Allaah (SWT) will intercede, and give permission to save parents. And why? Simply because the parents invested and prepared that child spiritually by learning and living by the Qur'aan. So brothers and sisters, heed the advice of Allaah (SWT) and make the necessary change. Surah Hashr, chapter 59, verses 18-21 tells us: "Oh ye who believe, do your duty to Allaah - declare Shahada, pray Salah, give Zakat, perform fast and carry out Haj". These are basic pillars of Islam, the foundation of Islam. But it's only the foundation. There's a letter called "Waw" in Arabic, and it literally means "and".

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WHERE'S THE HOPE?

A recent Sunday scripture taught our community that: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) This understanding of God-based Hope is profoundly different than the world's confused attempts to deal with the struggles, concerns and difficulties that present themselves on personal and communal levels within our lives. I am reminded of Lucy, in the Charlie Brown comic strip. Once again she is stationed in right field, and once again a ball is hit in her direction. Once again she tries to position herself to catch that ball, and once again she misses and the ball lands behind her. She picks it up and saunters to the pitcher's mound to give it to Charlie Brown saying, "Sorry I missed that one, manager, I was hoping I'd catch it! Hope got in my eyes!" Lucy's story reveals confusion over what hope really is. Lucy confuses hope with wishful thinking. Wishful thinking looks for that which has never happened before. Wishful thinking anticipates that for which there has been no effort, no improvement. We need not look far to see instances of such misunderstandings of true hope. That God-centered hope that can and does lift us up and lead us forward, despite what the world may say and the devastating circumstances that may be present in our lives or world. This can and does occur, because faith is indeed the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not perhaps yet seen. Such was the case with Abram, who would become Abraham. In faith he journeyed forward, leaving homeland and following the call of the Lord. While he would indeed become "The Father of many Nations," he, himself, would not live to see such a reality. Alexander Solzhenitsyn tells on, he was forced to work 12 hours a day on a starvation diet; and he became gravely ill. The doctors, in fact, predicted his death. One afternoon, while shoveling sand under a blazing sun, he simply stopped working. He stopped working even though he knew that the guards would beat him severely, even to death. But he felt he could just not go on. Then he saw another prisoner, a fellow Christian, moving towards him cautiously. With his cane, that man quickly drew a cross in the sand and then erased it. In that brief moment, Solzhenitsyn felt all of the hope of the gospel flood through his soul. It was a renewal of Christian hope, even though the situation had not changed. It gave him courage to endure that difficult day and the months of imprisonment that followed. This is the difference between God-based hope and wishful thinking or optimism. Hope is founded in God, and like faith, hope is finally vindicated because God is faithful. In the Holy Quran 94:5-7 we hear: "So verily with every difficulty, there is relief: Verily with every difficulty there is relief. Therefore, when you are free (from your immediate task), still labor hard. And to your Lord turn (all) your attention."

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Dr. Ghous Muhammad

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QUALIFICATIONS OF A MUJTAHID

The question then arises as to what are the qualifications required of a Mujtahid, that is, a person who is deemed to be competent to expound the law, so as to be entitled to participate in collective juristic deliberation. Fakhru'l-Islam lays down generally that he must be conversant with the science of law in both the branches, namely the principles of jurisprudence (Usul) and the rules of law in the different departments (Foru'). Some, however, would consider it sufficient qualification for a person to know either the theoretical or the applied laws. It is necessary for a jurist that he should have a Knowledge of the Qur'an and be able not only to read it, but also to understand it and interpret its meaning. He should be familiar with the traditions reported from the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) and be able to distinguish the authentic from the non-authentic, the universally known and the well known from traditions of isolated origin, and should also know the nature of authority attached to each class of traditions. He must be conversant with the rules and methods of analogical deduction. The mere fact of a man being a competent commentator of the Qur'an or a traditionist does not qualify him to take part in Ijma. The question relating the qualifications of Mujtahid is one of importance and will be considered more fully hereafter. But what has to be observed here is that the matter is left to be determined by public opinion and not by any definite authority in the State. ☆



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It is always a good reminder to all of us to reevaluate our daily living habits and practices, to ensure that we are on the right track to being righteous, as ordained by Allah (SWT). So often, we get caught up in our own personal issues, in our problems, in our suffering, in our tragedies and misfortunes. These situations may involve our family, parents, children, work and friends, and sometimes it may be devastating and unbearable for us. These personal issue consumes us, and we may feel that no one else's suffering matters as much as ours. However, as we continue to pray for relief and healing of our personal situation; let us always remember all who are suffering in this world. All those who are poor, the hungry, the needy, the homeless, the refugees, the innocent who are being forced into child labor and being child brides. Those who are injured every day, those who are in need of medical attention, and those who are injured in daily attacks and in need of pain killers, surgeries and even proper burial. They all have names and faces and personalities and they matter to someone. They matter to Allah (SWT). If we want Allah (SWT) to help us and bring relief to us and to strengthen us and to heal us and our loved ones, then let us pray for that child we saw on the news, looking for a morsel of food, a drop of water to quench his/her thirst. Pray for the families who just lost everything including family members in war torn nations, pray for the missing children, pray for those suffering in pain with no access to medical attention, those afflicted with diseases in countries with no access to clean water much less medical help, pray for those we see on social media wounded, crying, in pain. These images cannot be something we glance at and then move on. Where is our humanity? It may be that for most of us, the only viable help we can offer for those afflicted will be to make dua for them. Every dua from each of us can accumulate to be thousands of duas for those in need, every dua is powerful.

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AL- IKHLAAS

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

Surah 112 Al-Ikhlaas (also known as The Purity, The Sincerity or the Surah of Tawheed) is only four aayaat (verses) yet it sums up the essence of Islam. Allaah is one and there is nothing comparable to Him. Say, "He is Allaah, (the) One. Allaah-us-Samad (The Self-Sufficient

Master, Whom All creatures need, He neither eats nor drinks). He begets not, nor was He begotten; And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him." (Qur'an 112) Surah Al-Ikhlaas was revealed to Prophet Muhammad SAW during the early days of Islam. The polytheists and pagans of Makkah one day approached and challenged him saying, "Give us the genealogy of your Lord." It was then that Allaah SWT revealed this surah. Surah Al-Ikhlaas proclaims the Oneness of Allaah SWT and this concept is presented in the first ayah. The second ayah declares that Allaah is As-Samad, implying that He has All the attributes of perfection. As-Samad is one of the Names of Allaah SWT. It means the one Who everybody depends on, but the one who doesn't depend on anyone, it also indicates that Allaah SWT is unlike His creations. The third ayah describes that He was not born nor did He give birth and the last ayah declares that Allaah SWT is beyond comparison. Surah Al-Ikhlaas directly supports the first pillar of Islam, the shahadah. *Continued on Page 21, InShaa Allaah*



Dr. Harun Yahya

DEPRESSIONS OF THE FAITHLESS SOCIETY

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

God declares in the Qur'an that He has created mankind according to a certain disposition: "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.

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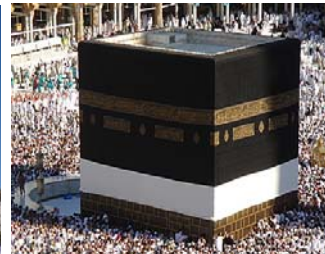
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JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

By Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA

My dear listeners, Al-Hamdulillaah- All praise be to Allah God Almighty, I was blessed like millions of others with the opportunity to visit His Holy House; the Holy Kaba in the blessed City of Mecca, the first place of Worship on this earth first built by the great Prophet Abraham AS and his first son Ishmael AS. My friends, if you have not made this special trip then you have not witnessed the greatest experience in life and you have not felt in your heart the true sense of purpose in this life and you have not witnessed the greatest show of unity, love and brotherhood. Nor have you seen the largest gathering of human beings all dressed in two simple pieces of white cloth and a slippers for several days, that's it...no cellphones, no suits, no busyness of this material world, no competition for wealth, position and power; just 3.5 million believers gathered to worship their Lord God Almighty 24/7 for 2 to 3 weeks. What a fulfilling and truly emotional experience to witness thousands of years of history and be able to stand and pray where some of the greatest Prophets of God Almighty prayed; Prophet Abraham AS, Prophet Ishmael AS and Prophet Muhammad SAW, May Allah's peace be upon them all. My dear brothers and sisters, if you sometimes feel a burning desire to visit this Great House of Allah and also to visit our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW (although not a requirement of Hajj), then don't waste any time as time is running out! The last Messenger and exemplar Prophet Muhammad PBUH, a man to whom over 1.6 billion muslims are drawn to due to his unwavering level of faith and his humble and flawless character, a man who lived the message of Islam, the last and most updated message sent by Allah God Almighty, and taught us how to do the same, a man who never told a lie, he has advised that the only reward for fulfilling the last pillar of Islam the Hajj Pilgrimage which if accepted by Allah SWT, is the ultimate victory; entrance into the Garden of Paradise or Heaven. Yes my friends, we come back here free of sin as innocent as we were the day we were born, if Allah God Almighty accepts our Hajj effort. My friends, if you have the money or even if you don't have the money, please make the intention to go to Hajj and then make the effort to learn more about the Hajj process. Start a Hajj checking account with \$20 and then make the effort to put aside money weekly or monthly, you will be amazed how Allah God Almighty will send you all the money to make the journey to visit His House. Never forget, intention and effort comes from us and completion comes from the Creator, and the Creator Allah SWT may not change the condition of people unless they make the effort to change it themselves. My friends, don't wait until you are retired to make this journey, this is a spiritual as well as a physical journey and you will need your health and strength over there.

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Bro. Adel Asouti

Article 2: For the love of Jesus

Submitted by Bro. Adel / Homestead, Florida USA

When you read you are in control of the incoming information, and logic will kick in. Maybe they can control your mind but no one can control your heart, but God so open it. "And say, Truth has come, and falsehood has departed. Indeed is falsehood, [by nature], ever bound to depart" {Al-Israa 81}. Encyclopedia Britannica, co-written by 500 Christian scholars, stated that copyists of the bible had deliberately made serious changes in forms of insertion and deletion often to a whole paragraphs, such defects and corruption manifest in all copies. Also stated that John's gospel is undoubtedly a fabrication. I believe there are some truth in the bible, especially when it comes to what Jesus (PBUH) himself said (Red letters). Let us look at what some of his sayings, Jesus (PBUH) said, "No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God [John5:44],[Mark10:18],[John20:17],[Isaiah44:24, 45:5, 45:18, 46:9],[Mark12:28-30]. Lately 31 of 39 England's Anglican Bishops agrees that "Christians are not obliged to believe that Jesus Christ was God". There's misconception that Abraham (PBUH) was the first to worship one God, but in fact this is the purpose of our creation. God Almighty said, "I created the jinn and mankind except to worship me" {Quran Al-Dhariyat 56}. In the 7 laws of Noah (PBUH), he was commanded to refrain from idolatry, and worshiped one God, but only a few from his people followed him, and when the earth was full of erroneous, God commanded him to build the Ark, and God's flood washed the earth from them. Noah (PBUH) said; "My people! Worship Allah (God); you have no god other than He. Do you have no fear?" {Quran Al-Mumenoon 23}. Abraham (PBUH) worshiped only one God, and didn't follow his father (Azar) and others who worshiped idols instead he turn to God "...I raise my hand to God, the supreme power, owner of heaven and Earth" [Gen. 14:22]. "Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the Earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah" {Quran Al-Ana'am79}. "O People of the Book (Scriptures), why do you argue about Ibrahim (Abraham) while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until after him? Then, do you not reason? You are those who have argued about that of which you have (some) knowledge. Why do you argue about that of which you have no knowledge? And Allah knows, while you do not know. Ibrahim was neither a Jew nor a Nazarethan (Christian), but he was a 'haneef (one inclining toward truth), a Muslim (submitting to Allah). And he was not of the polytheists" {Quran Al-Imran 65-67}. In Moses (PBUH) Commandment, "You shall have no other gods before Me...". God said to Moses (PBUH) "Indeed, I am Allah, There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance" {Quran Taha 14}.

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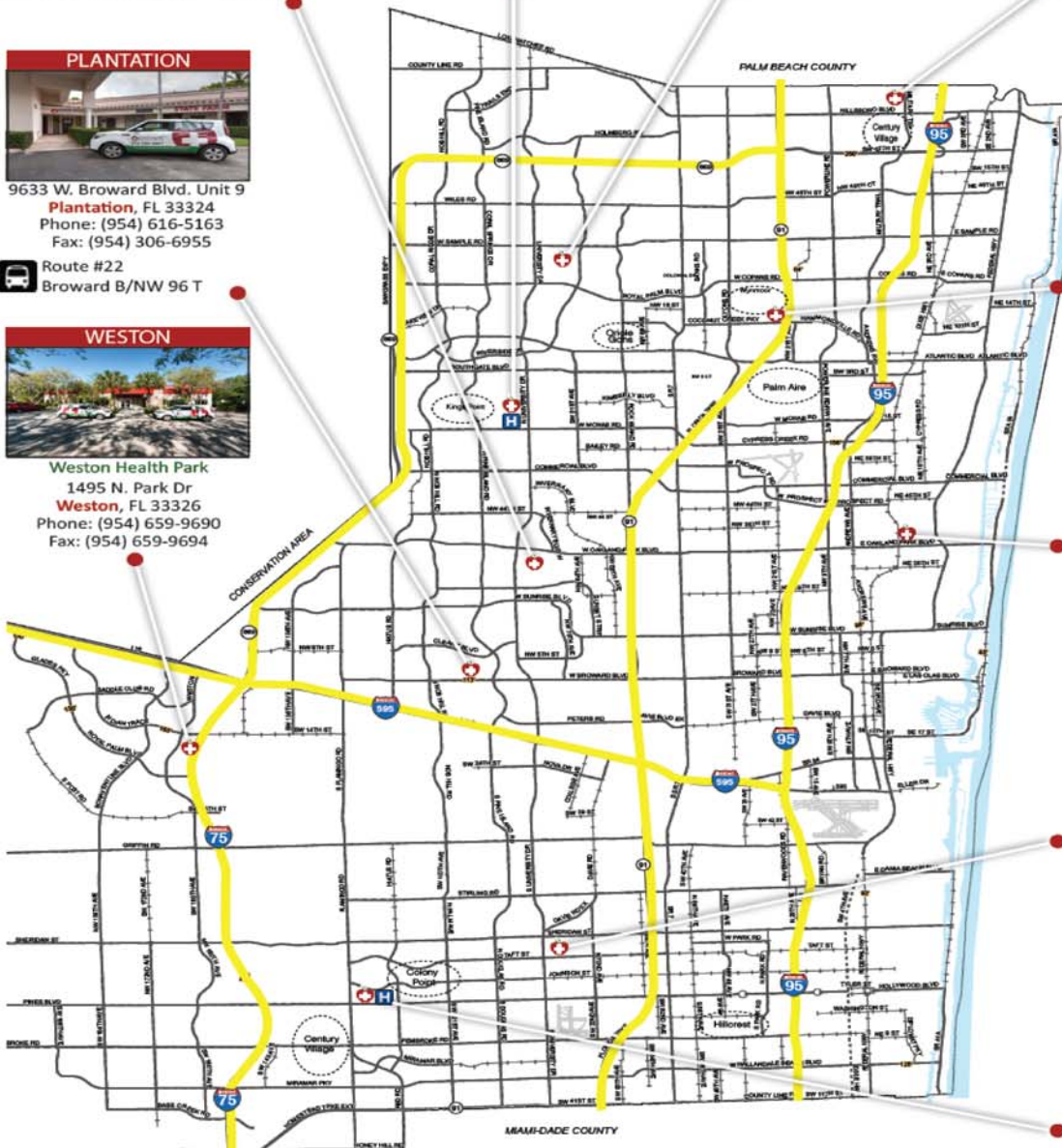
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REMEMBERING MUHAMMAD ALI

By Br. Hamzad Mohammed

T.T.U.T.A.'s Teacher of the Year 2013, Trinidad, WI

This year 2016 saw the passing away of a legend in boxing, Muhammad Ali, and many of us can recall the extensive coverage he got in CNN which highlighted his many exploits in the heavyweight boxing division

of the world. Muhammad Ali's former name, Cassius Clay, was regarded by him as insignificant for it reeked of the brutal domination the African slaves in America were subjected to by their slave masters. He preferred the name with an Islamic connotation which he took with him to the Kabur (grave) – Muhammad Ali. As a Muslim, Muhammad Ali carried a few battles outside the boxing ring for justice and equality for all, especially the African Americans who he felt were utterly discriminated against. That initiative of his reflected the true ideals of the religion of Islam and may Allah reward the boxing great for his efforts. Let me now pay further tribute to Muhammad Ali via a poem.

He left quietly through the door,
 With a simple goodbye, hearty smile,
 As clouds ceased to travel on
 While tears meandered; hard to dry.
 In many hearts are left a hole,
 For his fruits falleth not anymore,
 But luckily sweet ones remained,
 Many a score I'm sure as sunrise.
 His passing though is tough to bear,
 As my tank becomes a bit empty,
 But his number had been called
 Kick starting for him a new journey,
 Where to JANNAH hope he goes
 With a NOOR on him that glows.

EXERCISE FOR SANITY NOT VANITY

Submitted by Dr. Sheeba Rahman MD / Psychiatrist

Do you often feel tired and lethargic? Do you frequently lack motivation to get important things done? Do you feel sad or frustrated when you are unable to accomplish your goals? Do you ever feel sorry for yourself? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the most simple and immediate solution may be exercise. That's right..... Exercise! Exercise improves mental health by reducing anxiety, depression and negative mood by improving brain function. Exercise has also been found to alleviate low self-esteem and social withdrawal. Exercise promotes the secretion of chemicals that stimulate happiness and increase energy. These chemicals are known as endorphins. Exercise also increases the production of neurochemicals that promote brain cell repair. By doing so, exercise essentially improves memory, lengthens the attention span, and boosts decision making skills and self-confidence. Starting an exercise regimen does not necessarily mean joining a gym or buying expensive work out equipment. People often feel discouraged or intimidated at the thought of an intense exercise regimen. Thirty minutes of exercise of moderate intensity, such as brisk walking for at least 3 days a week is sufficient to start seeing health benefits. Moreover, these 30 minutes need not be continuous; three 10 minute walks during the day are believed to be equally beneficial. Studies have shown that routine exercise improves weight control, reduces blood pressure, increases energy levels and improves overall mood and body image. Exercise is an inexpensive and convenient way to improve your mood and overall health!

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SEND PHOTOS OF YOUR EVENTS TO ALHIKMAT@ALHIKMAT.COM **AL-HIKMAT INTERFAITH UPDATE** By: Salma Mohammed

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Journey of a Lifetime

By Bro. Al Mustapha

Many of us do have the ability to go to this pilgrimage but we think we are not ready yet, some are not ready to give up the many sinful activities they are involved in from day to day, some folks think this journey is for when you get older. My friends, the time is now, we don't know if we'll live to see tomorrow. If you have the health, mental capacity and the money, then this wonderful, blissful and rewarding journey of a lifetime is a fard obligation upon you, so please make the intention and effort now for Hajj next year, Insha Allah. My friends, if you have not made this special journey then you have not witnessed the greatest experience in life and you have not felt in your heart the true sense of purpose in this life and you have not witnessed the greatest show of Unity, love and brotherhood in this world. My friends, look at all the disasters and tragedies that continue to unfold around us that are claiming and devastating the lives of thousands of people all over the world with no discrimination as to age, gender, color, citizenship or amount. I ask you my friends; is it not time to submit our lives to the will of God Almighty and time to try harder to build or strengthen our relationship with our Creator? Is it not time to try harder to obey all His commands and follow His way of life as demonstrated by the noble Prophet Muhammad SAW? Is it not time to fulfill this 5th Pillar of Islam before it is too late?

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AL-HIKMAT HAJJ GROUP 2016



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah- On Thursday August 25th 2016, Al-Hikmat held a Hajj farewell program and dinner at Darul Uloom Florida USA for Al-Hikmat Hajj group before they left for Hajj. There were approximately 250-300 people in attendance, MaaShaa Allaah.



9/1/2016 - Photo above: A chartered bus with Al-Hikmat Hajj group 2016 on its way to Miami Airport.



Photo above: Al-Hikmat 2016 Hajj Group at Jordon Airport ready to board the aircraft for Medinah.



Photo above from left: Shaikh Shafayat and Bro. Rizwan standing in the control room.

Al-Hamdulillaah- Shaikh Shafayat and Bro Fahad from Al-Hikmat USA were given a special tour by Saudi officials of the Holy Kaaba's Khutbah Translation Control Room, designed by Naztec USA on the 3rd floor of the Haram Shareef. MaaShaa Allaah!



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah- TSA Directors arranged a special security line dedicated for Al-Hikmat 2016 Hajj group at Miami Airport. MaaShaa Allaah!



Photo above from left: Ustadh Wisam Sharief and Shaikh Shafayat at Masjid Quba in Medina.



Photo above from left: Shaikh Shafayat, Bro. Hassan Shibly, Esq (Chief Executive Director of CAIR, Florida and Bro. Nezar Hamze (Regional Operations Director of CAIR, Florida USA) in Masjid An Nabawi.

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DA'WAH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

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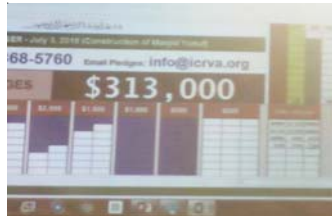
Journey of a Lifetime

By Bro. Al Mustapha

Don't listen to shaitan and his many helpers my friends, he will try to give you a hundred reasons why you should not go on this pilgrimage, after all, his mission is to get us into the fire of hell and the last thing he wants is us going to Hajj and our Hajj being accepted by Allah SWT and us going to Heaven, that would defeat his whole deceptive and devious plot to lead us to the fire of Hell, may Allah SWT protect us all from shaitan and the fire of Hell, Ameen. Remember the Prophet PBUH said that the reward for a Hajj accepted by Allah SWT is Paradise, the place we all hope to be granted entrance into, the grand prize we are all hoping to win! We pray that Allah SWT will grant all the brothers and sisters who made the sacrifice to go for the Hajj Pilgrimage this year and in the past years a Hajj Mabroor or an accepted Hajj, ameen. Allah SWT says in the Quran 3:97, "Pilgrimage to the House is a duty mankind owes to Allah SWT if one has the ability to do so, and whosoever disbelieves, then Allah SWT stand not in need of any of His creations". May Allah SWT accept all of our intentions and efforts to undertake this great journey to His Holy Land, Ameen. ●

Islamic Center of Richmond, Virginia

Photos on right: The Islamic Center of Richmond, Virginia held a Fundraising on Sunday July 3rd, 2016. The Guest Speaker was Shaikh Shafayat. Al-Hamdulillaah, \$313,000.00 were raised for their Masjid, which is currently under construction, InShaa Allaah.



First Spanish Speaking Islamic Center, Texas



Photo on left: Al-Hamdulillaah- On Friday August 12th, 2016 Brother Mujaahid, founder of The First Speaking Islamic Center in the USA, delivered the Khutba at 183rd Masjid, in Miami. Bro. Mujaahid and Bro. Pedro also visited Darul Uloom Institute and Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center.

Photo on left: Bro. Mujahid, Shaikh Shafayat. Bro. Pedro, Bro. Basit & Hafiz Monir

Eid-ul-Adha 2016 at Darul Uloom Institute



Photo on left: On Monday September 12th, 2016 Darul Uloom Institute celebrated Eid-ul-Adha. There was an audience of over 1500. The Eid Khutba and Salaah were led by Qari Sajad Rahman. MaaShaa Allaah.

4TH ANNUAL DECORATING EID COOKIES

Photos on right: Sept. 10th, 2016 - The Muslim Women Organization held their 4th Annual Decorating Eid Cookies on September 19th, 2016 at Nur-Ul-Islam Banquet Hall, Florida USA. The event was coordinated by Sis. Sahar Shaikh and Sis. Tehsin.



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Age - 59 / Resides in Georgia USA
Profession: Housewife
Ethnic Background: Native Augustan

BROTHERS SEEKING A SPOUSE

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Background: Arab

Age 28 / Resides in Florida
Profession: Recreation Therapist
Teenage Substance Abuse Counselor
Ethnic Background: Trinidad

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FEEDBACK / VOICE OF OUR READERS

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Brandon Ceigir / Key West, Florida USA

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Yours faithfully,
Mohammed Sani / Miami, Florida USA

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E-MAIL FEEDBACK

***USA**
Wow! Al-Hikmat Interfaith Activities are great. Thanks so much. Looking forward to working with. I hope we can kick start the Interfaith Council again and can meet to discuss this.

Marjie Aloni from Florida

***USA**
I would like to receive your magazine. Thanks.
Mohammed Ally / Connecticut

***WEST INDIES**
Just wanted to let you know that I have been receiving your Muslim Magazine. Thank you.
Sis. Umm Kulthum / Grenada

***INDIA**
Very interesting website! Mashaa Allaah!
Bro. Moinoddin/Andhra Pradesh

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Submitted by Bro. Farooq Shafi

AL- IKHLAAS

“There is no true deity but Allaah”. Surah Al-Ikhlaas is an affirmation of Allaah’s oneness and as such it negates all forms of polytheism and idolatry. This is very important because the foundation on which our faith is built is the absolute belief that Allaah SWT is One. Belief in One God entails certainty. Muslims worship Allaah SWT alone, He has no partners, associates, or helpers. Worship is directed solely to Allaah SWT, for He is the only One worthy of worship. Surah Al-Ikhlaas is one of the first surahs that many Muslims remember learning as a child and this is also true for those who convert to Islam. After a person has learnt the basics of the five daily prayers they are usually anxious to recite the shorter surahs of the Qur’an in their prayers, and almost always surah Al-Ikhlaas is one of them. Reciting surah Al-Ikhlaas may be the means of attaining Paradise and earning Allaah’s love. From the ahadith, we are able to find some of the many benefits of loving, reciting and living by the principles outlined in this short surah. Prophet Muhammad SAW sent a man as a leader of an expedition. During the journey, in every prayer he concluded his recitation of the Qur’an with surah Al-Ikhlaas. On their return his companions mentioned this to Prophet Muhammad SAW, who replied, “Ask him why he did so”. When the man was asked, he answered, “In this surah the attributes of the Merciful Allaah SWT have been stated; therefore, I love to recite it again and again.” When the Prophet Muhammad SAW

heard this reply, he said to the people, “Inform him that Allaah SWT holds him in great love and esteem.” A man from among the Ansar led the prayers in the Quba Masjid. His practice was that in every rakah he first recited surah Al-Ikhlaas and then would add another surah. The people objected to it and said to him, “Don’t you think that surah Al-Ikhlaas is by itself enough? Why do you join another surah to it? You should either recite only this surah, or should leave it and recite some other surah. He said: “I cannot leave it; instead, I would rather give up leading the prayers.” The people did not want anyone else to lead, so they brought the matter before Prophet Muhammad SAW. He asked the man, “What prevents you from conceding to what your companions desire? What makes you recite this particular surah in every rakah?” The man replied, “I have great love for it.” Prophet Muhammad SAW said, “Your love for this surah has earned you entry to Paradise.” Surah Al-Ikhlaas has been described as being equal to one-third of the Qur’an. Reciting it has the same reward as reciting one-third of the Qur’an. Prophet Muhammad SAW said to the companions, “assemble in my presence, for I will recite to you one-third of the Qur’an.” When they had assembled, Prophet Muhammad SAW came out to them and recited surah Al-Ikhlaas, and then he returned to his home. The companions began speaking to one another about it.

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HEALTH

By Dr. Mohsin Jaffer / President of Senior Medical Associates



Dr. Mohsin Jaffer

WOUND & SKIN CARE for Elderly Patients

Meta title: Wound and Skin Care | Senior Medical
Meta description - Wound care easy refer-

ence for senior medical treatment. How to prevent and treat chronic wounds in the elderly. First aid for senior citizens. Body - As our bodies age, the healing process slows down, making proper skin care and the prompt treatment of wounds a vital part of day-to-day care. Proper treatment may be self-administered or may require the help of others. Senior citizens and the caretakers of aged individuals may examine the following information in order to treat wounds more effectively.

Wound Treatment - When a wound appears, it is vital to take action immediately so that it heals properly without complications. Wounds are not limited to cuts and scrapes. Small puncture wounds must also be taken seriously as infection is common. Untreated wounds may become chronic, meaning they either reoccur, heal slowly, or cease the healing process. Take the following steps when a wound first appears. If the wound is bleeding, apply pressure until the bleeding stops. If the bleeding does not stop on its own, call 911.

- Remove any dirt, glass, or debris if possible.
- Use soap or a saline solution to clean the wound. Cover the wound with a sterile bandage.
- Have the wound examined as soon as possible at the hospital or a clinic. -Consider courtesy transportation to and from Senior Medical Associates.
- Follow the instructions of the physician. Take the medicine as prescribed even if the wound and symptoms disappear.

Risk Factors of Chronic Wounds - A wound becomes chronic when the body’s ability to heal becomes hindered. When not properly maintained, chronic wounds may lead to diabetic ulcers, infection, and inflammation, and may require surgery or an extended hospital stay. The following factors make a wound more likely to become chronic. Infection forces the immune system’s efforts away from healing the wound as it attempts to eradicate the disease. Necrosis creates a buffer of dead skin that the blood stream has trouble accessing to provide oxygen and nutrients. Bleeding opens wounds and undoes much of the healing process, requiring the body to try again. Vitamin C and zinc deficiency slows and limits the body’s healing process. Immobility causes constant friction or pressure to specific areas, irritating the wound. Moisture exposes the wound to bacteria while dryness makes bleeding and necrosis more likely.

Senior Skin Care - In old age, not all wounds are caused by injury. Certain factors such as diabetes and immobility make wounds more likely to occur, as does the limited regenerative ability of people in their later years.

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Bro. Azad Ali

MOTHER NATURE

The sweet scent of roses,
magnolia and white gardenia
Permeates across the dew and
fresh morning air,
The colorful blue and white
orchid stand firm together
And the rainbow butterfly
flutters without a care.....

The balsam fir and pine trees look up to the sky
Standing proud, green and elegantly tall,
While the yellow winged birds awake to fly
Skipping from tree to tree chirping the morning
call.....

The multi colored iguana darts across the green
lawn

The grey cheeky squirrel nibbling at an empty straw,
Sped gingerly across the flora and fawn
As mother duck with her ducklings swim to the
nearby shore.....

I feel so blessed to witness this beauty of nature
A moment so cherished likened to a landscape
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HA HA HA HA HA

Continued from page 21 By Dr. Mohsin Jaffer

Wound & Skin Care for Elderly Patients

The following routines will help to minimize the chances of bed sores and other skin conditions. Repositioning yourself throughout the day in the bed or wheel chair will help to minimize the impact of pressure on your skin. Changing angles every fifteen minutes is ideal but not always possible. Cushioning and propping yourself up with appropriate materials helps with positioning as well. Cushions filled with air, water, gel, or foam provide more support than stuffed pillows. Elevating your head above the rest of your body helps to prevent shearing. Cleaning skin with mild soap and water, or a no-rinse cleanser, helps to prevent rashes. Talcum powder creates a layer of insulation on the skin to keep it moist but not wet. Incontinence products shield the skin from moisture and bacteria. Proper skin and wound treatment helps to prevent and treat chronic wounds. It is important to address any medical problems faced by a senior individual before the problem has the opportunity to grow worse. ●

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By Rev. Thomas Graf

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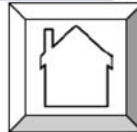


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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

**Supplicating at the most
Opportune Times & Locations****Question:** How and when is the best time to make Dua?

Answer: These are, for instance, the day of 'Arafah, month of Ramadan, Friday, the last part of the night, at dawn, during prostration, at the time of rainfall, between the adhan and iqamah, at the time of encounter of armies, at times of panic, and when one's heart is soft and tender. Abu Umamah reported, "The Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), was asked, 'What supplication finds the greatest acceptance?' He answered: 'A prayer offered in the middle of the latter part of the night and after the prescribed Prayers.'" (Reported by Tirmidhi with a sound chain of authorities) Abu Hurairah reported, the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said, "The servant is nearest to his Lord when he is prostrating to Him, so make supplication in this state." (Muslim) There are very many hadith found in various books on this subject. Starting the Supplication with Allah's Praise and Blessings on His Prophet. Fudalah b. 'Ubaid reported that the Prophet, peace be upon him, heard a man supplicating during prayer. He did not glorify Allah, nor did he invoke blessings on the Prophet. The Prophet, peace be upon him, said, "He has been hasty." Then he called the man and said either to him, or to someone else, "When any one of you prays, he should begin by glorifying and praising his Lord and then he should invoke blessings on the Prophet, peace be upon him, and after that he should supplicate Allah for anything he wishes."

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

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Submitted by: Sis. Ebru / Turkey

**DEPRESSIONS
OF THE
FAITHLESS SOCIETY**

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. 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. 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. 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 Qur'an. 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. 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. In our day, the guide of all people is the Qur'an, which shows the right way and leads people from darkness to light. ☆

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**LIVING FOR THE HEREAFTER
INSTEAD OF THE DUNYA**

Summarized by Sis. R. Mohammed

So Allaah (SWT) instructs us to do our duty or carry out the five pillars of Islam. And in addition to the five pillars, we must also invest our tomorrow, that is, develop and maintain our Iman or faith and Islamic lifestyle. So on the Day of Judgment, besides the five pillars, what can we do to prepare ourselves for our tomorrow? As noted in the hadith (Bukhari / Muslim): every child is born a Muslim, in total submission to God. Some parents take their children off the path of God for the sake of the Dunya. And on the Day of Qiyamah or Judgment, those parents and children will become enemies because they were busy fighting for the Dunya. So beware parents of what you teach your children in this life: don't prepare your children only for the Dunya, but also teach them about Allaah and the Quran, and prepare them also for the hereafter. To put things in perspective, ask yourself if you and your children are prepared to answer the following five questions on the Day of Judgement:

1. What did you do in your youth? (*Did you learn the Quran etc. ?*)
2. How have you spent your life? (*Did you live by five pillars of Islam and practice Iman etc.?*)
3. What have you done with the knowledge I gave you? (*Did teach others about Islam etc.*)
4. How did you earn your money or wealth? (*Was it halal or haram, did you steal from anyone etc.?*)
5. How did you use your wealth that Allah gave you? (*Did you give zakat, perform dawah etc.?*)

According to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) (Hadith reference), everyone will have to answer these five questions on the Day of Judgement. Allaah (SWT) gave us these questions ahead of the Day of Judgement so we can better prepare ourselves, brothers and sisters.

Yes, Allaah (SWT) has given us permission to enjoy the beautiful things in this world, the Dunya. But he also tells us don't only invest in the Dunya, but make sure to prepare our children and ourselves for the hereafter and guide them on the "Siratul Mustaqeem" or right path. Live a life of Imaan. Allaah (SWT) has provided the framework for Imaan, namely, the Qur'aan.

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**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE
SUFFERING**

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha

Every day when we make dua for our situation as well as for all those suffering in this world; we will be on the path to righteousness, as prescribed by Allah (SWT). Allah (SWT) directs us to give our wealth to orphans and the needy; our wealth consists of our assets, our time and our duas. " And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided." Let us please remember those in need, they may be hundreds of miles away, but we cannot isolate ourselves to only be concerned with those situation that are close to us. Allah (SWT) will answer our duas and change the condition of our brothers and sisters in need, and He will also reward us generously and improve our lives as well.

Pray for others. Don't be selfish & just pray for yourself. Want for others what you want for yourself. Feel your heart grow with love. ~ Mufti Menk

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Article 2: For the love of Jesus

Submitted by Bro. Adel

Jesus (PBUH) said "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only' [Matt4:10]. "They said, you have to be Jewish or Christian, to be guided." Say, "We follow the religion of Abraham - monotheism - he never was an idol worshiper." Say, "We believe in GOD, and in what was sent down to us, and in what was sent down to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Patriarchs; and in what was given to Moses and Jesus, and all the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction among any of them. To Him alone we are submitters" {Quran Al-Baqraa 135,136}.



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AL- IKHLAAS

Submitted by Bro. Farooq Shafi

Someone said, "I think a revelation has just come to Him from the heavens. That is why he went back inside." Then the Prophet SAW emerged from his home and said, "I told you that I would recite one-third of the Qur'an. That is indeed one-third of the Qur'an." A man heard another man reciting (in the prayers): "Say, 'He is Allaah, the One.'" And he recited it repeatedly. In the morning he went to the Prophet SAW and informed him about that as if he considered that the recitation of that surah by itself was not enough. Prophet Muhammad SAW said, "By Him in Whose Hand my life is, it is equal to one-third of the Qur'an." Briefly and in conclusion, surah Al-Ikhlaas is one of the shortest chapters in Qur'an, yet it is one of the most profound. It is a chapter outlining the foundation of a Muslim's faith, and it is equal to a third of the Qur'an. (Allaah SWT Knows best) ☺

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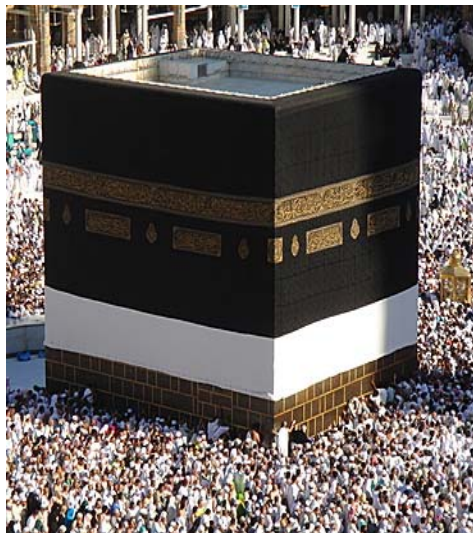
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