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The Noble Last Prophet of Allaah

And the life of the Prophet SAW is a historical proof of this principle. This is why at times like these we have to exercise great patience and tolerance despite all the painful and blasphemous and degrading things that are said against the noble Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and about Muslims. We have to react how he would have reacted and we must behave how he behaved, and we must forgive the way he forgave and we must live Islam the way he lived Islam and we must strive to share this message the way he shared this message with all mankind if we truly love him and more so if we truly love Allah God Almighty SWT.

Fifth Principle: (To turn a minus into plus). After the Battle of Badr, about 70 of the unbelievers were taken as the prisoners of war. They were educated people. The Prophet (pbuh) announced that if any one of them would teach ten Muslim children how to read and write, he would be freed. This was the first school in the history of Islam in which all of the students were Muslims, and all of the teachers were from the enemy ranks. Here I shall quote a British orientalist who remarked about the Prophet of Islam (pbuh): "He faced adversity with the determination to wring success out of failure."

Sixth Principle: (The power of peace is stronger than the power of violence). When Makkah was conquered, all of the Prophet's direst opponents were brought before him, these were people who tortured and punished and hurt him and his followers and their relatives in the worse manner for many years simply because they believed in one God. They were war criminals, in every sense of the word. But the Prophet SAW did not give the order to kill them. He simply said: "Go, you are free." The result of this kind behavior was miraculous; that entire city immediately accepted Islam. This type of peaceful approach (and not violence or the sword) is what allowed Islam to spread to all corners of this world with Allah's help.

Seventh Principle: (Not to be a two-ways only thinker - either this way or that way only).

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AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE
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ISLAMIC CENTER OF SOUTH LAKE



Photo from left: Bro. Asgar Ally, Bro. Abdul Rahman, Shaikh Shady & Shaikh Shafayat

Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah - The Islamic Center of South Lake, Florida held a Fundraising Dinner on Sat. March 25th, 2017 at Minneola City Hall. The Fundraising Dinner was to raise fund to complete their cemetery project. The guest speaker at the event was Shaikh Shafayat. MaaShaa Allaah.

MASJID AL-HIJRA IMAAM INAUGURATION



2-25-2017- Photo above:

Al-Hamdulillaah- Masjid Al-Hijrah held an Imaam inauguration program for their new Imaam Hafiz Monir Ul Islam and Assistant Imaam Bro. Sidique (students of Shaikh Shafayat). The program was indeed a great success! MaaShaa Allaah.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH TRIP TO TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES



Shaikh Shafayat and Mufti Waseem at Darul Uloom Trinidad, West Indies

Photo on right: Shaikh Shafayat speaking to some students at the Charlieville Mosque in Trinidad after Jumua Salaah.

Photo below from left: Alim, Rashaad and Hafiz Feyaaz from Florida USA, in front of the Charlieville Mosque in Trinidad.

Photo below on right: Staff members and volunteers of Al-Hikmat Trinidad team preparing for the Formal Opening Ceremony, which was held in Trinidad on Sun. April 2nd, 2017. MaaShaa Allaah.

On March 30th, 2017, some of Al-Hikmat youths and Darul Uloom students of the USA went to Trinidad for the Formal Opening Ceremony Al-Hikmat Office in the Caribbean. They had the opportunity to visit Darul Uloom, Trinidad and also met with Mufti Waseem, Principal of Darul Uloom.



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In the famous Ghazwa of Muta, Khalid Bin Walid decided to withdraw Muslim forces from the battlefield because he discovered that they were disproportionately outnumbered by the enemy. When they reached Madinah, some of the Muslims received them by the word "O Furrar" (O deserters!) The Prophet SAW said: "No, they are Kurrar (men of advancement)." Those people were thinking 'two ways only', either fighting or retreating. The Prophet said no, there is also a third option, and that is to avoid war and find a time to strengthen yourselves. Now history tells us that the Muslims, after three years of preparation, advanced again towards the Roman border and this time they won a resounding victory.

Eighth Principle: (To bring the battle in one's own favorable field). This principle is derived from the Ghazwa of Hudaibiyya. At that time, the unbelievers were determined to engage Muslims in fighting, because they were in an advantageous position. But the Prophet (pbuh), by accepting their harsh conditions unilaterally, entered into a pact. It was a ten-year peace treaty. Until then, the meeting ground between Muslims and non-Muslims had been on the battlefield. Now the area of conflict became that of an ideological debate. Within two years, Islam emerged as victorious because of the simple reason of its ideological superiority.

Ninth Principle: (Gradualism instead of radicalism). This principle is well-established by a Hadith of Al-Bukhari. Aishah RA says that the first verses and chapters of the Quran were related mostly to heaven and hell. And then after a long time when the people's hearts had softened, the specific commands to desist from adultery and drinking etc. were revealed in the Quran.

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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE By: Salma Mohammed

JEWISH-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

Hollywood Florida USA

Photo on right: On March 7th 2017, - Jewish students of Rabbi Salkin from Temple Solel and Muslim students of Shaikh Shafayat from Darul Uloom Institute of Florida USA sat together for an educational session on Islam and Judaism - after the one and a half hour session they continued the discussion over dinner.



St. Thomas Episcopal Church & School



Photo on left:

Al-Hamdulillaah- Shaikh Shafayat was invited to the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Coral Gables, Florida USA to deliver a sermon on Sunday March 19th, 2017. The event was coordinated by Father Mario Milian, Reverend of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. MaaShaa Allaah.

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS

Photos on right:

Al-Hamdulillaah - Shaikh Shafayat kecturs on "Loving Your Neighbors" at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Pembroke Pines Florida, on Thursday April 13th, 2017. The audience was comprised of members from various local Churches. MaaShaa Allaah.



THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Deerfield Beach, Florida USA

Photo on left: On Sunday March 26th 2017 Shaikh Shafayat was invited to speak on "Interfaith Quest for global healing" at the Theosophical Society in Deerfield Florida USA. Mary Mena-Fernandez was the event coordinator. Some of Shaikh Shafayat students also accompanied him to the Interfaith program. MaaShaa Allaah