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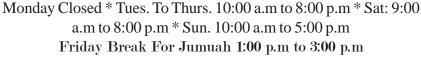
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Dhul Qa'dah / Dhul Hajj 1433 A.H

Al-Qur'aan- Ch. 2 V. 274

Those who give their wealth night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; no fear will be on them, and they will not sorrow.

Cadith -

Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him speak good or else keep silent.

[Bukhari]

99 Attributes of Allaah AL-AKHIR - The Last

Words of Wisdom-

"Patience is the companion of wisdom."

"Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well."

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Light Up Your Life with the ZHIKR OF ALLAAH

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah Program Vice President of Broward Interfaith Council, Florida U.S.A

Do you want more spirituality in your daily life? Do you want to feel closer to Allah, feel more loved by Allah, and feel more love for all of Allah's creation? Then read Chapter 33 Verses 41-46 of the Holy Qur'an to find the medicine and prescription. Allah commands, "O ye who believe! Remember Allah in great quantities, and extol His limitless glory at morning and evening." Zhikr is like medicine, and the prescription is to perform zhikr at least every morning and evening. Some translators read this as "from morning to evening" which means we should be remembering Allah at all times. What is zhikr? Zhikr is the spiritual practice of remembering God by reading Qur'an, praying extra salat, listening to a khutbha, and repeating beautiful phrases from the Qur'an that glorify God. Try "SUBHAAN ALLAAH, AL-HAMDULILLAH, LA ILLAHA IL ALLAAH, and ALLAHU AKBAR." Try repeating some or all of Allah's 99 beautiful names. Zhikr can be vocal or silent, done alone or in a group. Zhikr is NOT our 5 obligatory prayers. And zhikr is definitely NOT "bida" (an innovation). What did the Prophet (SAW) prescribe for the poor who cannot get the blessings of giving charity? He told them to repeat 33 times "Subhaan Allah," to repeat 33 times "Al-Hamdulillah," and to repeat 33 times "Allahu Akbar" after every fard

salat. What did the Prophet (SAW) prescribe



for his daughter Fatima when she was having difficulty? To repeat these same phrases every night before sleep. One hadith reports you should keep your tongue wet (or busy) with the zhikr of Allah. Another hadith reports that zhikr is light on the tongue but heavy on the scale of Allah. In Verse 43, we learn the benefits of zhikr: "Allah bestows His blessings upon you, with His angels (echoing Him), so that He might take you out of the depths of darkness into the Nur. And Allah is full of mercy towards His believers!" Nur means light, mercy, success, guidance, an open path to the barakat of Allah. Zhikr removes darkness so we can see clearly and find our way out of difficulty, to find tranquility and peace. In Verse 44 we are told "On the Day when they meet Him, they will be welcomed with the greeting, Peace; and He will have readied for them a most excellent reward." Zhikr gives us a different status. It raises us to higher levels in paradise. Zhikr is different from salat. Don't follow a literal hardcore Islam that doesn't offer zhikr as the prescription for peace. Reading Qur'an is zhikr! Recite the 99 names of Allah! Repeat the beautiful phrases! Zhikr softens the heart, removes the rust, and purifies the heart.

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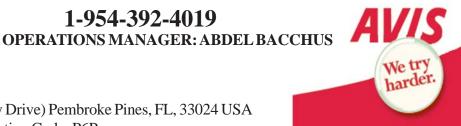
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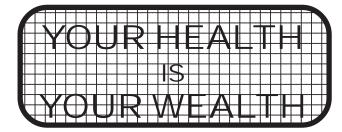
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FAILURE

COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER

I believe that a large part of conflict exists in the world because of a failure to understand each other. Whether it is in our businesses, in our homes, in our houses of worship, in our communities, in government or in conflicts between nations I believe that often the true source of conflict is a failure to communicate with each other, to listen to each other but more importantly to really express empathy to what others are saying. When we speak we usually try to convince someone else why we're right. Even when we try to listen to another we still often listen to what they say but interpret it in terms of our own narrow context. We listen to what they say, dissect the thought and argue back to prove that we are right based on what they say. We often think that the solutions will be corrected if we communicate our own position better so that they understand us better. And then WE decide what OTHERS "really" want and how that what they want is really what WE want, and then we try to convince them of this fact without truly understanding what they really want. While solutions could be achieved through better communication, it needs to go beyond just listening and responding to what we hear. It needs to be based on listening and then making every effort to truly understand what they want. When you put yourself into the mind of the person or community with whom you have a conflict – and not merely interpret their position based on your own feelings but truly imagine what they are saying and why they are saying that – what are their life experiences that lead them to their opinions and feelings, then suddenly a light bulb goes off and you begin to feel what they feel from their point of view and not your own. And then you can begin to solve the conflict because instead of trying to convince them and others why you're right, instead you are understanding that their perspective is different, and that the solution comes not from convincing them that you're right but imagining what you would truly want if you were in their place. The next time you get into an argument with someone - try it. Don't just listen, respond and argue, but stop and think very hard, for a while, about what they are saying. Imagine that you are feeling the circumstances leading them to their position. You might just find that your conflict is resolved sooner, with less hard feelings, and the relationship is enhanced by your sincere efforts to understand the other. That truly is empathy.

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CHILDREN WEALTH

My Dear Friends: Allah (SWT) says in the Holy Qur'an: "Be sure that We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, some loss in goods, your lives, and the fruits of your toil, but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, who say when afflicted with calamity, "to Allah we belong and to Him is our return (Inna lil laahi Wa Inna ilayhi Raji'oon). They are those on who descend blessings from their Lord, and His mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance". Further, if Allah (SWT), out of His wisdom, closes a door against you, He opens out of His mercy a door better for you than the closed one. It is by afflictions that righteous and understanding people are increased in rank and reward. Sa'ad bin Abee Waqqaas (RA) said: I said, "O Messenger of Allah, who are the most afflicted of all people? He (SAW) replied, "The Prophets, then the righteous people, then those who are nearest to them in perfection and those who are nearest to them. Man is tested according to his religiosity; if he is strong religiously, his test is increased and if he is weak in religion, his test is reduced. And a believer will be tested until he walks on the earth sinless [i.e. his sins have been erased by series of afflictions that he endured." (Al-Bukhari) My friends, we are tested in many different ways and in many different degrees, some may be minor, and some may be major. Hardship and afflictions could affect our health, our wealth, our sustenance, our children, our parents, our family and our friends. These calamities especially those that are sudden and unexpected wrench our hearts and impact us physically, psychologically, emotionally, financially and spiritually. When we are hit with such adversity, our first reaction, is to reach out to Allah (SWT) for help. We make dua and beg for help and continue to do so until ease comes. Depending on the severity of the affliction, we spend the majority of our time begging Allah (SWT) for help, for relief, for support, for mercy. Sometimes during these tests we repent and we make bargains with Allah, that if He brings ease to us, we will be a better person, we will give more charity, we will pray more, we will be more patient, we will make more effort to do good, we will stop doing all the wrong things that we have been doing. Continued on Page 11, Inshaa Allaah

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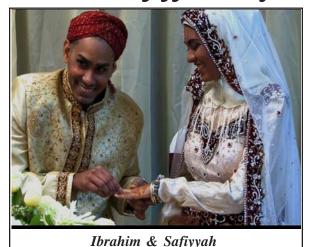
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Aslam & Omara were blessed with a baby girl - Zaara Bawany. Zaara was born on August 3rd, 2012 at Broward General Hospital, Florida U.S.A. She is the grand daughter of Bro. Rafiq & Sis. Margaret Bawany. May Allaah bless her and make her amongst the righteous, Inshaa Allaah.

Congratulations Ibrahim & Safiyyah Ramjohn



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accepted Allaah as the Provider, Islam as a way of life and Muhammad as the messenger, tasted the real Imaan (faith) (Muslim)

2. Abu Darda (RA) relates that the Prophet SAW said, "On the day of judgment, the heaviest item on the scale of deeds will be good manners". (Abu Dawood)

3. Amama (RA) relates that someone asked the Prophet SAW, "what is Imaan?" The Prophet SAW replied, "when you are pleased by doing a good deed and sad by a bad deed, you have become a momin. (Ahmad)

4. Amama (RA) relates that the Prophet SAW stated, "whosoever loves someone for Allaah, becomes someone's enemy for Allaah, and gave away things for Allaah and them prohibited some for Allaah, has attained complete Imaan (faith). (Abu Dawood)

5. Anas (RA) relates that the one who has tasted real Imaan, will have three features: He will have the love for Allaah and the Messenger SAW more than anything else; whoever he/she loves will only be for Allaah; and he/she abhors to be a non-believer just as he/she will avoid being thrown in the fire. (agreed upon) 6. Ibn Abbaas (RA) relates that the Prophet SAW said, "whosoever has attained four qualities will be successful in this world and the hereafter; A thankful heart; A tongue that is always busy remembering Allaah; Patience in time of adversity; and a wife who is faithful to him about herself and his wealth. (Mishkaat)

7.Abu Huraira (RA) related that the Prophet SAW once asked, "Is there anyone who will pay heed to my advise and teach others?" Abu Huraira (RA) answered the call. The Prophet SAW held his hand and said, "Stay away from sinning and you will be salvaged; Be nice to your neighbor and you have become a true momin; Whatever you desire for yourself, should do the same for others and you will become a true Muslim; and refrain from too much laughter and jokes, because then the heart becomes insensible". (Tirmizi)

May Allaah SWT Accept this effort. Ameen!

(Translated from "Noor-e-Baseerat" an Urdu article in daily Nawai Waqt)

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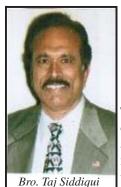


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MASSACRE OF MUSLIMS

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The following material is copied from various internet websites. These are only bits and pieces. A number of news articles, commentaries, photographs, and videos on this topic are available on the internet. Please write to the UN Secretary General for im-

mediate action, and pray for your fellow Muslims. May Allah help them. Aameen.

The Demographics: Myanmar (Burma) is a sovereign country in Southeast Asia. It is bordered by India, Bangladesh, China, Laos, and Thailand. It has a population of about 56 million. There are over 53 million Buddhists, about three million Christians, about three million Muslims, and about one million Hindus and those who believe in other religions. 89% of the country's population is Buddhist. 4% of the population practices Christianity; 4%, Islam; 1%, traditional animistic beliefs; and 2% follow other religions, Independent researchers put the Muslim population at 6 to 10% of the population. Ethnic minorities such as the Muslim Rohingya people (about 800,000), have their citizenship status denied and treated as illegal immigrants instead.

Report from Amnesty International

Amnesty International has received credible reports of human rights abuses against Rohingyas and other Muslims- including physical abuse, rape, destruction of property, and unlawful killings - carried out by both Buddhists and security forces. The authorities should stop these acts and prevent others from occurring. On 3 June, 2012, a large group of local Buddhists killed 10 Muslims in Rakhine State, who were returning by bus to their homes in Yangon. Myanmar's National Human Rights Commission said on 11 July that at least 78 people have been killed since the violence began, but unofficial estimates exceed 100. Between 50,000 and 90,000 people are estimated to have been displaced. The Myanmar authorities are compounding the error by exacerbating the suffering of those displaced by the violence and violations.

History of Anti-Muslim Riots from Wikipedia

1962: After the coup d'état of General Ne Win, the status of Muslims changed for the worse. Muslims were expelled from the army and were rapidly marginalized. The generic racist slur of "kala" (black) used against perceived "foreigners" gained especially negative connotations when referring to Burmese Muslims during this time. Accusations of "terrorism" were made against Muslim organizations such as the All Burma Muslim Union, causing Muslims to join armed resistance groups to fight for greater freedoms.

1997: following reports of an attempted rape by Muslim men, a mob of about 1,000-1,500 Buddhist monks and others gathered in Mandalay. They targeted the mosques first for attack, followed by Muslim shop-houses and transportation vehicles in the vicinity of mosques.

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Submitted by Rev. Thomas Graf Professor at BC College, Florida U.S.A.

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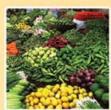
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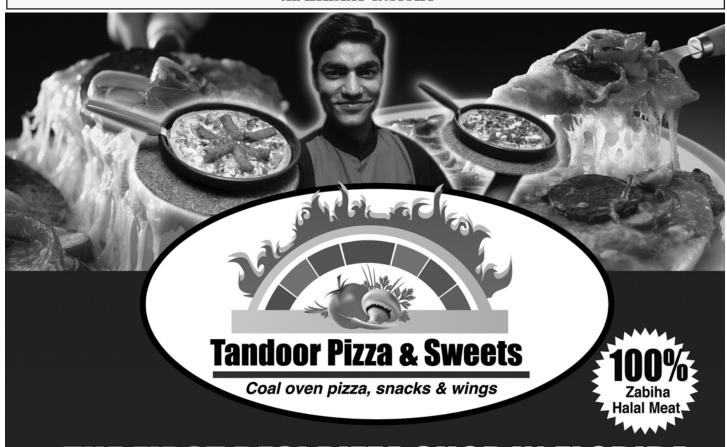
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The Conflict in June 2012

The Riots: Buddhists started genocide in Rakhine in June 2012, after Myanmar's President Thein Sein has said Rohingya Muslims must be expelled from the country and sent to refugee camps run by the United Nations. It all started on 3rd June 2012 when 11 innocent Muslims were killed by the Burmese Army and the Buddhist mobs after bringing them down from a bus. A vehement protest was carried out in the Muslim majority province of Arakan, but the protestors fell victim to the tyranny of the mobs and the army. More than 50 people were reported killed and thousands of homes destroyed in fires

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The Alleged Rape: The wave of violence in June was sparked by the alleged rape and murder of a Buddhist woman by three Muslim men in a Rakhine village. In fact, a Muslim boy was in love with a Buddhist girl and both married and eloped to avoid wrath of local people. Two other Muslim boys helped them in arranging marriage and also to elope subsequently. All three boys were arrested by the police and one who had married the Buddhist girl was killed in the police custody. The two other boys have been sentenced to death and are to be executed.

Devastation of a Major City: In Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine state, the scars of recent conflict were everywhere.

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HUMOR POLITICIANS LIE

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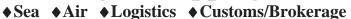
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Oh ALLAAH! Keep us aware of our PURPOSE OF LIFE. Oh ALLAAH enable us to fulfill our purpose. Oh ALLAH help us fulfill this purpose.

Ameen

MASSACRE OF MUSLIMS IN MYANMAR

Burned homes, shops and entire markets dot the Buddhist-majority city of nearly 200,000 people. Traditionally Muslim neighborhoods, such as Shwe Pyar, Nazi Konetan and Mawlike, were deserted, locked up, or living in deep secrecy. Prominent mosques and buildings bear signs from the municipality reading, "No one is allowed to enter." In some areas of Sittwe, the devastation from the violence that peaked in June is comparable to Cyclone Nargis, which struck Myanmar in 2008. Most striking was the almost completely absence of the Rohingya population that once made up nearly one-third of the city's residents, and the largest portion of its working class. The impact of that loss was obvious. The Rohingya who worked as the city's ever-present ricksaw drivers and porters at the jetty and markets are now gone. There are no signs of Muslims at the airport, the boat shuttles that ferry passengers to outlying islands, or even the local busses that run Buthidaung to Maungdaw, two Rohingya-majority states.

Mass Graves: HRW says hundreds of men and boys were rounded up in mass arrests, their whereabouts still unknown. Informal Rohingya estimates put the number of missing and arrested in the thousands. On the hushed streets of Sittwe and in the tent city outside Bhumei, Rohinyga speak of the brutality of the Rakhine and the Myanmar forces, and of the many loved ones still missing from the conflict. In a series of interviews with off-duty security officers at bars and restaurants in Sittwe, a picture

emerged of what some Myanmar military and police think about the Rohingya. An ethnic Rakhine soldier from the 352 Light Infantry Battalion claimed he and his comrades killed "300 Rohingya" from Myothugyi village near the area of Three Mile between Buthidaung and Maundaw townships on the night of June 8. "I put the butt of my gun here at [the right side of] my waist and shot down many Muslims while keeping my left hand on magazines so that I could quickly fill up my bullets," said the soldier, now stationed at a village outside Maungdaw. "There were so many dead bodies that we even had to call in a bulldozer to make a mass grave." Another ethnic Rakhine soldier boasted that he and his troops killed an uncountable number of Rohingya in the village of Nyaung Chaung in the countryside around Maungdaw during the early June crackdown.

Refugee Camps: The United Nations has estimated that 80,000 people are still displaced around the cities of Sittwe and Maungdaw. Outside Sittwe, where the fleeing Rohingya had gathered, the situation was worse. The village of Bhumei, a few kilometres to the west, was overrun by thousands of refugees who said they were forced from the city, first by mobs, then by security troops. The refugees endured the current monsoon rains in mud-floored tents, living mostly on bags of rice provided by the UN's World Food Program. There is no clinic, proper bathroom or clean water. One woman was crying in the street with her rain-soaked children on her lap. She said they were sick and there was no clinic to look after them or food to eat.

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Islamic sciences in 2000 in the United Arab Emirates primarily under the instruction of Sheikh Tariq Ibn Rajah and other scholars from Umm Al Qura such as Sheikh Amr Al Shishany and Sheikh Saleem Ziad for 3 years. He has also greatly benefitted from the wisdom and teachings of Dr Salah As-Sawy, Dr Hatem Al Haj, and his wifes father, Sheikh Husam Mubarak. May Allah preserve them all. Afterwards, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Islamic Jurisprudence with honors from IOU, Bachelor's degree in Accounting from UNO, and is currently pursuing his Masters degree from the University of Wales in the field of "The Figh of Minorities" for which he is authoring a thesis on the comprehensive integration of Muslims into Western society without compromising their faith. He is a frequent lecturer and keynote speaker at national conferences and conventions on a variety of subjects. He is also a speaker for the Citizen Dialogue program of the US State Department which trains foreign diplomats and audiences in the study of Islam. He has served as ICNA Relief's Outreach Director in Louisiana since 2005. He is very active in engaging non Muslim audiences through university events and activities and several church invitations. In 2008, he helped found the East Jefferson Interfaith Clergy Association of which he currently sits on the steering committee. He was awarded for "Outstanding Civic Achievement" by the Major and City Council of New Orleans in 2010. He is currently teaching and in his Masters program of Islamic Finance with the Institute of Islamic Finance in the UK, and will be pursuing his PhD in Islamic Studies from Malaysia in the Fall of this year, insha Allaah. (You can also tune in to Al-Hikmat TV for an Interview with Shaikh Omar Suleiman on "Global Issues," Inshaa Allaah).

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By Sis. Asma bint Shameem visiting the Prophet's (S.A.W) Masjid, etc.

2. Go with a prepared heart

- Hajj is not only a journey of the body to the house of Allaah, it is also a journey of the heart and soul. Just as it is important to know the manners of performing Hajj, it is equally important to prepare yourself spiritually. Remember, this is Hajj – a great act of Ibaadah,

the fifth pillar of our Deen WISHES OF AL QUR'AAN which Allaah loves.

3. Know Salatul Janazah -"Whoever attends the janaazah until he offers the prayer will have one geeraat (of reward), and whoever attends until (the deceased) is buried will have two qeeraats." It was said, "O Messenger of Allaah, what are the two geeraats?" He said, "Like two great mountains," meaning, of reward. (Saheeh)

- 4. Don't get overwhelmed with the crowd - This is the Ummah of your beloved Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W). All of you are there for one and one purpose only - to worship One God, Allaah. So love them, have mercy for them and make dua for them.
- 5. Time is Precious Do all your 5 prayers in the Masjid, no excuses allowed! When you pray in Masjid al-Haraam in Mecca, your salaah is multiplied by 100,000 times. When you get to Mina, busy your self with making dua, dhikr, reading Qur'aan, etc. The Prophet (S.A.W) said: "The best of du'a is du'a on the day of 'Arafah, and the best thing that

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I and the Prophets before me said is Laa ilaaha ill-Allaah wahdahu laa shareeka lah. -Tirmidhi

- 6. Hajj is not your annual vacation trip It's an act of Ibaadah. Remember this is Hajj, not a cruise or a vacation.
- 7. Don't just say it... mean it -When you recite the Talbiyah, don't just say it like a parrot, without knowing what it means and what it implies. You are saying "Labbaik, Allaahumma Labbaik.." What do these words imply? Oh Allaah I am here, here to serve You, here to obey You, here to submit my life, my wants, my desires only to You.
- 8. Be nice Obviously, everybody wants their Hajj To be 'Mabroor' (accepted) because the Prophet (S.A.W) said: "There is no reward for Hajj mabroor except Paradise." (Al-Bukhaari) They said: "What makes Hajj mabroor, Messenger of Allah?" He said, "Providing food to people and spreading (the greeting of) salaam." (Fath al-Bari, 4/446) Thus we see that being kind to the people, being generous and considerate, serving and helping them is the KEY to having your Hajj accepted. So go ahead and help that old lady with her luggage, and the older brother across the street. May Allah accept all the Hajj of all the brothers and sisters, and teach the coming Hujjaj how to best prepare and earn a Hajj Mabroor, Ameen.

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Surah Adh Dhariat, Ayat 56 - "I have created Jinns and Mankind for no other reason than worshipping me."

Surah Al-Kahf, Ayat 30 - "As to those who believe and do good deeds, verily We shall not suffer to perish the reward of any who do a good deed."

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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

THE ANIMAL SHOULD NOT BE WEAK OR SICK

Question: What's the law on the Sacrificial Animal for Eid? Answer: The following are some references pertaining to your questions: Sahih Al-Bukhari - Narrated by Al Bara - The Prophet (S.A.W) said (on the day of Id-al-Adha), "The first thing we will do on this day of ours, is to offer the ('Id) prayer and then return to slaughter the sacrifice. Whoever does so, he acted according to our Sunna (tradition), and whoever slaughtered (the sacrifice) before the prayer, what he offered was just meat he presented to his family, and that will not be considered as Nusak (sacrifice)." (On hearing that) Abu Burda bin Niyar got up, for he had slaughtered the sacrifice before the prayer, and said, "I have got a six month old ram." The Prophet said, 'Slaughter it (as a sacrifice) but it will not be sufficient for any-one else (as a sacrifice after you)." Al-Bara' added: The Prophet said, "Whoever slaughtered (the sacrifice) after the prayer, he slaughtered it at the right time and followed the tradition of the Muslims."

Conditions for Sacrifice

A sacrificial animal should satisfy the following conditions: 1. It should be two years old, if it is an animal other than a sheep. As for sheep, even a six month old lamb may be sacrificed, but it should be fat and healthy. As for a camel, it must be at least five years old, a cow two years old, and a goat a year old at least.

2. It should be healthy and free from all physical defects. It should not be one eyed, nor should it limp, be mangy, or very thin and weak.

Selecting One's Own Sacrificial Animal

Malik has reported from Hisham bin 'Urwah and he from his father that he used to tell his sons: "O my sons! Do not slaughter an animal in the name of Allah such as you will be embarrassed to present as a gift to a close and respected friend of yours. Allah is the Most Honorable and Most Generous, and He is the most deserving to be offered the best of what you have." Sa'id bin Mansur reported that Ibn 'Umar once mounted in Makkah on a nice she-camel, which he liked very much, and said, "Excellent! Excellent!" admiring it. Then he dismounted, marked it as an offering, and a sacrifice for the pleasure of Allah.

Reference / Figh Us Sunnah

Allaah & Noves Best

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

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(Go to Religion/Spirituality, then go to Islam, then Click on <u>Islamic Scholar</u>). You can also send Questions to alhikmat@hotmail.com. Your Questions will be answered in the order they were received.

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LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE WITH THE ZHIKR OF ALLAAH

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah Muslims must become examples of peace and beauty and gentleness. Not just on our tongue, but in our style, how we live and treat others. In Verses 45-46: "Truly We have sent you O Prophet as a witness and bearer of glad tidings and warnings. And it is by Allah's permission that you are chosen as a lamp to spread the light of the Qur'an." We should all try to develop that Light, and to be a reflection of the Light. Through the spiritual practice of zhikr we can be blessed with Allah's Nur, begin to see the world properly and to act properly. We can be a reflection of Allah's love and compassion to the world. Make time for zhikr: it is not just sunnah, it is a command from Allah. The Prophet showed us how to do it.

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MASSACRE OF MUSLIMS IN MYANMAR

Compiled by: Bro. Taj Siddiqui

Most of these resources are, however, in areas that belong to non-Burman ethnic minorities while the military junta, and especially its elite, is exclusively Burman. Arakan is the region where oil and gas exploration companies from China, India and elsewhere are stationed. Arakanese are a non-Burman minority that never had cordial relations with the majority but professes the same religion – Buddhism; while Rohingyas who are native to the same region are Muslims. A violent conflict in Arakan is in the best interest of the military junta. As they side with the Buddhists, it helps them project themselves as pious Buddhist but more importantly it gives them the reason to intervene and directly control the area. Martial law was imposed in the region following the recent violence. So while Arkans and Rohingyas fight over petty faith issues, the Burman military enjoys the riches of oil. As it stands, the vast majority of Rohingya is denied Myanmar citizenship, cannot own businesses, marry or relocate. Whether this long-simmering dispute is founded in race, religion or population, matters little to the Rohingya stuck in camps such as Bhumei. Nor to the Rakhine who live in majority Rohingya areas and claim to live in constant fear of attack. Some scholars claim the animosity between Rakhine and Rohingya began during the Second World War, when Buddhist backed the Japanese and Muslims the British. In either case, unless the government or international bodies intervene, the violence and discrimination seem destined to continue.

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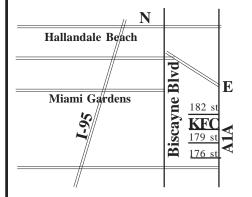
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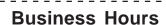
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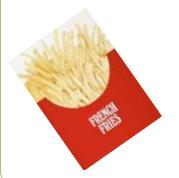
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