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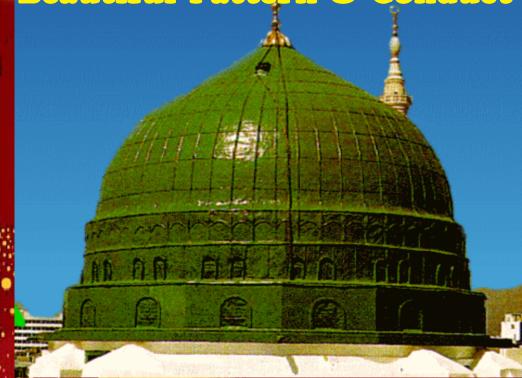












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Al-Qur'aan- CH. 14 V. 3

Those who prefer the life of the world to the hereafter and divert others from the way of God, and seek distortion for it, they are far astray.

Cadith -

A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue and hands. And an emigrant (Muhajir) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden.

~~~Bukhari 99 Attributes of Allaah

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"If anyone speaks badly of you, live- so that no one will believe it."

"It is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice.

"Deceive someone today and you will regret it tomorrow. One who plants thorns must never expect to grow roses."

# SHAIKH SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE

# THREE KNOTS

Summary of Khutbah written by Sis. Karen Shah

Program Vice President of Broward Interfaith Council, Florida U.S.A



Here is a thought-provoking Hadith: "A time will come when Muslims will follow a people so much so, that if they were to go into a lizard's hole the Muslims will follow." When asked who the people are, the Prophet (PBUH) answered, "The Jews and Christians (lifestyle of today vs. lifestyle of Prophet Moses and Jesus Peace Be Upon Them)." Please do NOT misunderstand this as a criticism of Jews and Christians—it is not. It is a direct criticism of Muslims, meaning that "weak Muslims" who do not follow the Ouran (God's laws) and Sunnah (examples from the life of Prophet Muhammad, PBUH) will easily be led astray by the people of today. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "If we hold onto the Ouran and Sunnah we will not go astray." Look at our lifestyle. Do we have our day programmed around salat (prayer), or around society? We wake up, eat breakfast, take a shower, go to work, take the kids to school, etc. without a thought of God. Another Hadith says: "When a person goes to sleep, Satan ties 3 knots around his or her neck. When that person wakes up and remembers Allah right away (Al-Hamdulillah!), the 1st knot is loosened. When he goes to make Wudhu, the 2<sup>nd</sup> knot is loosened. And when he prays his salat, the 3<sup>rd</sup> knot is loosened." We are given energy and protection from Satan for the day. In yet another Hadith we are told that when we don't remember Allah 1st thing in the Sis. Karen Shah

morning, our day will be long, hard, depressing and stressful. We will have no energy. Satan keeps us tied up! Another Hadith says that when the day has begun and a person reads Surah Ya Sin (Chapter 36 of the Holy Quran, also known as the "heart of the Quran"), Allah will cause that person to accomplish whatever he needs to accomplish that day with ease. In 62:9 of the Qur'aan, God tells us to "hasten to the remembrance of Allah." Scholars say this refers to the "Khutbah" (sermon/reminder/Zhikr delivered before "Jumua Salat" which is the obligatory Friday congregational prayer.) How is our life built around Saturday and Sunday. Do we observe our Friday Sabbath day, or do we have our religious program on Saturday/Jewish Sabbath and Sunday/Christian Sabbath? Many of us come late to Jumua, and many don't come at all. The Prophet (PBUH) said there is an hour on Fridays when whatever we ask for, Allah will accept and answer. We should come early to Jumua, to read Darood Shareef (asking God to send his peace and blessings onto the Holy Prophet Muhammad), and to read Qur'aan. And do not abandon Zhikr on Thursday night (which is the start of our Sabbath day). We have been promised special blessings for reading certain chapters of the Quran on Thursday night.

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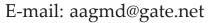
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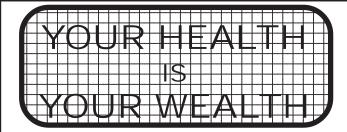
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## RABBI'S CORNER

By: Rabbi Jeffrey Kurtz-Lendner / Temple Solel, Hollywood Florida

# Stand Up Against **EXTREMISTS**

(Muslims & Jews)

Rabbi Jeffrey

cently by the bigotry and violence of very traditional orthodox Jews in Israel, but more importantly, I was also impressed by the leaders who have come forward to oppose that violence. This may seem like an odd venue to convey this story. However, I thought that the Muslim community can identify with many of the human aspects of these terrible events. It only takes a small number of bigots to give an entire community a bad name. When some people of Muslim background perpetrate crimes in the name of Islam, the community as a whole often gets blamed for the actions of an extreme, violent few. And this is what is happening right now in Israel. Much is made of the segregation of genders in some small segments of the Israeli bus system. Most buses are integrated, but there are buses in some specific neighborhoods with large traditional orthodox populations for people who believe that the genders should be segregated for seating. While the virtues of such separation may be admirable in some communities, the values are being imposed on people who do not subscribe to those opinions. That sounds like how the Taliban ruled Afghanistan. On those few Israeli buses the genders are not only segregated but women are forced to sit in the rear of the buses. That is certainly reminiscent of the racial segregation that occurred in the Southern United States until the 1950's and 1960's. And in particular, one innocent little eight year old girl who was being raised in a less traditional household was spat upon by some

orthodox Jews who felt that the girl was

not dressed appropriately. What a terrible scenario – to perpetrate a violent act on a little girl whose sole sin was how she was being raised by her parents as if she had a choice in who her parents are. Yet there are those who have stood up against this violence. Recently, a very traditional orthodox woman in Israel chose to sit in the front of one of the segregated buses. While she is absolutely as committed to her faith as the others around her, she felt that those committing bigotry were giving a bad name to the entire community. So she stood up for what was right. She herself also believed that the genders should be separated, but she felt that it was wrong to impose those views on other people and to do so with violence. Furthermore, some of the official leaders of the traditional orthodox community have asked the secular press to help spread the word that it is against the Jewish religion to use violence and bigotry to impose their views on others. They, too, believed that the extreme few were giving their community a bad name. While these leaders who asked for help from the general media do not disagree with the core religious theology and practice of the extremists, where they disagree is that bigotry and violence is not acceptable. Some of the traditional orthodox Jews called the orthodox Jewish woman who stood up against bigotry and called her a heathen. Yet even more called her and thanked her, telling her that she was sanctifying the name of God by representing that traditional community and standing up against bigotry and violence.

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# HAVE FEAR FOR ALLAAH

By: Br. Hamzad Mohammed Trinidad, West Indies
We need to have fear in our hearts for
Allah, for we do not know if and when
he would make a calamity befall us.
Prophet Muhammad {SAW} had a lot
of fear for Allah, at times even weeping
with tears flowing down his face. The
following are some ahadith {sayings} by
Muhammad {SAW} which speak of the
fear for Allah:

\*No drop is dearer to Allah than two drops viz. One of tear in the fear of Allah and the other of blood in the path of Allah

\*A person weeping with the fear of Allah cannot go to hell until milk goes back in the teats

\*The face which gets wet with the smallest drop of tear from the fear of Allah is safe from the entrance to the fire of hell \*When a Muslim shivers with the fear of Allah, his sins fall away from him like the falling leaves of trees

\*All things fear a person who fears Allah, while everything is a source of fear to him who fears somebody other than Allah

\*Allah's fear is the root of all wisdom

\*Seven persons would be under the shade of A'rsh on the Day of Judgment, one of them being the person who remembered Allah when all alone by himself and shed tears for the fear of Allah and in repentance of his sins. Even Aishah, Prophet Muhammad's {SAW} wife, had a lot of fear for Allah. At times she was heard saying: "I wish I were a tree so I could be always busy in Allah's tasbih and be absolved of reckoning on the Day of Judgment." "I wish I had been a stone or a piece of earth." "I wish I had been a leaf of a tree or a blade of grass." and "I wish I had not been born at all." Let us all stay on the path of Islam and have fear for the Almighty to bring about an improvement in our lives.

### SISTER'S CORNER



# TRANQUILITY REMEMBRANCE

"Allah, there is no God save Him, the Everliving, the Eternal. Neither drowsiness nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs all that

is in the Heavens and on earth. Who can intercede with Him save by His leave. He knows what lies before humans and what is after them, and they encompass nothing of His knowledge save what He wills. His throne comprises both the heavens and the earth, and He is never weary of preserving them. He is the Sublime, the Tremendous. (2:255)

Assalamu Alaikum, My dear sisters: Throughout the day, we must try to consistently think about Allah (SWT) and praise Him (Subhanallah..Glory be to Allah, Alhamdulilah...All Praise is for Allah, AllahuAkbar...Allah is The Greatest). Allah is truly "The Majestic", "The Mighty", "The Creator". He has created the masterpiece of this universe, however, His true masterpiece is in the Heavens. In the universe, from the birds to the flowers to the skies, the mountains and the beautiful seas; they are all but a small sampling of Allah's exquisite art. These creations do not know of its own beauty and significance, but we (humans) are the beneficiaries of these creations. We are the only ones (as far as we know), who are capable of perceiving beauty, appreciating it and expressing our wonder of Allah's creations. Every tree serves a purpose, as does every drop of rain, every ray of sunshine, as does the darkness of the night. Allah (SWT) has created the sun, moon and stars for our benefit and we are all subservient to Him. Allah's (SWT) greatness is reflected in humans, because He has given life to billions of people on this earth, and He has created for each one, specific and unique features and personality, so that no one is exactly the same (Alhamdulilah). Imagine a world without color, without beauty, without trees, flowers, mountains, birds and without blue skies!!. Allah's (SWT) magnificence shows in the colors and beauty of the earth that He has created. Every breath of air we breathe, every time we blink, every movement of our limbs, every heartbeat, every second we are able to see, hear, speak, think, taste, are all blessings from Allah (SWT), that we should not take for Continued on Page 29, Inshaa Allaah granted.

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Submitted by: Faria Mohamed

# Congratulation Reyaad & Aneesa Gannie



Aneesa & Reyaad

Reyaad and Aneesa were recently married on Sunday January 15th, 2012 at Signature Grand, Davie Florida U.S.A. There were over 500 guests at their Nikaah ceremony, which was performed by Shaikh Shafayat. May Allaah (S.W.T) bless them.

Inshaa Allaah

# Pongratulation

# Faiuze & Sabrina Shamsudin



Faiuze & Sabrina

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

(Translated from Chinese Proverbs plus some personal additions – Source unknown)

- 1. Today, we have bigger houses; but smaller families
- 2. More conveniences; but less time
- 3. We have more degrees; but less common sense
- 4. More knowledge; but less judgment
- 5. We have more experts, but more problems; more medicine but less wellness
- 6. We spend too recklessly, laugh too little and drive too fast
- 7. We get angry too quickly, stay up too late and get up too tired
- 8. We read too little, watch TV too often; but pray too seldom
- 9. We have multiplied our worldly possessions; but reduced our values
- 10. We talk too much, love too little and lie too often
- 11. We have learned how to make a living; but not a life
- 12. We have added years to life; but not life to years
- 13. We have taller buildings; but shorter tempers
- 14. Wider freeways; but narrow view points
- 15. We spend more but have less; we buy more but enjoy it less
- 16. We have been all the way to the moon and back; but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor
- 17. We have conquered out space; but not inner space
- 18. We have split the atom; but not our prejudices
- 19. We write more but learn less; plan more but accomplish less
- 20. We have learned to rush: but not to wait
- 21. We have higher incomes; but lower morals
- 22. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies; but we have less communication
- 23. We are long on quantity; but far short on quality
- 24. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, tall men and short characters; steep profits and shallow relationships
- 25. More leisure and less fun; more kinds of food but less nutrition 26. Two incomes but more divorces; fancier houses but broken homes

#### THIS IS THE PARADOX OF OUR TIMES TODAY

1. So.....Let's not keep anything for a special occasion, because every day that we live is a special occasion from The Almighty.

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#### **THREE KNOTS of SATAN**

What about marriage and children? The Sunnah is to marry for the pleasure of Allaah, and to have children. Today we marry for our own pleasure and choose not to have children. Instead of following the Sunnah of the Prophet, we follow the example of Pharaoh and Satan. We let society tell us when to get married, who we should marry, when to have children, and how many. We are afraid that too many children will cost too much, and keep us from wealth. That is wrong. Before a child is born, his sustenance is written. He comes into this world with his hand filled with mercy from God. In 33:21 of the Quran, Allah tells us: "In the Messenger of God you have the most beautiful example for everyone who looks forward to God and the Last Day, and remembers God unceasingly." In 3:31 of the Quran, we read "Say (O Prophet): If you love God, then follow me, and God will love you and forgive you your sins; for God is Much-Forgiving, Most Merciful." This means follow the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). A Muslim is not just an ordinary person. The Qur'aan says that a Muslim should display the best characteristics. In 2:143, we learn that God made Muslims so that our way of life could be an example to all mankind, just as the Prophet is an example to us. But instead of being a good example for the world, we follow the world, the people of today. If today's Jews and Christians really followed their own Books, they'd be living like Muslims are supposed to live. There is nothing in how Moses (PBUH) and Jesus (PBUH) lived that is contrary to what Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) taught. Before the Prophet (PBUH) received his 1st revelation, he lived like Moses and Jesus. And finally, we are told in 10:57: "O mankind! The Qur'aan has come to you as a cure for the diseases in your hearts, as a guide and a mercy." As we say in our interfaith programs, our path is not to follow the Jews and Christians, but to have the life of Moses & Jesus (Peace be upon them). Similarly, Muslims must follow the Qur'aan and lifestyle of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) vs. the lifestyle of Muslims today. Start tomorrow morning. Set your clocks! Loosen those knots that Satan ties around us when we sleep - wake up and say "Al-Hamdulillaah!" Make Wudu, and pray Fajr Salat! Make the time to read Surah Ya Seen in the morning and you are assured to get your work done with ease and Allaah's blessings. Be the best of mankind!

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#### "BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT ABOUT ISLAM"

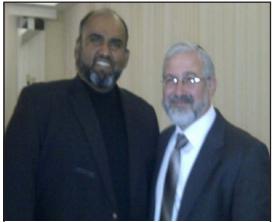


Photo Above from left: Bro. Wayne Shah & Rabbi Goldenholz (Temple Sinai)

On January 15th Temple Sinai in Hollywood proudly hosted Part 2 of "Bet You Didn't Know That About Islam!" This program was offered by the Broward Interfaith Council, and was attended by members of many faiths. Bro. Wayne Shah gave an informative slide presentation, answered many questions from the audience, and facilitated an enthusiastic discussion. This program was requested as a follow-up to Bro. Wayne's successful first presentation on Islam back in October.

#### **WOMEN'S INTERFAITH TEA**

The First Interfaith Women's Tea was held on 1/25/12 and was a huge success! 19 women of different faiths came together to share ideas, make new friends, and learn about other faiths in an informal atmosphere. The decision was made to plan future meetings with topics announced in advance so everyone can come prepared to participate in a lively discussion and learning session. The next meeting is March 7th 11:30 - 1:00 and the topic is "What is God?"

# **GUYANA**ISLAMIC INSTITUTE



Photo Above: Anthony Sampedro

Anthony Sampedro, a convert to Islam, visited GIT – Guyana Islam Institute in January 2012 with Shaikh Shafayat. After spending some time with the students, Anthony became convinced of and motivated to study Islam, Inshaa Allaah. Anthony better known as Abdullah is now studying Qur'aanic Arabic etc. at Darul Uloom Florida, U.S.A. Al-Hamdulillaah.

# CENTRAL MOSQUE JAMAICA



Central Masjid, Kingston Jamaica Head office for Islamic Council of Jamaica

The Islamic Council of Jamaica held an Islamic Conference from Dec 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2011. Among the many speakers were Shaikh Tijani, Shaikh Shaheed, and brother Mustafa. Shaikh Shafayat was invited as the guest speaker and lectured on "How To Live with Non-Muslims". The Shaikh was accompanied with brother Waheed from Florida, U.S.A. Al-Hamdulillaah.

# PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S.A.W) Beautiful Pattern & Conduct

Excerpts from Imam Ghazzali (R.A) Religious Learnings

The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) was the most patient among men, the bravest, the best judge, and one who pardoned most. He was the greatest charitable man. He did not pass a single night hoarding any dirham or dinar. Whenever any excess money came to him and if he did not then get anyone to accept it as charity, he did not return home till he gave it to the poor and the needy. He did not store up for more than a year the provision of his family members which Allah was pleased to give him. He used to take one fifth of what easily came to him out of dates and wheat. What remained in excess, he used to give in charity. He used to give away in charity to one who begged anything of him, even out of his stored up provision. He used to repair his shoes, join his wives in their labours and cut meat with them. He was the most shy among men and could not stare at anyone for long. He accepted invitation of slaves and free men and presentation of even a cup of milk. He did not use the properties of Zakat and used to accept the invitation of the widows and the poor. He used to speak the truth even though it was sometimes a cause of trouble to himself and his companions. He used to bind stones in his bell for appeasing his hunger and eat whatever he got. He did not return any present and did not take precaution in any lawful food. If he got dried grapes in lieu of bread, he ate them. If he got baked meat, he ate it. He used to eat whatever he got of bread, wheat, sweets, and honey. He considered milk as sufficient if he did not get any other food. He used not to take food leaning against a pillow or upon a high table. He used to accept invitations of marriage, visit the sick and the diseased and attended the funerals. He was the most modest without pride and his tongue was most eloquent without prolongation of his speech. His constitution was the most beautiful. No worldly duties could keep him busy. He used to put on whatever he got. His ring was made of silver and he used to put it on in the little finger of his right or left hand.

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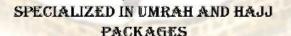
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# JAM & ALL

10th Anniversary Pelebration

Submitted by: Mrs. Kathy Leonard

FORT LAUDERDALE — JAM & All, an organization of Jews, Muslims, Christians and All Peoples, is a decade old and will be celebrating with a photo walk down memory lane, food, music and guest speakers that include founding member Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed. JAM & All would like to invite everyone to attend "A Decade of Dialogue: The 10th Anniversary Celebration" that will be held Sunday, March 25 from 2 pm to 4:30 pm at Artserve Auditorium, 1350 East Sunrise Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. What began with just a handful of Jews and Muslims who attended a 2001 meeting at David Kamrat's office Hollywood has grown from a small group of people who sought better understanding to dozens who now have lasting friendships. There even are Jewish and Muslim congregations that now celebrate holidays together. Darul Uloom Islamic Institute was instrumental in introducing people to Islam early-on with an Eid-ul-Fitr celebration in December of 2001 when Temple Adath Or members came to share an

Iftar that represented cuisines eight different countries. It was a hit. Later the next year TAO members again visited Darul Uloom for another Eid celebration that attracted more than 200 people. Three clergy spoke about our common spiritual father, Ibrahim, from a Jewish, Muslim and Christian perspective. There have been women's interfaith study groups, sponsored lectures at universities, dialogues for understanding and family gatherings. Members have shared knowledge, frustration. information, joy, and sadness together — especially with the loss of founding member Dr. Florence Ross on May 8, 2011. We will honor her memory during the March celebration with announcement of a special award. Over the years JAM participants have visited each other's temples and mosques. They have come together at parks for picnics, enjoyed each other's cooking during potluck dinners and even involved their children in programs that helped the each other gain mutual understanding.

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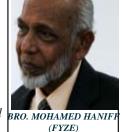
# SO NOW YOU ARE SEVENTY!

Happy 70th Birthday

This, the sweetest December
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What an important year

That brought all of us together, from far and near. Let's take a walk down memory lane.

That which Almighty Allaah has ordained



Zalo, Jerrol, Smithy and you, together with Rosie and others,

Were all sisters and brothers.

Siblings, arising from two different fathers
Now left are two brothers, no others.
Married to a charming lady, Fareeda by name,
Blessed with two wonderful sons who became your fame.
Now, both happily married, adds to your laughter's.
Whose wives you consider and treat like your daughters
As Almighty Allaah would have it. You became the dear grandfather.

Of two admirable grandchildren, Adam and Farah,
Al-Hamdulillaah, all Praises be to Allaah
Although, you did not attain that formal education,
You've contributed immensely in the development of the nation.
Now you are a gentleman, well accomplished and self-educated
Lots of experience and intelligence, you have dictated.
You have helped so many. From the depth of your heart.
It gave you great pleasure. Right from the very start
While in politics, you toured all over
But none was like your pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Mecca.
As you have identified, All praise be to Allaah
In Trinidad, your career were many
From Farmer, Driver and Councilor
To Chairman of county council, Alderman and a parliament
member

But none brought you that peace, contentment and satisfaction. As you're current, at the Darul Uloom, which has become your passion.

So Happy 70th Birthday. And the sweetest December!

In our lives, you are a valued member.
You've always stood proudly at our side,
Encouraging words you always provide
Happy 70th Birthday, you do look the same
Although, time is flying by, but who should we blame
Aging can't be all that bad! More experience you got Dad!
Especially, since you migrated to Miami from Trinidad.
May Almighty Allaah continue to bless you,
And guide you in all that you do.
With Health, strength and happiness
And all the forthcoming bliss, Inshaa Allaah.
Happy 70th Birthday to a Loving Father
Written by: Faresha Mohammed (Daughter-in-Law)
Trinidad, West Indies

Special thanks to Allaah for having me here at Darul Uloom at this stage of my life. Special thanks also to Shaikh Shafayat and Bro. Azad and especially all those with whom I meet all the time in Jummua, Zhikr etc.

- Haji Haniff Mohammed

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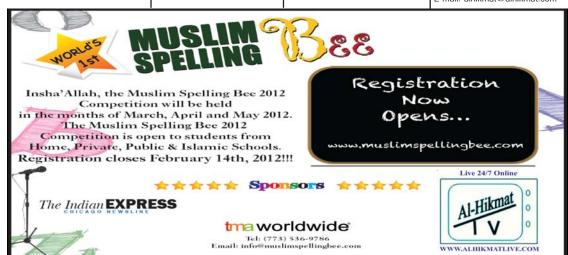
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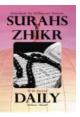
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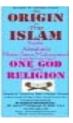
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# HEALTH CORNER



Dr. Yeny Andrade, M.D.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

In last Nov./Dec. 2011 issue, I gave you

a brief introduction to Alzheimer's Disease. This month, I will discuss some ways to keep patients with Alzheimer's disease safe.

1. **DRIVING**: As Alzheimer's progresses, people may get lost easily, or forget to get into the correct lane for a t urn. Eventually, they are unable to watch the road and listen to the radio at the same time, or they will be unable to stop suddenly. This is the point when driving becomes dangerous. If this happens, talk to your doctor. When someone is deemed unsafe to drive, he or she must stop. However, it is important to help this person find other ways to get around. Older people can become depressed when they stop driving.



1. **PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOR CHANGES**: Some people become confused and might see things that are not there. Others might withdraw, talk less, cry easily or have difficulty sleeping. In more advanced stages, a patient can become psychotic, argumentative and even aggressive. As a caregiver, it's

important to watch for things that trigger the problem, and avoid them. It is also important to compromise and simplify things at home. Having a set routine can also help. For those who suffer with hallucinations, it is better not to confront them. When the hallucinations are scary or upsetting to them, try to distract them with something pleasant.

- 2. **INSOMNIA:** When this becomes a problem, limit caffeine intake, increase the amount of daily exercise, and limit naptime. Make sure there's a nightlight in the room, as darkness can lead to confusion. Keeping clocks throughout the home, and reminding them of the time of day can also be helpful.
- 3. **WANDERING:** It is okay to wander in a safe space, such as a fenced yard. When this is not possible, place large stop signs or furniture in front of the front door. A formal or simple alarm system can also help. One example is to tie a few empty cans to a string on the doorknob. If you choose to put special locks, make sure your loved one is not left alone, in case of a fire or emergency. When it is not possible to keep the environment safe, a 24-hour aide or nursing home placement may become necessary. Fortunately, there are many community resources available to patients and family members suffering with Alzheimer's. Please contact us for more information. This month's trivia question: Which is a better food option for diabetic patients: regular potato or sweet potatoes?

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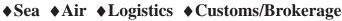




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We all gathered here to celebrate, that old tradition to recreate He was God's obedient 'n' faithful servant.

God put him in a trial which he successfully underwent.

Obeying God's order he made up his mind to sacrifice his son,

But God sent him a sheep to sacrifice for his good intention.

Although we come from West, we come from East, commemorating that occasion, we're having Ebrahamic Eid Feast. Think over, we all from the same Ebrahamic Family at least, We may be religious but not racist, let us joyfully eat together Ebrahamic Eid Feast.

We all can get along, we all can live together,

We all, as soon as, start respecting each other.

This poem was written and recited by Bro. Abdus Salam from Miami Florida U.S.A. at the Ebrahamic Eid Feast when all 3 Religions (Muslims, Christians & Jews) gathered at Darul Uloom Institute on Sunday November 13th, 2011.

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her experience as a non-Muslim sister who came to ICNA Relief Shelter and became Muslim. Sister Lauren Booth excellently shared her experiences and love for Palestine. Sheikh Omar Suleiman impressively conveyed the mission and work of ICNA Relief. A Beautiful children's program was a special treat. The event was broadcasted Live on Al-Hikmat TV. You can tune in to Al-Hikmat TV or Youtube/hikmat954 to view a replay of the event, Inshaa Allaah.

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# **YOUTH CORNI**

Submitted by: Sis. Solana Salam

#### THE DIRTY LAUNDRY

In life we tend to be judgmental and very often look down upon others without exploring deeper and finding out why the person is behaving in such a way. The Beloved Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) is reported to have said "It is enough of evil for a person to hold his brother Muslim in contempt. All of a Muslim is sacred to another Muslim: his blood, his wealth and his honour." (Hadith- Muslim) A young couple moves into a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbour hanging the laundry outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap. "Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbour would hang her washing to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. Some time later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean laundry on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this.""The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows"Lesson: If our windows are dirty so will we see others as dirty too. What we see in others is indeed a reflection of our inner-selves! So it is with life that what we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look. It is easy for us to condemn, discuss other people, their lives & things that really doesn't even concern us and we tend to forget - our windows may not be that clean after all! If we are good we will see good. The Beloved Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) is reported said:

"A Muslim is a mirror to another Muslim" ~(Hadith Abu Dawud)

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### **BIGGER HOUSES**

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## **FANCY HOUSES**

(But Broken Homes)

2. Search for knowledge, read more; sit on your front/back porch and admire the view without paying attention to your

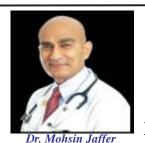
- 3. Spend more time with your family and friends, eat your favorite foods (in moderation) and visit the places you love
- 4. Life is a chain of moments of enjoyment; not only about survival
- 5. Use your crystal goblets, your valued china; do not save your best perfume and use it every time you want it
- 6. Remove from your vocabulary phrases like "one of these days" and "someday"; let's write that letter we thought writing "one of these days"
- 7. Let's tell our families and friends how much we love them
- 8. Do not delay anything that adds laughter and joy to our lives
- 9. Every day, every hour and every minute is special; so pray to Allaah and ask for forgiveness for yourself and your loved ones.

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#### **RECIPE:** CURRY CRAB & DUMPLING

Submitted by: Farzan & Sheiraz Ali

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hot fresh pepper

5 Tbsp. Curry (approx.

3 cups of water(approx.

**Ingredients** 

Crab (10 whole cut in half)

Salt

Black pepper

Scallions

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1 medium onion chopped

4 cloves of minced garlic

Ingredients for dumpling 2 cups of flour

1tsp. Baking powder

Eggplant (1 medium sliced in wedges) salt & water

Wash crab and season with salt, black pepper, green seasoning Add oil to pot

Add onion, garlic and hot pepper, fry until golden brown Add curry to pot (variation: place curry in a bowl and add water to a semi-thick

consistency)

Continue cooking for about 3-5 minutes

Add crab and mix well

Cook for about 5 minutes

Add eggplant, continue cooking until eggplant becomes soft Add water, cover and continue to simmer for about 10 minutes. Make dumplings by mixing all ingredients and form into flattened ball. Add dumplings to pot and continue cooking for another 15 minutes until dumplings are cooked through Variations: Add coconut milk and less water

**Note:** You may need to add more water to ensure enough gravy

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quently in 1997 he joined the Ministry of Agriculture upon graduating as a Veterinary Surgeon. In 2009 he not only acted as the Chief Veterinary Officer of Trinidad and Tobago but was also a lecturer at both UWI and the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT). Amongst a host of awards, scholarships and workshops, he was offered a Cochran Fellowship by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) where he underwent training for Risk Analysis and Epidemiology at Colorado State University. Dr. Ramnanan has also published internationally: two peer reviews journals based on his research at UWI. While pursuing his academic and professional goals, Dr. Ramnanan remained people focused and very involved in his community as he served at the helm of several such Committees as well as student representation for his faculty on the UWI Student Guild. Being an avid sports

fan and enthusiast, he represented both his college and club at cricket and in 2009-2010, he received certification as a Level 1 International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Table Tennis coach. In addition, his interest in business has given him the opportunity to direct two import and export companies expanding his knowledge of the sector locally and internationally. Dr. Ramnanan joined the Consulate General of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Miami in February 2011 and has demonstrated a clear vision for the Consulate General with regard to Trade and Investment, Business, Diaspora Relations and Support, Consular and Immigration Services and Customer Service Relations.

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### TRANOUILITY IN ALLAAH'S REMEMBRANCE

Allah (SWT) is truly amazing and He alone is responsible for all these blessings. "Which of the favors of your Lord do you deny?" At the sight and thought of Allah's creations and craftsmanship, we should be moved to praise Him. Let us consistently make the time to truly appreciate and acknowledge all of Allah's (SWT) greatness and His many favors, and every time we see one of Allah's (SWT) creations, and marvel at its beauty and power; let us instantly praise Allah (SWT) and know that all this is for us

to appreciate and enjoy. However, we need to work hard and do more good deeds to gain Allah's (SWT) pleasure in order to receive His true masterpiece of Jannah (Heaven). When we pray our salaat, we need to focus on Allah (SWT) as if He is standing in front of us. When we do dhikr, we need to focus and properly pronounce each word and think of the meaning....Subhanallah:glory be to Allah, Alhamdulilah: praise be to Allah, AllahuAkbar: Allah is great. Let us remember, quality is better than quantity. When we pray to Allah, we

have to contemplate His majesty and truly thank Him for all his favors and blessings. We have programmed ourselves to say "thank you" to others and to commend others on their good work, their appearance, their good personality, their kindness, and so many other things; but we do not spend enough time praising the One who has created man and enabled him to do good and blessed him with countless bounties. We need to make a concerted effort to remember Allah (SWT) more often.

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### WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

#### DR. MOHAMED RIDA BESHIR

Qur'an and Sunnah, as well as other parenting books in



wife, has co-authored several bestselling books on family issues and parenting, among them: Meeting the Challenge of Parenting in the West:an Islamic Perspective, Muslim Teens: Today's Worry, Tomorrow's Hope, a Practical Islamic Parenting Guide, Blissful Marriage, and Parenting Skills based on

Dr. Mohamed Rida Beshir, with his

Arabic. Some of their parenting books have been translated into several languages such as French, German and Albanian. Dr. Beshir has taught many courses on the subject of parenting in North American society with the Islamic American University. He has been contributing regularly to the family section of various Muslim magazines, such as, Islamic Horizons, The Message, and American Muslim. He also assisted as an adviser for the original Islam online website's family section. He has conducted thousands of workshops on parenting, marriage and tarbiyah matters throughout the world. Dr. Mohamed Rida Beshir is the recipient of the City of Ottawa Certificate of Appreciation for 2003 for his volunteer work in the area of Education. He recently founded www.familydawn.com, a comprehensive family website with a collection of articles, case studies, frequently asked ques-

tions, and resources on Islamic family matters. Although Dr.

Beshir is an Engineer by profession, but in his quest for au-

thentic and classical Islamic knowledge, Dr. Beshir studied

with great Islamic scholars and students of knowledge in the

areas of Tafseer, Figh, Usool Al Figh, Tarbiyah and other

Islamic subjects. Being proficient in Arabic and English, pro-

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# Continued from Page 7 Stand Up Against EXTREMISTS (Muslims & Jews)

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merous community development initiatives on the local and National level in North America over the last 4 decades

- ·He has held various elected positions with MSA, ISNA, and MAS on both national and local levels.
- ·He led the training and development department of the Muslim American Society (MAS) for over 6 years. And was a member for the department for 2 decades
- ·He is a regular speaker in ISNA, ICNA, MSA and MAS conferences.
- ·He is a Recipient of the Ottawa Muslim Association Volunteer award for his contribution to the Ottawa Muslim Community
- ·He is a Recipient of the Ottawa Muslim Circle award for his volunteer contribution to the Circle
- ·He is a member of the advisory board of SIFCA "Shura of Islamic Family Counselors of America"
- ·He is one of the founding members of HCI "Human Concern International" and served for over a decade as the vice president of HCI.

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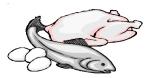
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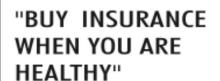


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By Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

# MY RELIGIOUS HUSBAND does not want CHILDREN

\*Sister Zara from England

Question: Assalaamu Alaikum.

Can you give me some advice and knowledge? I have been married for 8 months. My husband and I have been brought up differently. He was born and brought up in Saudi Arabia and has come to the United Kingdom 8 years ago with his family. I was born and brought up in the United Kingdom, so I'm more westernized and open minded. Where he is very over protective and still thinks strict like Saudi men such as wearing Abaya if not always then you must wear it in front of my family etc., which I understand in Islam you must. But if you are married to a girl who doesn't wear Hijab, Abaya etc., you must give them time to adjust and Allaah will give Hidayat himself in the heart for change towards Islam, instead of a human forcing someone to do something without ones wish. Well, basically because of arguments between my husband and I, my family don't talk to him neither does his family talk to me. And our families don't talk to each other.

My question is: I really want to have a baby but my husband doesn't, because he says we are not settled and he wants to get his own house then we can have a baby. But I see it as a baby brings its own happiness and Rizq in the home, and people who rent a home still don't stop making a family. I feel a baby will bring us closer together and will bring our families closer too. My husband doesn't have a mom because she passed away but his dad's heartily wish is for him to see his grandchildren and he is very close to my husband as my husband is the youngest. One of my husband's brother has kids and then the others have no kids. My family also wishes for my children as I'm oldest. According to Islam what does it say regarding to my Farz as a wife? Do I have right to insist to become a mother if we have intimate rela-

tionship? No matter the arguments we have, due to our different opinions of thinking there is still that husband and wife relation between us. We only argue mostly when we are going out and he doesn't like my English clothes and I don't want to wear shalwar kameez or when he wants to go to his family house and won't go to my family house, and when all he talks about is his niece and nephews all the time and won't even think about us having a family. Even though he loves kids and so do I. If we are at home and I don't want to go my family house, then he is okay. He says he very religious as he is from Saudi Arabia. I think personally contraception is wrong, but he uses to stop any chances of pregnancy. Please give your advice. Thank you so much.

Answer: I am sorry to hear about your

situation. Actually, your husband may be right when he says he is religious but he needs to educate himself in Qur'aan and Sunnah. Because the Qur'aan doesn't recommend contraceptive and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) never practiced any form of contraceptive. Permissibility has been granted for the wife's health condition, not just for the wife and husband's whims and fancies. Allach Chrone Cost

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

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#### **ALLAAH'S REMEMBRANCE**

Here is some advice for life, for us all, "without doubt, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction". "For those who believe and work righteousness, is every blessedness and a beautiful place of return."

~Qur'aan Ch: 13 V. 28 & 29

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