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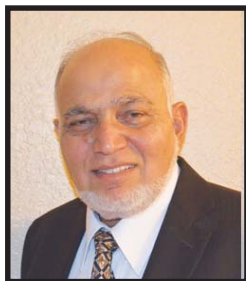
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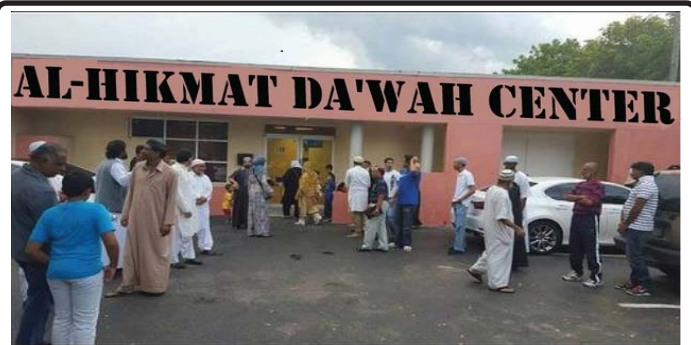
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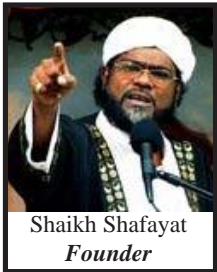
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Al-Hamdulillaah- Shaikh Shafayat was born, in Trinidad, West Indies, where he attended College etc.. Due to his multi-faith and cultural upbringing, he was awarded a scholarship to become a Christian Minister. In 1975 he went to India to study Islam and became the first student from the Caribbean and North

America to have graduated as an Islamic scholar from Darul Uloom Deoband, which is the largest and oldest Islamic Institute in India. He is the Founder of Al-Hikmat Services and Darul Uloom Institute Pembroke Pines Florida USA. He is the first Muslim to become President of the Interfaith Council of South Florida in the year 2002 and was also the first Muslim to represent Islam at a Florida State Faith Summit, held at the Capitol Building with Gov. Jeb Bush in the year 2000. He has received many Interfaith Awards including the Peacemaker Award from St. Thomas University. Shaikh Shafayat is well known by Muslims and Non-Muslims as a Motivational Speaker. He lectures throughout the U.S.A. and worldwide on Islam and Terrorism, Interfaith Issues and Cultural Diversity etc. MaaShaa Allaah.

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Today we live in a world of broken promises and lies. In Islam this is a major sin. What does Allah say about making promises? It is important to know as we live in a time of hypocrisy. Do you know what happens when we lie and break promises? All the blessings we get will go to that person. You think you're robbing the person and he goes with all of your blessings. Allah says that when we lie, or promise and make an oath, if it is broken, we must feed 10 poor people. Some of us may live lives where we would have to feed 10 people every day. This is the Qur'an Chapter 5, verse 89. It is not just presidents who lie in campaigns and elections. Muslims are lying similarly. This should not be so. Do not spoil your Ibaadah by making promises and not fulfilling them. Allah says, Chapter 5 vs 89: "Allah will not impose blame upon you for what is meaningless in your oaths, but He will impose blame upon you for [breaking] what you intended of oaths. So its expiation is the feeding of ten needy people from the average of that which you feed your [own] families or clothing them or the freeing of a slave. But whoever cannot find [or afford it] - then a fast of three days [is required]. That is the expiation for oaths when you have sworn. But guard your oaths. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be grateful." Allah will not take us to task for jokes among friends but promises must be kept. Many of us break promises and while we pray and fast, wonder why we don't see fruits of our Ibaadah. Allah says he will hold us to oaths we did not fulfil. First we must feed 10 poor people based on how you eat and feed your family. We cannot be living in million dollar houses and feeding with cheap fast food. If you cannot do that, clothe them in complete clothing suitable for Salaat, similar to what you wear. We often want the best for ourselves but ask for the least possible amount when giving to the poor. Finally, the option exists to free a slave. Only if none of these options are possible, then you fast for three days. It is not that you break an oath and choose to fast because it is easy. These are the methods of compensations put forth by Allah but better than all of this is to fulfil the promise. How many deaths do we have to see to believe that people die? We can die tomorrow. Let's get up and do what we have to do! Fulfil promises and pledges! People we broke promises to, we should ask for forgiveness before we have to do it on the day of Judgement. If we die without their forgiveness, all of our blessings go to them.

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Sis. Amanda Smith

Explaining Hijab to Non-Muslims

By Sister Amanda Smith / Miami Florida

Sister Amanda has an ijaza in Quran recitation and is currently a graduate student in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Of all questions Muslims are asked, inquiries about hijab are perhaps the most common. "Are you hot in that?" "Why do you wear that?" "Do you force your wife to wear that thing?" These are all questions that many of us have been asked at some point or another, sometimes by people who have bad intentions and sometimes by others who are sincerely curious. Despite how often we are asked, many Muslims struggle to know how to explain hijab to non-Muslims. This can be particularly difficult in the West where simply acknowledging differences between genders is increasingly taboo. However, there are a few ways to explain hijab to non-Muslims in a way that makes sense to them. Often, non-Muslims are told by Muslims that hijab is something a woman wears to protect herself. The problem with this explanation is that what non-Muslims will understand from that message is that Islam teaches that women are responsible for the behavior of men, and that the hijab is a garment worn out of fear. Though it may not be the intention of Muslims who say this, this explanation only reinforces negative stereotypes about Islam and the treatment of Muslim women. Instead, speak about hijab in terms of its true definition. As a community, we often have a tendency to think of hijab as a just a piece of women's clothing, but the true Islamic definition of hijab is far more. Hijab is a practice of modesty in dress and in conduct, and it applies to both men and women. When speaking to non-Muslims about how Muslims dress, don't be shy to say that men wear hijab too. Brothers may not cover their hair like sisters, but they are supposed to dress modestly. The difference in levels of coverage is not unreasonable as our bodies are different and should be clothed differently. Across cultures and religious, men and women dress differently. Difference in and of itself is not oppression. Furthermore, say that hijab is about conduct. Both Muslim men and women should dress modestly and behave modestly. Islam teaches that even if a woman does not wear hijab, Muslim men are not excused from practicing hijab themselves and behaving modestly. When speaking with non-Muslims, emphasize that both genders are responsible for their own behavior no matter how the opposite gender may dress or behave. Finally, describe to non-Muslims how hijab works. Often hijabis are awkwardly asked, "Do you wear that in the shower?". Many non-Muslims are under the impression that Muslim women never remove their headscarves. Understanding when Muslim women remove their headscarves provides clarity, and it is also the key to eliminating the stereotype that hijab oppresses women. As we Muslims know, Muslim ladies cover in front of non-mahram men and show their hair and figure only in front of other women, their mahram family members and their spouses.

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SISTER'S CORNER

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha / Coral Springs, Florida



Sister Sylmarie

**Allaah
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Assalamu Alaikum: Dear sisters and brothers, let us take this opportunity to remind myself and you, of the inspiration and enlightenment that Allah (SWT) states in the Quran. "Inform my servants, that I am The Forgiving, The Merciful". (Quran 15:49) "Allah does not want difficulty for you, but He wants to purify you, and to complete His favor upon you, that you may be grateful." (end of Quranic verse 5:6) "Why would Allah punish you if you are thankful and believe? And Allah is Appreciative (of good), All-Knowing." (Quran 4:147) And your Lord said, "Call on Me; I will answer your prayers." (Quran 40:60) ... "And seek God's forgiveness! Truly God is much Forgiving and Merciful" (Quran 2:199) "Whoso does evil or oppresses his own self and thereafter seeks God's forgiveness shall find God Most Forgiving, Merciful". (Quran 4:110) Our Lord (glorified and exalted be He) descends each night to the earth's sky when there remains the final third of the night, and He says: Who is saying a prayer to Me that I may answer it? Who is asking something of Me that I may give it to him? Who is asking forgiveness of Me that I may forgive him? (Bukhari, Muslim, Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud "And such as Allah (SWT) doth guide, there can be none to lead astray. Is not Allah (SWT) exalted in Power? Lord of Retribution". (Quran 39:37) "On no soul does Allah (SWT) place a burden with more than it can bear. It gets every good that it earns, and it suffers every ill it earns. DUA: Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget or fall into error. Our Lord! Do not lay on us a burden like that which you laid on those before us! Our Lord! Lay not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Blot out our sins, and grant us forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Protector. Give us victory over the disbelieving people!" (Quran 2:286) "Remember Me; and I will remember you. Be thankful to Me, and never ungrateful." (Quran: 2:152) "O mankind, worship your Lord, who created you and those before you, so that you may protect yourselves. It is your Lord who made the earth a bed and the sky a canopy; and it is He Who sends down the rain from above for the growth of every kind of food for your sustenance. And do not set up rivals to Allah (SWT), while you know better". Quran 2:21:22) "I am as My servant thinks of Me. I am with him when he remembers Me. If he mentions Me within himself, I mention him within Myself. If he mentions me in an assembly, I mention him in a better assembly. If he comes near to Me a hand span, I come near to him the distance of a cubit. If he comes near to me the distance of a cubit, I come near to him the distance of two outspread arms. *Continued on page 29, InShaa Allaah*

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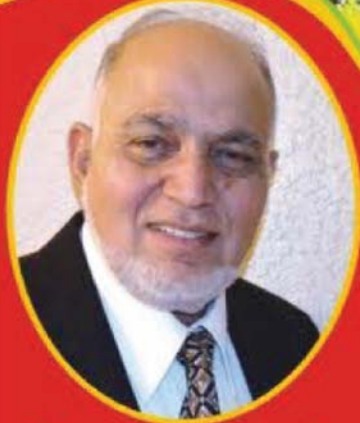


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Bro. Al Mustapha

Invite To The Path Of Your Lord With WISDOM & GOOD ADVICE

by Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA

Let there be a group of people among you who invite to goodness, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong. Such are they who are successful. (Aal 'Imran 3:104) And Allah Almighty invites to the abode of peace and guides those whom

He pleases to the straight path. (Yunus 10:25) Say: this is my way, I invite unto Allah God Almighty. (Yusuf 12:108) Invite to the path of your Lord with wisdom and good advice, and reason with them in the better way. Lo! The Lord is best aware of those who go aright. (An-Nahl 16:125) Indeed you invite them to a straight path. (Al-Mu'minin 23:73)

My friends, Islam is about submitting ourselves to the will of the One true God Allah SWT by praying our salat, fasting, paying our zakat/charity and making the hajj pilgrimage if we have the health and means to do so. These are the most critical components of it but what is also of critical importance is how we live with others and how we treat them, including our families, our relatives, friends, neighbors and humanity in general. It is about fulfilling the orders of Allah God Almighty and about giving the message of Islam to others. This great message of truth and hope, this message of belief in only one God Almighty Allah SWT, the Creator of the entire Universe and everything in it, this great message of salvation. Allah God Almighty ordered in chapter 3 verse 102 of His final Scripture the Holy Quran; 'O you who believe (addressing the believers), Fear Allah (by doing all that he has ordered and by abstaining from all he has forbidden) Fear Him as He should be feared and die not except that you are in a state of Islam (that is in complete submission to the will of Allah). In verse 104 Allah SWT ordered: 'Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to all that is good (in Islam) enjoining the oneness of Allah God Almighty and all that Allah orders us to do, and forbidding disbelief and all that Allah has forbidden, and it is they who are the successful. God Almighty also commands us; 'Say : O people of the scriptures, come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allah God Almighty alone and that we associate no partners with him, and that none of us shall take others as lords beside Allah the Almighty, then if they turn away say; bear witness that we are muslims (those who submit ourselves to the will of Allah). My friends, the last prophet Muhammad SAW (may the peace and blessings of God be on him and all the Prophets) said that one of the greatest sunnah or best practice of his (that we should follow) is to share the message of Islam with others. This is our job my friends, but yet many of us feel comfortable as we are already Muslims and we neglect our mission. Praise be to God Almighty that He has guided us to Islam and to do many good deeds and acts of righteousness and we should indeed feel good and happy with ourselves.

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Bro. Farooq Shafi

Bismillah Hir Rahmaanir Raheem

The Life Of The Prophet (SAW)

Allaah (SWT) defines Prophet (SAW)'s life as the ideal model for us to follow. If we cast even a cursory glance on his com-

panions, we will find that their life was dedicated to fulfill the commands of Allaah (SWT), and His Messenger SAW. Graduating from his (SAW)'s academy, they sacrificed their time, energy and whatever means they had to help others. Their hearts were pure and they had no interest in this material world. When such companions and those who came after them had such a puritan approach towards life, one can well imagine the life style of our beloved Prophet (SAW). The first 13 years of his early life in *Makkah* were extremely hard and full of oppression, but after migration to *Madinah* and especially after the treaty of *Hudaybiah*, the continuous conquest of Islamic ideology over heathenism and polytheism established Prophet (SAW)'s authority over the entire Arabian Peninsula and beyond. Peace and justice brought prosperity and affluence, but it did not change the life style either of Prophet (SAW), of his family or his companions. Prophet (SAW) did not like to associate with materialism. He (SAW) practiced on the philosophy of life he himself mentioned: Anas (RA) reported that Prophet (SAW) said: "Ya Allaah, there is no true life but the life of the Hereafter. [Bukhari & Muslim] Abdullah bin Masud (RA) narrates that Prophet (SAW) said: "What I have to do with the world? I am like a rider who had sat under a tree for its shade, then went away and left it." Once Prophet (SAW) said that Allaah (SWT) gave him the choice between the two life styles: 1. Combination of a king and prophet and 2: The combination of a prophet and a slave. Prophet (SAW) chose the life a prophet and a slave. [Kitab-ul-Zuhd]. Sulayman and Dawood were both prophets as well as kings. Prophet (SAW) did not want to give an impression to his *Ummah* that comfort and worldly power is necessary to practice *Deen*. Imaam Ahmad bin Hanbal (RA) quotes *UmmulMomineen Aa'isha* (RA) that an *Ansari* lady visited her. When she saw that a rough blanket serves as a bed for the Prophet (SAW), she sent a thick woolen cushioned bed which was not only soft but very beautiful. Prophet (SAW) having noticed asked about it. *UmmulMomineen* told him the whole story. Prophet (SAW) asked her to return, but she did not want to return it because she herself liked it so much. Prophet (SAW) told her that if he wanted, Allaah (SWT) could have left mounts of gold and silver at his disposal. Listening to this *UmmulMomineen* returned the bedding. [Kitab-ul-Zuhd]. *UmmulMomineen Hafsa* (RA) had once folded Prophet (SAW)'s bed sheet in four layers to soften it. Prophet (SAW) was unhappy when woke up the next morning. [Shamayel-e-Tirmidhi] According to one tradition, Allaah (SWT) asked Prophet (SAW) if he wanted *Makkah* to be turned into a valley of gold. Prophet food

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IMMIGRATION CORNER



Linda Kaplan, Esq.

Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP)

A little known resolution procedure

By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP) is a procedure to allow persons who

have experienced difficulties during their travel screening at airports or crossing U.S. land borders to address the issues and prevent future problems upon entry. Homeland Security says this program is part of an effort by the departments of State and Homeland Security to welcome legitimate travelers while still securing our country from those who want to do us harm. When going through immigration some people are pulled aside and sent to “secondary” inspection because something has been flagged in their record. This can be a result of mistaken identity, a travel record that did not properly record your timely exit from the country and incorrectly shows that you overstayed your authorized time on a previous entry or other mistaken derogatory information that is shown on your record. Secondary inspection can also be caused by fingerprints that were incorrect or of poor quality along with a myriad of other issues. Secondary inspection may also be a result of random screening and what some believe is based on bias towards certain groups of people. Secondary inspection can result in missing connecting flights or being stuck for hours at the airport after a long trip. DHS indicates that they will work with you to resolve travel-related issues when:

- You were not able to print a boarding pass from an airline ticketing kiosk or from the Internet
- You were denied or delayed boarding
- A ticket agent “called someone” before handing you a boarding pass
- You were told: your fingerprints were incorrect or of poor quality
- your photo did not match the travel document
- your personal information was incomplete or inaccurate
- you are on the “No Fly List”
- You want to amend a traveler record because of an overstay as a result of not submitting the required I-94 when exiting the United States
- Ensure your biometric record in the Department of Homeland Security Systems is corrected if inaccurate.
- You believe you were unfairly detained during your travel experience or unfairly denied entry into the United States
- the U.S. government’s record of your personal information is inaccurate
- It should be noted that the TRIP program does not address travel issues related to mishandled bags or poor customer service.

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Br. Hamzad

PARENTS ARE ICONS DOUBT IT NOT

*By Br. Hamzad Mohammed
T.T.U.T.A.’s TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2013, TRINIDAD, WI*

Our parents are precious gems who shine with a lustrous glow that sparkle our lives. However, it is not always smooth sailing

for them as their boat is often jolted at times by life’s turbulent winds. Nevertheless, despite whatever obstacles are in their way, they continue to plod on with Allah as their sole guide. No one can repay parents for the great job they do in the moulding of children’s lives. Through thick or thin our parents are there with us. That painstaking work by them inevitably puts them in Allah’s good books for He will reward parents with His copious blessings and mercies.

Al-Hamdulillaah (All praises to Allah). A lot of gratitude should be shown to our parents as they are indispensable forces in our lives. They walk the extra mile to procure the additional things we need to enjoy life. Therefore, we should remember them when praying and ask Allah to guide parents safely through life’s winding roads. Life is replete with examples reflecting the greatness of parents. It’s my pleasure to list a few quotes (parts of the many examples) to highlight the very noble and esteemed position of honour held by parents. May you digest them with grace.

–“And out of kindness, lower to parents the wing of humility....” Al Quran 17:24.

–“Paradise lies at the feet of thy Mother.” Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

–“Children obey your parents in everything for this pleases the Lord.” Colossians 3:20 (NIV)

–“Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.” Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

–“Listen, my mother; blessed is the son who loves to obey his parents’ commands....” Ayodhyakanda Ramcharitmanas

In closing, I would do so with a small **dua** (supplication) to Allah in **poetic** form – each stanza beginning with the words ‘**Ya Allah**’ (O God) and the last line having the word ‘**Jannah**’ (Heaven).

*Ya Allah heal parents’ aching bodies,
Let them prosper; let them do shine.
Shower on them bountiful mercies,
Touch them with Your hands so divine.
Ya Allah they are here for a day or two,
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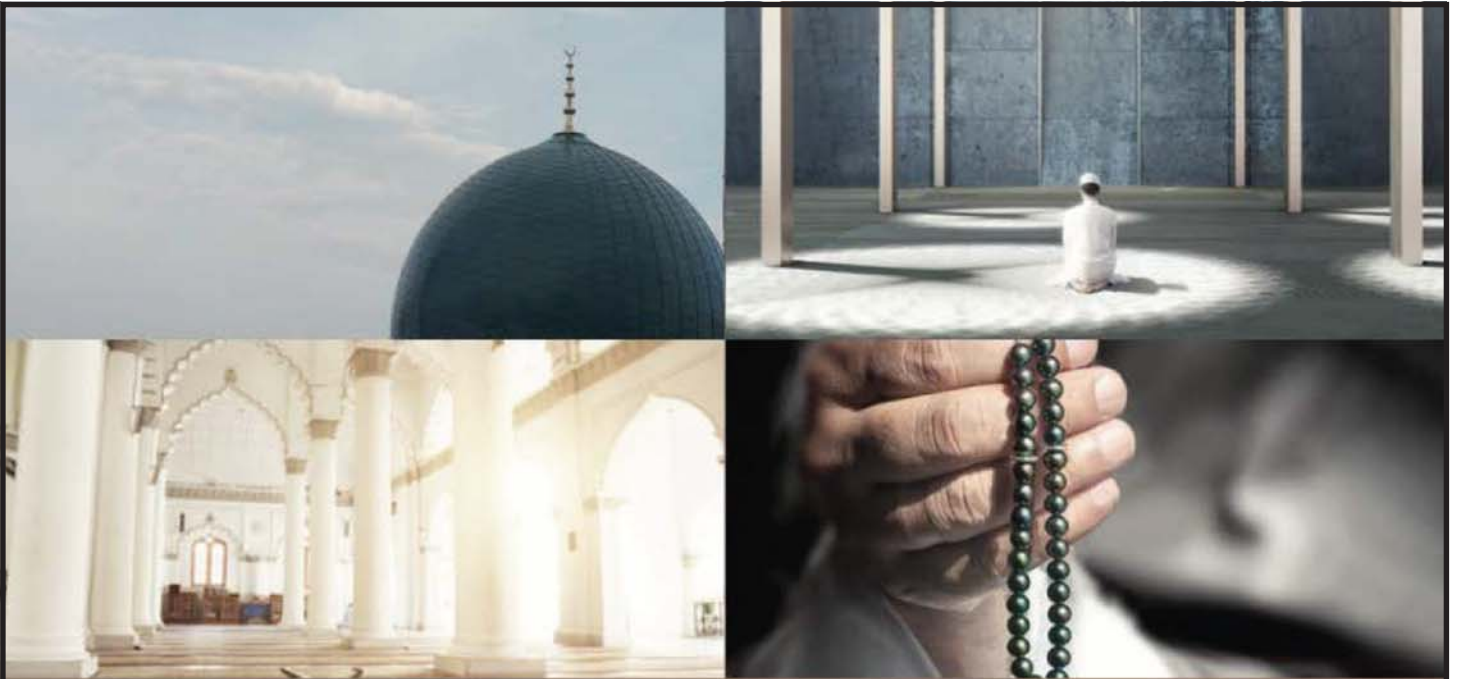
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Bro. Taj Siddique

MY JOURNEY WITH KHIZR (A.S)

Submitted by Bro. Taj Siddique / Florida USA

I have been patiently waiting for over twenty years to get enough understanding before I opt to write this article. Allah has provided me the guidance and I humbly request Him to accept my work, and to forgive me for any unintentional error. This article deals with the journey of Moses (pbuh) with Khizr. Please recite Ayat 60 to Ayat 82 of the 18th Surah Al-Kahf in Holy Quran. Read it's translation and study it's tafseer. I had the burning question in my mind as to why Khizr killed the innocent boy. The answer that this act was committed per Allah's command, or the boy was going to become a wicked son for his pious parents, failed to justify this example. I studied many writings and discussed it with many scholars. This article is my attempt to explore this issue. Insha Allah, my Lord will help me. We are human beings and have two spans of life, one is our present life on this planet, and the other is our permanent life after death. I will focus only on the life that we are all experiencing on earth and the world around us. Religion and science have provided us limited knowledge about this world. Our experience is based on our ability to see, smell, hear, taste, and touch the components of this planet. We justify our actions based on this limited knowledge and our evolving experience. This is the "seen world". There exists another parallel world, very close to us, but not visible to us, and not accessible by us. It is called the "unseen world" (Alam-e-Ghaib). Illustrations of this unseen world are the Angels, Soul (rooh), Divine Revelations (wahi), life after death, heaven, hell, and other examples. There is an invisible curtain between the two worlds, that will be raised on the day of judgement. The purpose of human being is to live on this earth in order to participate the training that prepares us for the

next life, and the trials that qualify us for it. Whereas the duties of the angels (and other such creations of Allah) involve managing the affairs of both the seen and unseen worlds, in accordance with the orders from Allah. He has assigned these creations as the bureaucratic force for the management and administration of our seen world. These creations are living among us and are working continuously to manage this world from major tasks to minor details. They get their coursework and their orders from Allah. Some of them are given highly elevated assignments as prominent as the teaching of a Prophet. Khizr is one such example. Khizr was assigned to educate Moses about the co-existence and inter-relationship between the seen and unseen worlds. He carefully selected three very simple examples to elaborate the difference of our knowledge about the seen world and the lac of our knowledge about the unseen world. Something that may seem to us as totally unacceptable and totally unjustified may very well be within the norms of the unseen world. Everyday around us we see a lot of incidents beyond the bounds of our intelligence, beyond the limits of our tolerance and beyond the boundaries of our comprehension. Let me mention just one such example. Within a few seconds, over 100,000 humans died in the 2005 Kashmir earthquake in Pakistan. 138000 were injured and over 3.5 million became homeless. 19000 innocent children were buried alive when their school buildings collapsed. How and why has this happened? The life of a human being is sometimes beset by trials, tragedies or calamities that appear to make no sense. Our human mind is unable to comprehend these heartbreaking catastrophes. Most of us often ignore the existence of the unseen world. It is where the matters of our seen world are decided. These bureaucratic forces do administer the Divine planning and implement the Divine policies. Upon finalizing His decisions, Allah issues orders to these forces for ex-

ecution. Therefore, no matter what we decide on this earth, it needs the blessing of Allah. The knowledge Allah teaches His servants is of two types, knowledge that is acquired through human effort, and knowledge that Allah teaches from Himself. Allah describes Khizr as, "One whom I taught knowledge from Myself. Khizr killed the innocent boy only as a metaphorical illustration to show Moses that his action may not be allowed under the laws of this seen world, and is totally unacceptable for our civilization, it was conducted for a very specific reason, for the benefits of humans, and with the authorization of our Lord. Khizr carefully selected a very controversial and provocative scenario to demonstrate his teaching. The act which Khizr did was purely from Allah's destiny. He made it take place on Khizr's hands so that the believers could use it as a stunning example of the subtle benefits in what Allah has destined. It was not conducted as a random act of violence, or a shallow action of cruelty. It was handled with thorough analysis and taking into consideration the results and impacts of this action for both the present and the future of the humans involved. For a brief duration of time, Khizr lifted the curtain between the seen and unseen worlds, and let Moses observe the strategies and procedures of the unseen world. We should have full faith in the wisdom of what is happening in the Divine Factory. If the veil be removed from the "unseen", we would. Between the seen and unseen worlds, and let Moses observe the strategies and procedures of the unseen world. We should have full faith in the wisdom of what is happening in the Divine Factory. If the veil be removed from the "unseen", we would come to know that what is taking place here is for the best. Khizr was telling Moses to have a complete faith in the mercy of our Lord, and do not give hope when things around us go beyond the comprehension of our human brain.

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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Faria Mohammed

Interfaith Thanksgiving Program



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah- an Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration of Gratitude was held on November 27th, 2019 at Congregation La Dor Va Dor Boynton Beach, Florida, guest speakers Rabbi Silver, Mrs. Sokia and Shaikh Shafayat Maashaa Allaah

MSA Leadership Training



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah Mufti Sultan and brother Nabil addressing about 40 (MSA) students at the reconstructing leadership training. Coordinated by sister Naima Khan Ghany and Friends Of Humanity. The program was held at the Al Hikmat Dawah Center Florida USA. MaashaAllah

Interfaith Understanding



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah on February 9th, 2020, there was an Interfaith Understanding Program held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pembroke Pines Florida USA. The guest speakers were Pastor Keith and Shaikh Shafayat MaaShaa Allaah.

City Of Pembroke Pines Prayer Vigil



Photos Above: Al-Hamdulillaah the City of Pembroke Pines Prayer Vigil was held on the evening of Friday 14th February 2020 at the City Center Plaza for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Tragedy. After the opening introduction by Mayor Frank Ortis, remarks and prayers were given by Pastor Tokar, Shaikh Shafayat and Father Jeff MaaShaa Allaah”



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MY JOURNEY WITH KHIZR (A.S)

There are paradoxes in life where apparent loss is in fact a gain and what appears to be cruelty is in fact mercy. Khizr repeatedly told Moses to have patience. Face your problems with hope and trust in merciful Allah, who is always just. He is there for us and will help us overcome our problems. Our Lord is the most merciful, most beneficent. I wonder now who is the wise Khizr that is walking beside me on my present journey.



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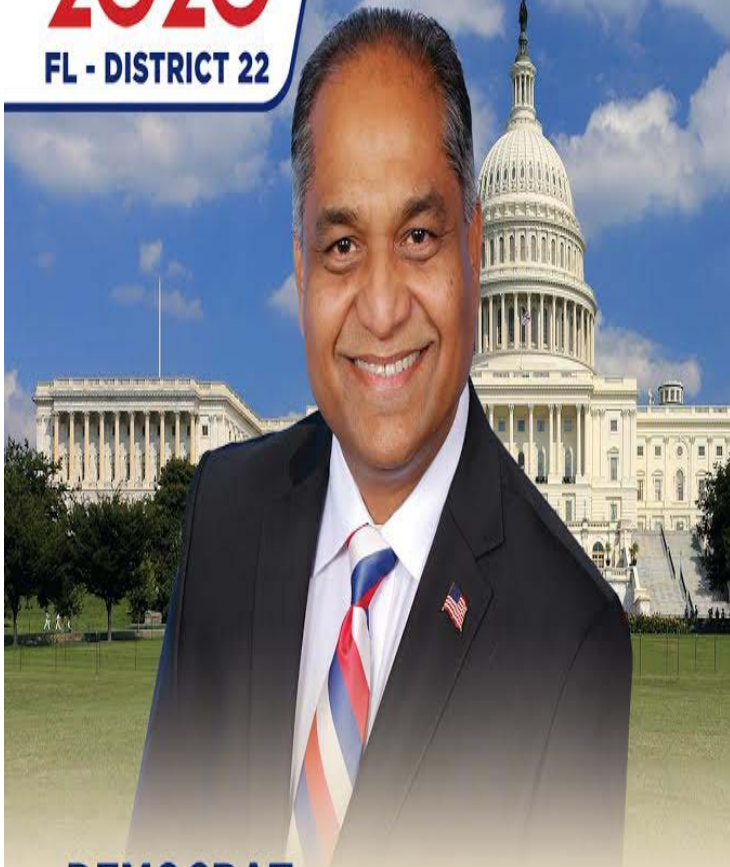
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AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE

By: Faria Mohammed

Evening of Islamic Songs

Photos on right: On December 7th at Shezan Banquet Hall, an Islamic evening of songs with guest singers Qari Abdul Jaleel and Maulana Imtiaz Sidat from London. The event was organized by Al-Hikmat Services, MaaShaa Allaah.



AR -Rayyan Annual Dinner



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillah- on Saturday January 18, 2020 Ar-Rayyan Qur'aan Academy Fundraiser Dinner was held at Mehfil Restaurant, Florida USA. They accomplished their goal by raising 100K. The fundraising guest speaker was Shaikh Shafayat, MaaShaa Allaah. The event was a great success.

Madinatul-Uloom Graduation



Photo above: Night Of Qiraat & Nasheed on Sunday Dec.8th, 2019 at Madinatul Uloom Institute plus a graduation ceremony for the students, MaaShaa Allaah.

God & Religion Lecture



Photos above: Al-Hamdulillah on Wednesday February 12, 2020 a lecture on GOD and RELIGION was held at TUSCANY COUNTRY CLUB Boynton Beach Florida USA. The guest speakers were Rabbi Silver and Shaikh Shafayat MaaShaa Allaah.

Hygiene Kits

Preparation

Photo on right: Al-Hamdulillah, parents and students of



(MSA) had the opportunity of volunteering their time to prepare hygiene kits at the Al-Hikmat Dawah Center coordinated by ICNA Relief and Sis. Naima Kahn-Ghany and citizens of Puerto Rico, MaaShaa Allaah.

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Bro. Khorshed / Miami, Florida

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AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 5 V. 67

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AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 16 V. 125

"Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious."

AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 41 V. 33

"And whose words are better than he who calls towards God, and does righteous deeds, and says, "Verily, I am of those who have surrendered to God."

AL-QUR'AAN - Ch. 3 V. 104

"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all

HADITH: Abu Sa'eed (R.A) narrates that Rasulullah (S. A. W) said, "Almighty Allaah says: "If anybody finds no time for remembrance and for begging favors of Me, because of his remaining busy with the Qur'aan, I shall give him more than what I give to all those who beg favors of Me. The superiority of the Word of Allaah over all the other words is like the superiority of Allaah over the entire creation." (Tirmidhi)

HADITH: Hadrat Uthman (R.A) narrates that Rasulullah (S.A. W) said: "The best amongst you is he who learns the Qur'aan and teaches it."

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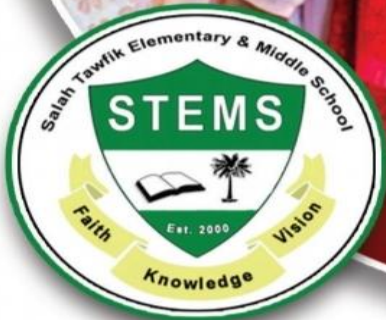
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Foster age of the Abandoned Child (Laqit)

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The Life of the Prophet SAW

Bro. Farooq Shafi

SAW) replied that the seven Dinars which were delivered a day before were still there and not given away. [Bukhari] Similarly once having prayed *Asr*; Prophet (SAW) went home in haste and came back. It was unusual and people got anxious to know the reason. Prophet (SAW) said: "there was some gold at home and I was concerned for its distribution before the nightfall, so I went and asked it to be given away. [Bukhari] Prophet (SAW)'s food and drink was simple to the core. *UmmulMomineenAa'isha* (RA) reported that the family of Muhammad (SAW) never had the bread of barley to eat for two successive days until he (SAW) died. [Bukhari & Muslim] *Anas* (RA) reported that Prophet (SAW) neither ate on a dining cloth, nor ate soft bread throughout his life. [Bukhari] The Prophet (SAW) was always gracious in accepting invitations. He obliged the rich, the poor, the indigent, the chief, and the slave. [AzZuhd]. If per chance some one joined him on his way to a reception, he allowed his company subject to the approval of the host. Once *Abu Shu'aib Ansari* (RA) visited Allaah's Messenger, and found him sitting among five of his companions. Prophet (SAW) seemed to be hungry. *Shu'aib* came home and had the food prepared for five people, and then invited Prophet (SAW) along with his companions. While on his way another person joined him. Prophet (SAW) told *Shu'aib* that an additional person had joined him without permission. He would let him come subject to his approval. *Shu'aib* submitted to take him along. [Bukhari] Prophet (SAW) always used simple dress, though at times he used fine dress too, but that was neither his preference nor it suited his taste and nature. He (SAW) used to say that the son of Adam (AS) needs not to have claim over any thing except a place to live, cloth to cover his body, and simple food to fill his stomach. [Tirmidhi]

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Bro. Azad Ali

The Glacier Inside Passage

The white cliffs of the jagged glacier
Between the dark edges of the valley,
Proudly stands as an artwork of nature

For all mankind to see a glorious mystery.
For many a millennium this wonder did exist
We know not for how long it would remain,
One of the many wonders on a protected list,
To survive man's folly for his eventual gain.....
The otter swims around the splashing bear
The eagles perched on high, below a resting deer,
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Invite to the path of your Lord with WISDOM & GOOD ADVICE

However, we also have a duty to correct the misconceptions others have of Islam and to spread this message of truth to all mankind and not just keep it to ourselves. On the Day of Judgment, when questioned by Allah God Almighty as to why they did not follow Islam, the non-believers will complain to Allah and tell Him that we the Muslims never gave them the message, just imagine! Then what are we going to say to Allah God Almighty my dear brothers and sisters? We have a huge responsibility to our fellow human beings to clarify and convey to them the message of Islam. We cannot force anyone to revert or to convert or to Islam, our mission is to simply give them the message of truth; to believe in one God Allah SWT alone with no partners and to believe in all of His Prophets such as Adam, Noah, Prophet Abraham, Prophet Moses, Prophet Jesus and Prophet Muhammad, Peace and blessings of Allah be upon them all. My friends we can only give the message, and it's for the Almighty to open their hearts and guide them to His path, but we MUST do our part and share the message of truth with others. My friends, this can be as simple as helping to buy Islamic literature or CDs and giving or mailing to non-Muslims or donating to your Masjid or to groups like Al Hikmat Services who share the message of Islam by giving Qurans, CDs, DVDs and other Islamic literature to the prisons, Interfaith events and other institutions. Another real simple and yet most effective way to share the message of Islam with others is by striving to emulate the character of the noble Prophet Muhammad PBUH and to live Islam by having the best manners, a good disposition and strive to have the very best character. When we're at work let us make time to pray our Zuhr and Asr prayers if we can, when we fast, we should let our boss and our co-workers know we are fasting, we should not hide or be ashamed of this. We are blessed by our Creator to be followers of His message, we should wear it as a badge of honor and always be happy and grateful to our Lord and show our gratitude by obeying Him. As time goes by our coworkers and friends will ask us about our religion and then we simply tell them what we believe as Muslims and give them a Quran or brochure, in that way we will be giving the message to them.

HUMOR



A wife decided to go for a week vacation by her sister, leaving her husband in supervision of her mother and her dog. After a few days, she called her husband and asked, "How is everything going?" He responded saying, "YOUR DOG IS DEAD." She cried out and said, "Why couldn't you've broken the news slowly? You could have said the dog was playing on the roof on the first day, the next day the dog broke its leg, then the next day the dog died. The wife continued, anyway, how's my mom?" The husband replied "YOUR MOM IS PLAYING ON THE ROOF."



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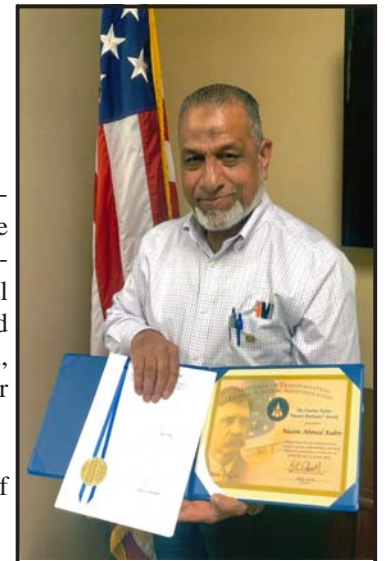
Nasim A. Khan

Nasim A. Khan has been awarded by Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, "The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award" to recognize his aviation maintenance service for more than 50 years. The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is the most prestigious award that FAA issues to recognized individuals under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Aviation. This award is named under after Charles Taylor, the first aircraft mechanic who worked on Wright brothers aircraft, to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years in the aircraft maintenance profession as "Master Mechanics".

A brief bio of Bro. Nasim Khan's aviation career:

1. He has graduated from School of Aeronautics Air Force Karachi, Pakistan in 1964, with BS of Aeronautical Engineering.
2. Employed by Pakistan International Airlines in Karachi, Pakistan, from 1964 to 1969.
3. Employed by Saudi Arabian Airlines in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, from 1969 to 1989.
4. Employed by Air Carrier Accessories, an FAA Repair Station, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from 2000 to 2002.
5. Employed by Eastern Aero Marine, manufacturer of aircraft emergency equipment, an FAA repair station, in Miami, Florida, from 2003 to 2008.
6. Joined Aviation Inflatable, manufacturer of aircraft emergency equipment, an FAA Repair Station, in 2008 and currently working with them as Director Quality Control.
3. Attended and passed Airframe & Powerplant aircraft mechanic course from Stephens Aircraft School at Forth Worth, Texas, in 1977.

RECOGNITION CORNER



Nasim A. Khan

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By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha

is Forgiving & Merciful

If he comes to me walking, I come to him running. (Bukhari, Muslim) The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said: "Whosoever intends to do a good deed but does not do it, Allah records it with Himself as a complete good deed; but if he intends it and does it, Allah records it with Himself as ten good deeds, up to seven hundred times, or more than that. But if he intends to do an evil deed and does not do it, Allah records it with Himself as a complete good deed; but if he intends it and does it, Allah records it down as one single evil deed." (Bukhari, Muslim) So a reminder to myself and you, to always follow Allah (SWT) directions, learn and read His Quran. He will guide us to the direct path to a blessed life. As long as we continually make effort to follow Allah (SWT) guidance; He will reroute us if we are going astray. May we all follow Allah's guidance and live our lives in the best manner that is pleasing to Him. Ameen!

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1. Microwave Popcorn - The lining of the bag used to make microwave popcorn contains perfluorinated compounds (PFCs) to resist grease and prevent leaking. PFCs also exist in Teflon pans, pizza boxes, and sandwich wrappers. These PFCs break down into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a chemical some researchers believe causes cancer. A majority of Americans have PFCs in their blood, so research is ongoing to determine if these compounds are related to cancer or another disease and what level of harm they carry. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, microwave popcorn accounts for more than 20% of the PFOA levels in Americans. Although every manufacturer uses slightly different ingredients, most of them use **Soybean oil (a GMO product)** and various preservatives such as **propyl gallate**, a chemical that causes stomach problems and skin rashes.

2. Alcohol - Even small amounts of alcohol increase the risk of developing cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Alcohol consumption is linked to 5.6% of all new cancers and 4% of cancer deaths. Heavy or regular alcohol use also increases the likelihood of developing cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon, and rectum. Genetics play a role in a person's chances of developing cancer as a result of drinking alcohol. Genes encode the enzymes involved in metabolizing alcohol. Individuals of East Asian heritage may carry a version of the gene that speeds the conversion of alcohol to a toxic chemical called acetaldehyde. Those who carry this gene have a higher chance of developing esophageal cancer.

Alcohol use is the second leading cause of cancer. Excessive drinking is known to cause heart failure, strokes, and sudden death.

3. Processed Meats - According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans are eating more meat than ever, around 222 pounds each year, per person. Processed meats including sausage, hot dogs,

pepperoni, packaged lunch meat, beef jerky, ham, and bacon may increase the odds of developing colorectal cancer. The World Health Organization warns that daily consumption of even one hot dog or a few strips of bacon increases cancer risk by 18%. Processed meats are any that have been cured, smoked, salted, canned, or dried. They contain nitrates, preservatives added to enhance flavor and deter bacteria growth. Nitrates also occur naturally in fresh foods. Researchers can anecdotally link them to cancer, though the research is inconclusive and ongoing.

All these processed meats contain numerous **Chemicals and preservatives, including sodium nitrates**, which makes them, look appealing and fresh but all known carcinogens. Smoking meats seems to be particularly bad as the meat picks up the **TAR** from smoking process. **TAR** is the same **deadly ingredient** that cigarette smoke contains.

4. Refined Sugars - People who eat a diet high in refined carbohydrates such as white bread, white rice, pasta, soft drinks, and fruit juices are more likely to develop colon cancer than those who consume mostly whole grains and complex carbohydrates such as fresh vegetables and fruits. Studies support the probability that high blood glucose and insulin levels in the body increase inflammation and along with it, the risk of cancer. The glycemic index measures how fast carbohydrates turn into sugar in the blood. A 2016 study linked excess consumption of high glycemic index foods to an 88% greater risk for prostate cancer. Cancer cells seem to prefer feeding on fructose rich sweeteners like **HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP** which is metabolized by cancer cells most quickly and easily.

5. Red Meat - Eating red meat every day, even a small amount such as that quarter pound hamburger. Increased a man's risk of dying from cancer by 22 % and a women's cancer by 20%. Eating a lot of red meat increased the risk of breast, prostate, and colon cancer. Studies show eating more than 18 ounces of red meat per week can increase the chance of colorectal cancer. Some studies also link processed meats with a higher incidence of colon

cancer. Doctors suggest introducing meat-free days and generally cutting back on the amount of red meat consumed. People should avoid overcooking red meat, which produces chemicals that may increase the risk of colorectal cancer.

6. Food Dyes - Food dyes such as Red No 3, Red No 40, Yellow No 5, Yellow No 6 contain carcinogens such as benzidine and cause cancer in lab animals. As these dyes do not enhance the nutritional quality or safety of foods or medications, scientists continue to argue that they should not be added to food products. Manufacturers continue to add them to candies, sports drinks, baked goods, salad dressings, and even medications. Candies like M & M is loaded with these dyes.

7. Farm raised Salmon or other fishes - Sure fish, especially salmon, is known as one of the healthiest foods out there, but unfortunately more than 60% of salmon in the U.S. is farm-raised... and could be deadly. Farm-raised fish are fed unnatural diets and contaminated with chemicals, antibiotics, pesticides and other known carcinogens found in materials like asbestos. Farmed salmon is also fatter than fresh salmon, which means it soaks up more toxins. Eat a healthy omega-3 packed, fresh Alaskan salmon instead or wild caught fish. Never eat farm raised Tilapia which is full of toxins.

8. Potato Chips - They may be cheap, easy and delicious, but these crispy, addicting snacks can also be deadly. These fatty foods don't only cause weight gain because of their high trans-fat content, they also have excessive sodium levels, which cause high blood pressure and artificial flavors, preservatives and colors. Another risk is the presence of acrylamide, a known carcinogen found in cigarettes. Try not to feed these quick snacks to yourself or your kids and choose pretzels, air-popped popcorn or baked apple chips instead.

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Umrah in Ramadhaan**

By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

Question: What are the virtues of performing Umrah in Ramadhaan?

Answer: Al-Hamdulillaah- there are many Hadith on the virtues of performing Umrah in Ramadhaan. Performing Umrah in Ramadhaan carries immense value and religious significance. Umrah in Ramadhaan is an opportunity to get the blessings of all five pillars of Islam. Hence, there so many people from all over the world, who go for Umrah for the extra blessings in Ramadhaan. A person's Imaan gets stronger; more blessings for Salaah; an opportunity to give Zakaat; fasting together with hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world and the blessings of Hajj by performing Umrah in Ramadhaan. Virtues of Umrah in Ramadhaan can be understood by the following Hadith: Hazrat Ibn 'Abbaas RA said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said to a woman from among the Ansaar – Ibn 'Abbaas mentioned her name but I forgot it – "What kept you from performing Hajj with us?" She said: We only have two camels and the father of her son and her son had gone for Hajj on one camel, and he left us the other camel so that we could carry water on it. He said: "When Ramadaan comes, go for 'Umrah, for 'Umrah in (that month) is equivalent to Hajj." In another Hadith, narrated by Ibn 'Abbas (Radhiallahu 'anhu): When the Prophet (Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) returned after performing his hajj, he asked Umm Sinan Al-Ansari, "What did forbid you to perform hajj?" She replied, "Father of so-and-so (i.e. her husband) had two camels and he performed hajj on one of them, and the second is used for the irrigation of our land." Prophet of Allah (Sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said (to her), "Perform Umrah in the month of Ramadhaan, (as it is equivalent to hajj or hajj with me (in reward))." The given Hadith clearly highlights the importance and benefits of Umrah in Ramadhan. It is considered the best time to perform Umrah and whoever performs it during the holy month of Ramadan gets the reward equal to a Hajj. However, it should be noted that performing Umrah in Ramadhaan does not discharge a person from the obligations of Hajj. Both the terms become equivalent in rewards but not in fulfilling the duty. Umrah is not obligatory whereas Hajj is compulsory for every Muslim if the person is capable of performing it. Millions of Muslims from every corner of the world go for Umrah in Ramadhaan, to achieve closeness to Allaah by fasting and worshipping together. It is truly a breathtaking sight to see so many people breaking their fast together during Iftaar with a common objective which is to connect to Allaah (SWT). Umrah is a spiritual journey and pilgrims travel to Mecca to seek the mercy of Allaah (SWT) with their heart filled with love and gratitude. It is an enlightening experience for every believer, one that they would remember for a lifetime and be always thankful. Umrah is a blessing throughout the year but it holds special significance in the sacred month of Ramadan, an experience that every Muslim should try to accomplish. InshaaAllaah

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By Sister Amanda Smith

Explaining Hijab to Non-Muslims

This practice gives women an extraordinary amount of power over their bodies. Muslim women get to pick the one special man who will have the privilege of seeing her. Far from oppressing women, the hijab frees women from being belittled by society to no more than her appearance. Within the practice of hijab, a woman's appearance is something special, something to be valued, and she has power to show it to the one man who will value her in entirety. This important aspect of hijab is often missing from our conversations with non-Muslims, but it is vital to share in order to clearly convey the full beauty and power of practicing hijab. When speaking with non-Muslims, remember that hijab is not an article of women's clothing. Hijab is practice lived by both Muslim women and men. Hijab is about modest clothing, modest behavior, and empowerment.



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By: Bro. Al Mustapha

May Allah SWT accept our all efforts, Aameen. My dear brothers and sisters, tell them:

1. We believe in the One, Unique, Incomparable, Merciful GodAllah SWT the Sustainer and the Cherisher of all Creation!
2. We believe in His Angels
3. We believe in His original Scriptures (The Original:Scrolls of Abraham, the Old Testament,The Psalms of David, The New Testament and the Final Testament theQuran)
4. We believe in all His Prophets
5. We believe in the Day of Judgment
6. We believe in individual accountability for our actions
7. We believe in Allah’s complete authority over destiny
8. We believe in life after death in Heaven or Hell
9. Allah is One and has NO partnersor associates, He is the only God Almighty
10. Islam rejects characterizing Allah SWT in any human form
11. There is nothing comparable to Allah SWT
12. No being or object is worthy of worship except Allah SWT
13. Any worship and prayers directed towardsProphet Jesus AS, other prophets, saints,idols, angels, graves, other humans or nature is idolatry and forbidden!
14. Best of all...everyone has direct access to Allah SWT!

May Allah SWT accept all our efforts to please and obey Him and grant us all the best in this life andstraight entrance into the highest part of His Heaven without reckoning..Aameen!



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**Traveler Redress Inquiry Program
(DHS TRIP)**

A little known resolution procedure
By Linda Kaplan, Esq.

In order to use DHS Trip to resolve future problems in travel, one may complete an online form and provide information about the problem and documentation that they believe would resolve the issue. The form and documentation may also be mailed but TRIP is processed more quickly if done online. One may also have an attorney handle this for you. DHS Trip is not a difficult process but may save you a great deal of time and aggravation if your traveler’s record contains incorrect information. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about this process or other immigration questions.

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**The Life Of
The Prophet
Muhammad (S.A.W)**

By Bro. Farooq Shafi

UmmulMomineen Aa’isha (RA) said that he (SAW) did not have a spare dress that could be keptfolded. [Life of Prophet 2: 208] The dress that he (SAW) was wearing at his deathbed had patches all over. [Life of the Prophet]. UmmulMomineenAa’isha (RA) says: “The mattress of Messenger of Allaah (SAW) was a piece of tanned skin stuffed with palm fibers. [Bukhari]. Prophet (SAW) identified simplicity as a sign of Iman (faith) and said:“Simplicity (in life) is part of Faith.” [AbDaud] Prophet (SAW) preferred simplicity in every aspect of life, and left simple living as a model to be followed by his Ummah. He directed his Ummah to look for eternal comforts of the Hereafter and not the temporary comforts of this life. Allaah (SAW) says in Aayah 17 of Surah Al-Aala: “...the Hereafter is much better and much more durable.” Though at the zenith of his power, in fact more power, loyalty, and obedience than any king or emperor could ever dream, the Prophet (SAW) ruled the hearts and having a vast area under the banner of Islam, he (SAW) led an exemplary humble and simple life. A life, which in Allaah (SWT)’s words is an ideal model for us to follow.

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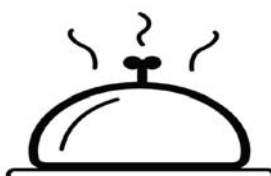


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