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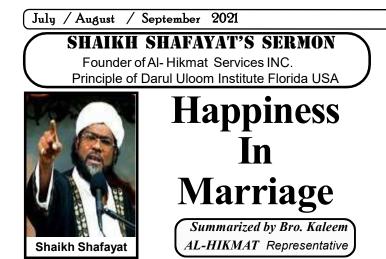
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We often remind ourselves of the bounties of Allah (s.w.t.) and marriage is one of those bounties. Some of us look at marriage as a problem and it leads to many today not wanting to get married. Statistically, people today are moving away from marriage yet trying to get its benefits, whether halaal or haram. It is constantly downplayed and is thought of to be too much of a sacrifice, yet we ignore the bigger favours and bounties of Allah that it brings. Look at Adam (AS) who was created and had the entire of Jannah. He did not need to work, to earn or store food. He got whatever desire he thought of and had everything, but Allah knew that he was missing something in the aspect of happiness. Allah did this deliberately for us to learn and contemplate. This is from the wisdom of Allah, yet we don't ponder.In surah Rum Ch 30 vs 21"And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect."The heart supersedes the brain when it comes to love. The brain thinks about spending on the wedding, spending on children, clothing, getting a house and all other expenses, making us believe it's not worth the trouble. This is why shaytaan goes after the hearts of believers. This is why the Prophet (s.a.w.) said "Marriage is half of faith". To live with a spouse in the way that Islam promotes can only cause our Imaan to rise. Marriage comes with its tests, but this too comes as a blessing. We learn and are able to practice patience with each other. Let us not let these minor things deprive us of getting married. The Prophet (s.a.w.) mentioned that in the dunya, the most precious thing is a virtuous wife.

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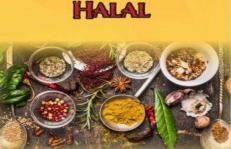
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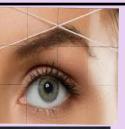
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Forgiveness In Ramadan

By Taj Siddiqui

Once when the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was sitting in the Mosque with a group of his companions, he caught everyone by surprise by stating that the next person to enter the sanctuary would be a person of paradise. The Prophet's companions waited eagerly to see who it would be. Finally, a rather simple man by the name of Abu Dumdum appeared. The companions were befuddled because they didn't think that this person was extraordinarily pious. One of the companions asked Abu Dumdum if he could stay with him for a few nights making an excuse of need. In reality, he just wanted to know what was so special about Abu Dumdum. In the night the companion expected Abu Dumdum to pray all night - but no such thing happened. During the day, the companion expected Abu Dumdum to fast, but that didn't happen either. Finally, the companion told Abu Dumdum about what the Prophet (PBUH) had said and why he was spending nights in his home. Abu Dumdum replied that the only thing he did that was different and unique was before going to bed every night he would forgive anyone who had offended him knowingly or unknowingly would go to sleep with a clean heart toward others. Forgiveness in the Arabic language is related to the word "covering". When Allah (Mighty and Sublime) forgives His servants' sins, those sins are covered on their books of bad deeds as if those sins never took place. Hence when believers filled with compassion truly forgive those who have wronged them, they cover-up in their hearts the wrong that was done to them, not bringing those wrongs up to browbeat people with later or to use as leverage against them. Sincere forgiveness is to not harbor animosity against those who have done us wrong. Having mercy for others is in not punishing them when allowed. Forgiving those who have wronged us benefits the merciful and forgiving ones, just as benefit comes to the ones shown compassion and forgiveness. There's a deep sense that the way we treat others is the way that we will be treated by God. In other words, if we wish for Allah's gentle treatment toward us then we must be gentle toward others. We are not physical beings exclusively. We are spiritual beings housed in a physical container. The physical body has its life and we have obligations to it, but it will be left behind. We can't let this physical body dominate the narrative. Although we tend to think of the mind, body, and spirit as separate components, in reality, they are all connected and interrelated, and improvement in any one naturally affects improvement in the others as well. Forgiving in Ramadan purifies the mind, body, and spirit, leading to greater clarity, sensitivity, and health. This Ramadan, let's try and forgive everyone who has hurt us. It shows strength, self-confidence,





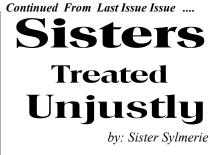
By Bro. Farooq Shafi

The Covid-19 pandemic had rendered the Hajj for 2020 impossible for millions around the world. This will be the smallest number of Hujaaj in living memory. Let us pray that Allaah SWT will allow a universal cure that will save lives and make it safe for Hajj this year, In Sha-Allaah. Say, "Ameen!"In this short article, I want to sum up a few key points for us to remember about this momentous event. Haii, the pilgrimage to Makkah, is an epic journey. It is the 5th and final pillar of Islam: It also summarizes the dramatic story of our beautiful Deen.Hajj reminds us about our primordial human nature: our Fitra. Fitra is our natural state, the way Allaah SWT made us. We were born innocent and pure, without sin. However, Allaah SWT also made us to be forgetful. We are easily distractible. It is our tendency to lose focus and to forget that leads us to slide into sinful and shameful behavior.But then Hajj also offers us Redemption, divine Mercy and Forgiveness. Allaah SWT reminds us never to despair of His Mercy. If we sincerely stop our bad behavior and return to Allaah SWT's obedience, His forgiveness is complete.Hajj takes us on a journey back through time, retelling the moral and spiritual history of humankind. We visit the Kaaba, the first place of worship, built before the first church, before the first temple, or synagogue. Here we find ourselves at the Baytul-Laah, the House of Allaah SWT. It is the home of Monotheism, the cradle of Tawheed, of Divine Unity. Here we walk around the geographical center of Islam, the Kaaba. This is center of our Islamic universe.Our tawaaf symbolizes effort, action, in a constant, circular motion, centered round a fixed and immovable idea of Unity: Just like the Kaaba, Tawheed. Unity of belief, Unity of purpose, stands firm amidst a swirl of individual opinions and different starting points. The great plains of Arafat become the stage for a dramatic role-play of the very beginning and the very end: Long before time and space existed, long before the 'big bang' 14 billion years ago, Allaah SWT created your soul and my soul and the souls of every human being that ever was and ever will be. Then He asked them to testify according to themselves, by declaring the First Shahaadah, the First Covenant. This was in the state of metaphysical time, or pre-Eternal Time. When Allaah SWT addressed the great-assembled gathering of human Souls, he asked them: "Alastu bi Rabbikum?" "Am I not Your Lord?"

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SISTER'S CORNER





Prophet Muhammad, pbuh, is our greatest role model. Apart from being a Prophet, lawgiver, states-

man, military commander, and family man, he was also a very successful businessman. Before prophet hood, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was a businessman, and a trader. He worked from a young age for his uncle, Abu Talib, and his first contact with his future wife Khadijah was when she employed him, because of his honesty and integrity, to manage her caravans. Islam recognizes trade, or business, as it is known today, as an integral part of human life. When Prophet Muhammad (saw) was asked the best way for a person to earn their living, he replied, "working with their hands and honest trading", (Imam Ahmad). Prophet Muhammad (SAW) emphasized honesty and kindness in all business dealings. He said, "The truthful and honest merchant is associated with the Prophets, the decent, and the martyrs", (Tirmidhi). And, "God shows mercy to a person who is kind when he sells, when he buys, and when he recovers a debt."(Al-Bukhari). Buying and selling is a way for a person to make a living, support his family and support his community. It is something that most people are involved in at some point in their lives. And even shopping and bargaining for your purchases at the local market means that you are engaged in business. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) bargained, but he would never try to undermine the real value of the item.Allah (SWT) gave us the Quran and the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), a life manual and a life coach. Although this was given to us more than 1400 years ago, the teachings are applicable today as it was then. Allah (SWT) gave us the Quran and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to guide us to a good outcome both in the Hereafter and also in our life in this world. May Allah (SWT) guide us all to fear displeasing Him and always do deeds that are pleasing to Him, Ameen."Speak with honesty, think with sincerity, and act with integrity." Anonymous quote

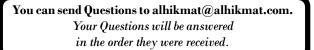
QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

DO YOUR BEST WITH OURBANI / SACRIFICE

<u>QUESTION</u>: What's recommended when doing Qurbaani / Sacrifice?

ANSWER: Alhamdulillaah The following are some references pertaining to your questions: Sahih Al-Bukhari -Narrated byAl Bara - The Prophet (S.A.W) said (on the day of Id-al-Adha), "The first thing we will do on this day of ours, is to offer the ('Id) prayer and then return to slaughter the sacrifice. Whoever does so, he acted according to our Sunna (tradition), and whoever slaughtered (the sacrifice) before the prayer, what he offered was just meat he presented to his family, and that will not be considered as Nusak (sacrifice)." (On hearing that) Abu Burda bin Niyar got up, for he had slaughtered the sacrifice before the prayer, and said, "I have got a six month old ram." The Prophet said, 'Slaughter it (as a sacrifice) but it will not be sufficient for any-one else (as a sacrifice after you)." Al-Bara' added: The Prophet said, "Whoever slaughtered (the sacrifice) after the prayer, he slaughtered it at the right time and followed the tradition of the Muslims." Conditions for Sacrifice : A sacrificial animal should satisfy the following conditions: 1. It should be two years old, if it is an animal other than a sheep. As for sheep, even a six month old lamb may be sacrificed, but it should be fat and healthy. As for a camel, it must be at least five years old, a cow two years old, and a goat a year old at least. 2. It should be healthy and free from all physical defects. It should not be one eyed, nor should it limp, be mangy, or very thin and weak. Selecting One's Own Sacrificial Animal Malik has reported from Hisham bin 'Urwah and he from his father that he used to tell his sons: "O my sons! Do not slaughter an animal in the name of Allah such as you will be embarrassed to present as a gift to a close and respected friend of yours. Allah is the Most Honorable and Most Generous, and He is the most deserving to be offered the best of what you have." Sa'id bin Mansur reported that Ibn 'Umar once mounted in Makkah on a nice she-camel, which he liked very much, and said, "Excellent! Excellent!" admiring it. Then he dismounted, marked it as an offering, and a sacrifice for the pleasure of Allah.





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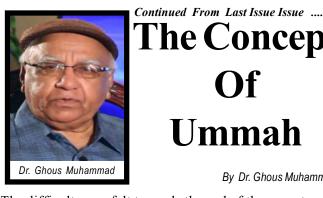
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The Concept Of Ummah

By Dr. Ghous Muhammad

The difficulty was felt towards the end of the seventeenth century when, in the West, geography and territoriality became central to the idea of state with the development of the concept of the nation-state and the downfall of papal authority in Europe. With the fall of the Church as the unifying force and controlling power of Christian Europe and the resultant disintegration of the papal administration, eventually militant territorial nationalism emerged and led to the total dismemberment of the Church Empire and the establishment of strong nation-states throughout Europe. All this had its fallout on Muslim thought and Muslim political thinking. From this point onwards, there were increasing encounters between Islam and the West, which kept intensifying and diversifying with the passage of time. Muslim thinkers came more and more under the influence of Western ideas through a number of avenues. It was from this background that nationalism and territoriality came to be acknowledged by Muslims as the major elements of the composition of the state. No doubt, the increasing appeal to the idea of the nation-state had a negative effect on the concept of ummah and the unity of the Dar al-Islam. Territorial nationality became a decisive factor in the political debate, not only in the West but also in the East. It continued to acquire more and more influence, until, in time, the very concept of ummah, as defined by early Muslim scholars and maintained by later generations, was desecrated. (Extract from Islam International Law and the World Today by Mehmood Ahmed Ghazi)(Institute of Policy Studies Islamabad) Quran is our goal and the means to that goal become obligatory. In Islamic law what is needed to fulfill and obligatory act becomes itself obligatory. Today Quranic values of Jihad, Islamic self-determination and Muslim self-governance by Shariah law are all obligatory for the Ummah and we need to use the contemporary tools and techniques from the world of finance, economy, politics, technology and all other beneficial epistemic resources to achieve our Quranic goals. 10. AI-Qur'an, 22:41. 11 This is evident by the Qur'anic use of the word if in AI-Qur'an, 22:4. For a longer discussion, see the present writer's Muhadarat-i-Fiqh, Lahore, 2005, pp. 41-46.12. Qureshi, 1977, Chapter one. 13 The origins and expansion of these communities has been acknowledged by Arnold, 1979.



APRIL 2021 RAMADHAN By Bro. Al Mustapha

This Kalimah is LAA ILAAHA IL-LAL-LAAH.'Reciting the sacred Kalimah is certainly a virtuous act. It strengthens the Imaan, increases it and also refreshes it. This is a month in which our hearts

become pure due to our fasting and extra worship, so let us take this opportunity to shine and polish our hearts by the frequent recitation of this Kalimah as instructed by the Messenger(S.A.). 2. The second thing which should be done excessively is seeking forgiveness from Allaahfor all the sins we have committed (Istighfaar). The believers should use this golden opportunity to gain the forgiveness of AllaahSWT in this blessed month. The Hadith further informs us that there are two things which we CANNOT do without and they are: 3. Asking AllaahSWT for entry into Paradise. 4. Seeking refuge and protection from the fire of Hell. Obviously, the aspiration of every human on the face of the Earth is that they should be in Paradise and he would not like to even pass in front of the fire of Hell. However, entrance into Paradise comes only with the mercy of Allaah which extends to those who are obedient and submissive to Him, while those who are proud and arrogant, disobedient and resistant may be in the fire of Hell. Since this month is one which contains the special mercy and forgiveness of Allaah, then let us try to achieve these things and beg Allaah SWT for entrance into His Paradise. Abu Hurairah (R.A.) narrates that the Messenger of Allaah (S.A.) said, "My Ummah (Nation) has been given five special favours in the month of Ramadhan which no other nation has been given. 1. The scent of a fasting person's mouth is sweeter than the scent of musk. 2. The fishes seek forgiveness for him until he breaks the fast at sunset. 3. Allaah decorates His Paradise everyday and then says to it, "Very soon my righteous servants shall throw away the difficulties of the world and come towards you." 4. The rebellious satans are chained so that they are not allowed to move freely as they have been in other months. 5. The servants are forgiven on the last night. It was asked, "O Messenger of Allaah (S.A.), is that night, LailatulQadr?" He said, No! However, a worker is given his full wages (rewards) whenever he completes his work." (Ahmad, Baihaqi), likely on the last night of the month. The above Hadith makes it clear that the month of Ramadhan is a very sacred and blessed month which is filled with Allaah's special favors and kindness. May Allah SWT accept all our repentance and our duasand grant us His mercy, forgivenessand protection from the fire of Helland may He accept all ourfasting and all our acts of worship for His pleasure and reward us with the maximum amount of blessings from His unlimited treasures, Ameen. May AllaahAlmighty also make it easy for us all to truly recognize our many faults and shortcomings, guide us to take the necessary steps to sincerely repent to Himand to make the necessary changes in our lives and in our conduct and behavior, that will bring us closer to Him and to His Paradise. Ameen.

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Calling For Justice

By Sister Amanda Smith Miami, Florida

O ye who believe! stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor: for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts) lest ye swerve and if ye distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do. (4:135)When giving dawah, often we discuss topics such as tawheed, the Quran, prayer, and fasting. We will tell stories of the Holy Prophet (S) and the early Muslims and outline how Islam differs from other faiths. However, Islam is about more than theology or daily rituals, it is a religion that is meant to touch all aspects of life and to address ills within society. Standing up against injustice is the duty of every Muslim, and one of the most powerful ways we can call others to Islam. Injustice exists in every country and within every society. Recently the world has seen terrible injustice carried out in Palestine. The Palestinian people have been subject to ethnic cleansing for nearly a century, yet many in our Ummah are afraid to speak out for them. The Uygurs in China and the Rohingya in Myanmar have been subject to the most brutal forms of cruelty, yet many in our Ummah do not speak out for them. It is our responsibility to speak out against injustice not only when it is committed against Muslims, but non-Muslims as well. When we see racial discrimination, poverty, brutality, violence, or any form of oppression, it is our responsibility to call for justice. In Surat Al-Nisa, Allah (SWT) tells us: "O ye who believe! stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be (against) rich or poor" (4:135). The Quran clearly states here that it is the responsibility of the believers to stand for justice, no matter who it is for. We should stand for justice even if we fear that doing so is not to our benefit. Many Muslims are afraid to speak out due to being labeled as "too political" or they may fear difficulties like not being able to find a job or not being promoted at work. However, when have tawakkul on Allah (SWT), complete trust in Allah (SWT), those fears should not stand in our way. When we call out for justice, in reality we are calling out the message of



(TRIP) (Traveler Redress Inquiry Program)

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 a mistaken identity, a travel record that did not properly record your timely exit from the country and incorrectly showsthat 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:

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-You were denied or delayed boarding

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-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"

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-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.

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-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. 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

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Photo on Left: **Muad Bin Jabal Islamic Center of Stone Mountain Atlanta, Georgia** Alhamdulillaah Shaikh Shafayat lecturing on Qur'aan and Dawah at Muad Bin Jabal Islamic Center in Atlanta, Georgia on May 1, 2021 Maa Sha Allaah

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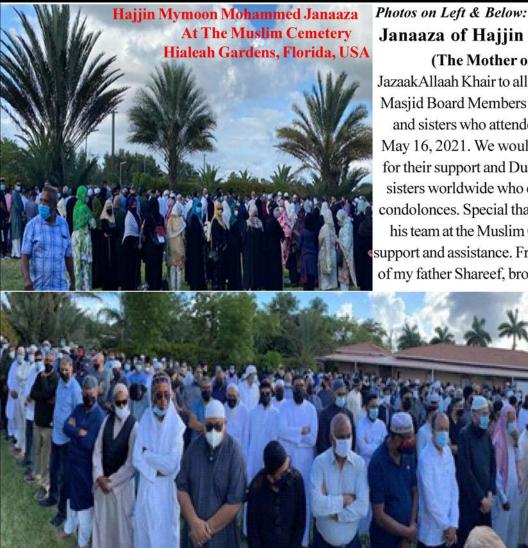
DAWAH / COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS By: Faria Mohammed

TOWN HALL MEETING

Alhamdulillaah on Friday June 18th, a Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Barbara Sharief for US Congress (District 20) was held at Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center in Pembroke Pines, Florida. The Event was hosted by Brother Khurram Wahid, cosponsored by International Law Partners and coordinated by Sister Naema Ghany.



Photo Above From Right: Khurram Wahid, Muhammad Irshaad, Photo Above From Right: Yunus Ismail, Dr.Barbara Sharief and Abdur Rauf Dr.Barbara Sharief and Bro.Khurram Wahid



Photos on Left & Below: Janaaza of Hajjin Mymoon Mohammed (The Mother of Shaikh Shafayat)

JazaakAllaah Khair to all the Imams, Shaikhs, Huffaaz, Masjid Board Members and the hundreds of brothers and sisters who attended my mother's Janaaza on May 16, 2021. We would also like to thank everyone for their support and Duas plus all those brothers and sisters worldwide who contacted us to express their condolonces. Special thanks to Br. Golam Dandia and his team at the Muslim Cemetery in Miami for their support and assistance. From Shaikh Shafayat on behalf of my father Shareef, brother Shah and sister Maryam.

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By Br. Twalib Ali / Canada

Sura 7 Verse 157: Those who follow the Apostle, the Unlettered Prophet (Muhammad- peace be upon him) whom they find mentioned in their own Scriptures, in the Law of Moses and the Gospel of Jesus; for he (Muhammad - peace be upon him) allows them as lawful what is good and pure and prohibits them from what is bad and impure; he releases them from the yokes that are upon them. So it is those who believe in him, honour him, help him, and follow the Light (the Holy Quran) Which is sent down to him, - it is they who will prosper'.Sura 13 Verse 11:'Verily never will Allah change the condition of a people until they change it themselves with their own souls. But when Allah willeth a people's punishment, there can be no turning back nor will they find besides Him, any to protect'. Sura 15 Verse 9: We have without doubt sent down the Message (the Holy Quran), and We will assuredly guard it from corruption '.Sura 17 Verse 88: 'Say: "If the whole of Mankind and Jinns were to gather together to produce the LIKE of this Quran, they could not produce the LIKE thereof, even if they backed up each other with help and support". Sura 17 Verse 89: 'And We have explained to man in this Quran every kind of similitude: yet the greater part of men refuse (to receive it) except with ingratitude'!Sura 18 Verse 54:'We have explained in detail in this Quran, for the benefit of mankind, every kind of similitude: but man is, in most things, contentious'.Sura 19 Verse 75: 'Say: "If any men go astray, God Most Gracious extends the Rope to them, until, when they see the warning of God (being fulfilled) - either in punishment or in the approach of the Hour, they will at length realize who is worst in position, and who is weakest in forces"!Sura 19 Verse 76: 'And God doth advance in Guidance those who seek Guidance; and the things that endure, Good Deeds, are best in the sight of thy Lord, as rewards, and best in respect of their eventual returns'. Sura 28 Verse 68: 'Thy Lord does create and chooses as He pleases....'Sura 38 Verse 87:'This (the Holy Quran) is no less than a Message to all the Worlds'.Sura 38 Verse 88: 'And ye shall certainly know the Truth of it (all) after a while'.Sura 36 Verse 69:'We have not instructed the Prophet in Poetry, nor is it meet for him: This is no less than a Message and a Quran making things clear'. Sura 36 Verse 70: That It may give admonition to any who are alive, and that the charge maybe proved against those who reject Truth'.Sura 38 Verse 29:'Here is a Book (the Holy Quran) which We have sent down unto thee, full of blessings, that they may meditate on its Signs, and that men of understanding may receive admonition'.Sura 39 Verse 18:'Those who listen to the Word (the Holy Quran) and follow the best meaning in it: those are the ones whom God has guided, and those are the ones endued with understanding'. Allah Will Not Put Up With Any Excuses On The Day Of Judgement From Those Whom The Quran Has Reached - Refer To Sura Qiyamat (Sura 75 Verses 1 -15).



SADQA TO THE RESCUE

By : Bro Hamzad Mohammed, T.T.U.T.A.Teacher of the Year 2013, Trinidad, W.I.

It is not right to enjoy Allah's favours while others are deprived of them.Some people, for one reason or the other, suffer from the scourge of human indignity. What a calamity! Therefore, it is incumbent on Muslims to address this human state of degradation through the medium of 'sadqa' (charity).Countless people throughout the ages have spoken about Sadaqa from different Islamic perspectives.In this article,I'll focus only on three personalities. Allah in the Holy Quran:"And be steadfast in prayer and regular in charity..." (Ch.2 V.110) Prophet Muhammad's quotes, a few of them being:

- 1) "To feed a hungry man is the best Sadaqa."
- 2) "Sadaqa does not decrease one's wealth."
- 3) "Be quick in giving Sadaqa."

4) "Sadaqa extinguishes faults as water extinguishes fire.

5) "Every good deed is Sadaqa." and

6) "Superior Sadaqa is to give something to a needy person secretly."

Imam Ghazali's quote: To give Sadaqa secretly keeps one away from fame.I'll conclude with a few apt poetic verses.I've something to tell you. Don't make a cry and hue. Many are not in our boat, As on life's fringes they float. Doubt me? Look around on earth. Others are seen as of lesser worth.Idly by I would never a seat take, While a fruit tree they can't shake. Let's all be our brother's keeper, And to thehave nots do deliver. Maybe your only pocket's dime, To help them up ladders climb.From Allah flow the Baraka, Do you need it?Then give Sadaqa.As one day by Allah's grace,You'll in Jannah find a place.

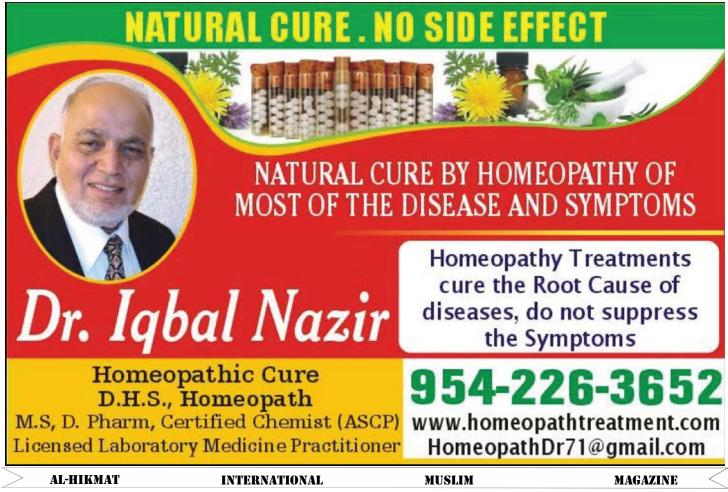
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Sheriff Gregory Tony

Since taking command of the Broward Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Gregory Tony's dynamic and progressive leadership has transformed BSO into one of the most accountable, progressive and respected public safety agencies in Florida. As Broward County's 17th sheriff and the first African-American to serve in this capacity, Sheriff Tony brings a wealth of experience, unique skillset and passion for public safety to BSO. Guided by his North Star belief that service equals reward, Sheriff Tony has led efforts to revamp BSO and restore trust in the agency by implementing a host of initiatives focused on bolstering training, building stronger community relationships, and ensuring our employees are held to the highest standards. Growing up in inner-city Philadelphia, Sheriff Tony learned from an early age the determination and selflessness that is needed to be an effective police officer. He experienced firsthand the prejudices that exist between minority youth and law enforcement and the difference that must be made in order to change the negative perceptions. As sheriff, he has used his experiences as a launching pad to implement forwardthinking policies to better connect with the many diverse communities BSO serves. Sheriff Tony established his home in Florida at FSU. He graduated from FSU with a degree in



criminology and later received a master's degree in criminal justice from NSU. As a professor for the past eight years, he understands the importance of mentoring the next generations interested in criminal justice. Sheriff Tony began his law enforcement career in 2005 with the Coral Springs Police Department where he served on the SWAT team and rose to the rank of sergeant. While with the CSPD, he received numerous awards, commendations and honors. Since he assumed leadership of BSO in January 2019, Sheriff Tony has been unafraid to tackle controversial matters that can put him at odds with other law enforcement officials and politicians. Doing what is right, not what is convenient, is his driving force.







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Beautiful Character Of Prophet Muhammad

Submited by Dr. Addul Hye

If he would be upset with anyone, he would look down. His shyness was more than an unmarried girl. Sometimes out of necessity he would smile. He did not ever use a loud voice. He would maintain good communication with everyone. He was never proud of his high position. Sometimes during conversation, he would make a few jokes and smile. During the long-standing prayer, his legs would swell. During reading and listening the Ouran, he would weep due to fear and love of Allah. He would forbid his associates from praising each other. He never hesitated or delayed helping the helpless people's call. He would attend all Janaza prayers whether the deceased was poor or rich. He would eagerly accept an invitation from anyone including a slave or poor person. By his behavior and dealings, no one would be disappointed or frustrated. He always tried to help people from the oppression enemy. He was gentle and courteous in dealing with Muslims and used to talk smiling. Whether sitting or standing, he would always remember Allah. While attending any gathering, he would sit with the general people. He never sat in a higher position before the public. When talking to a few people, he would keep eye contact towards everyone. He would wholeheartedly talk with everyone in such a way that everyone would think that the prophet (SW)loved him most. Whenever anyone would come to him or start talking to him, the prophet would wait until the person stopped or finished or stood and left. He would do all the household work. He would maintain law and order of things in the house. He would join everyone with love and respect. He would never quarrel or argue. If anyone would misbehave, he would counter that with gentle behavior and would forgive their fault. He would only punish if it was based on a religious matter. He never took revenge on any oppressor for any oppression. His face would always shine. His heart was always engaged in remembering Allah. He would never say anything useless and never say anything bad about anyone. He was never a miser. He did not have even a little bit of pride. He would serve the best to his guests. He never allowed anyone to praise him.Allah said in Quran about him 'Best Example', 'Mercy for the Entire Universe', 'Last Prophet'



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"O Messenger, spread that which has been revealed to you from your Lord, and if you do not, then you have not conveyed His message. And Allaah will protect you from the people. Indeed, Allaah does not guide the disbelieving people."

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."

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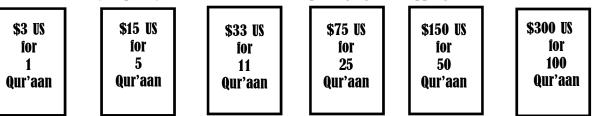
"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all

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."

The above verses and Hadiths emphasize the blessings and importance of spreading the Message of the Qur'aan however, due to the negative propaganda in the world today against the Qur'aan, it is even more important upon us to spread the message of the Qur'aan Inshaa Allaah.

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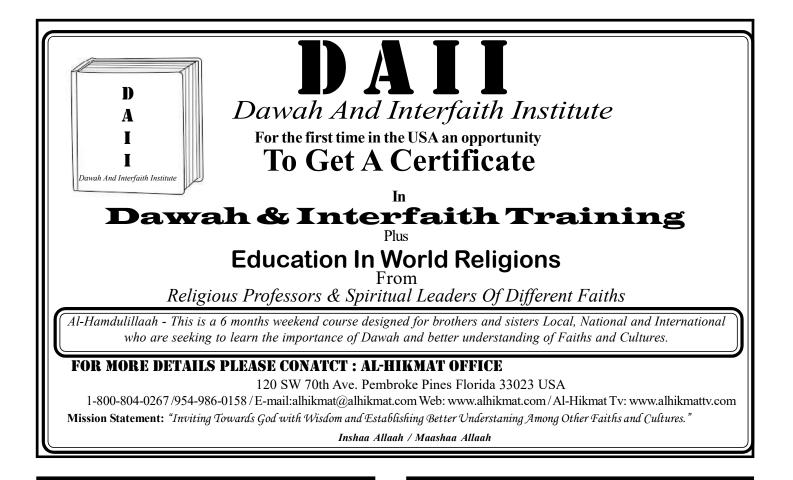
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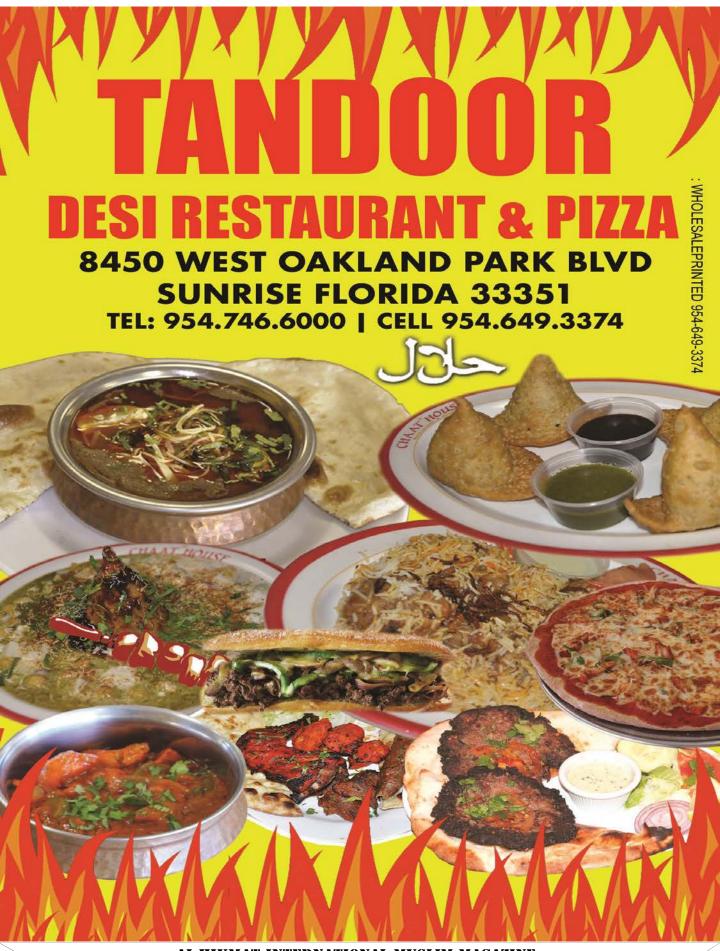




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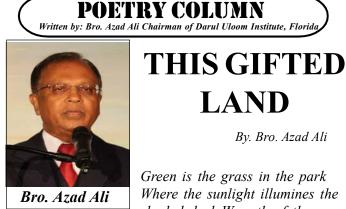
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By. Bro. Azad Ali

Green is the grass in the park Where the sunlight illumines the shaded dark, Warmth of the

winter-sun warms the sand

A cool breeze gently blows across the land..... Smiling faces of children play games Grey clouds gather above but ne'er it rains, Coal lit fires strewn under a shady tree Families celebrate and all sing in harmony..... It cannot be that sadness abounds On this land so full of so many happy sounds, A quality of life envied around the world This land more precious than the proverbial pearl.... Let us then examine our lives today Grateful for the bounties strewn our way, For many are less fortunate under our sun Thankful then to the land in which we were born......

HUMOR

A Preacher With His Wife's Dentures

A preacher went to get his teeth pulled. As a result he would need dentures. The first Sunday after, he preached 10 minutes. The second he preached 20 minutes and the third he preached an hour and a half.

Some members of the congregation asked about the different amounts of time. The preacher says, "The first Sunday my gums were so sore I could barely talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were causing the pain. The third Sunday, I grabbed my wife's dentures and could not stop talking."



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Maashaa Allaah

Congratulations To Abdullah Imran



Photo Above: Al-Hamdulillaah Congratulations to Abdullah Imran. He graduated from Plantation High School on June 6th, 2021 Maashaa Allaah

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Hajj (The Annual Pilgrimage)

By Bro. Farooq Shafi

"Alastu bi Rabbikum?" "Am I not Your Lord?" They all replied, in one thunderous voice, "Balaa shahidna", "Yes, indeed! We testify to this, so that we have no excuse on the Day of Judgement to say that we were not aware of this (covenant)." [Sura Ar'af 7:172] That was the very beginning. What about the very end? The great gathering on Arafat is our Day of Atonement. It is also a dress rehearsal for the Day of Judgement, Yawmul giyyaamah. This is how the entire human race will one day stand before Allaah SWT, awaiting the Final Judgement. In our simple ehram clothes, we cannot distinguish anyone's wealth and social status. No one can see who is rich and who is poor; the president, the billionaire, the taxi driver, the school teacher and the farmer all look the same. This is exactly as Allaah SWT sees us. Allaah SWTis not looking at our social status or our designer clothes and expensive jewelry. Allaah SWTis not interested in what is on the outside, only what is inside. What is inside our hearts? What desires, what hidden yearnings are lurking in the deepest depths of our being? Is it full of anger, jealousy, hatred, vanity and lust? Or is it full of love, mercy, and generosity? Are we patient and forbearing towards others? Have we purified our spiritual hearts? Do we have a Qalb saleem? A pure, sound heart? Allaah SWT warns us that no one shall enter the Garden except those who come with a sound heart. [Quran 26:87-89] We come to Jabal *Rahma*: the Mount of Mercy, a low hill rising above the plain of 'Arafat. Jabal Rahma signifies the central theme of atonement, forgiveness after we have acknowledged our sins and pleaded for Allaah SWT's mercy. Here we follow the Adamic role model. Here we stand not simply as Muslims or Believers. Here we stand as Bani Adam, descendants of Adam and Eve. Here is where the first human beings sought forgiveness and this is where Allaah SWT forgave them: "Rabbana zhalamna an fusina wa il-lam taghfir lana wa tar hamna lana koonanna minal khaasireen!" "Our Lord! We have truly wronged our own souls, and if You do not forgive us, we will truly be among the losers!" [7:23] This is the prayer of Prophet Adam & Eve AS. Allaah SWT's peace and blessings on them both Prophet Adam AS's epic spiritual journey began from a state of primordial innocence and went through human forgetfulness, distraction, and disobedience. This was the first Sin. But Allaah SWT also gave Adam AS the ability to recognize his mistake, to regret, to be filled with remorse and to plead for forgiveness, and finally to earn redemption. This is the same journey that you and I and every human being must take. We all were innocent once. We got distracted. We forgot and we sinned. Now it is time to follow Adam AS's example. If you have not yet undertaken this blessed journey, make your intention, your niyyat, to do your Hajj In Sha Allaah, as soon as possible.

On Hajj, you are Allaah SWT's guest. Allaah SWT has invited you to His BaituLaah, His House. As Allaah SWT's honored guest, you must scrupulously observe the good manners that are expected of you. During Hajj,its best behavior at all times. As soon as you put on your ehram, you repeat those evocative words, "Labbaik, Allaah humma labbaik!": "Here I am, O Allaah SWT, Here I am!" Allaah SWT has honored you with His invitation, and now that you have arrived, you announce your presence and your willingness to serve Allaah SWT, as best you can. Hajj is an outward journey tracing the spiritual history of Islam. It is also the inward journey that you and I must undertake, to find our own center, in the Kaaba of our heart. What desires, what emotions and passions are still circling, making tawaaf around our spiritual heart? The spiritual heart, the *qalb* is truly the locus of our personality. This is our real driving force. Let us make sure that it is always filled with loving thoughts of Allaah SWT. Only when we Remember Allaah SWT, and we fulfil the needs of others with love and gratitude, will our hearts ever find lasting peace and contentment. Dhikr is not just words of praise, not just a warm feeling in the heart. It is about words and actions. It is about making our love visible, through big and small acts of kindness towards others.

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Calling For Justice

Sis. Amanda Smith

Islam. The Holy Prophet (S) called out for justice throughout his life and every word he spoke was the message from Allah (SWT). When little girls were being buried alive by their fathers, the Prophet (S) stood up for justice. When women were treated like property rather than human beings, the Prophet (S) pushed for change. When slaves were being abused, the Prophet (S) worked to free them. In his time, many people joined the religion of Islam for many reasons, but one was his constant cry for justice. As Muslims, we should follow the sunnah of the Prophet (S) and always speak out against injustice. However, when we do so, we should keep in mind that calling for justice is also calling for Islam. It is a form of dawah that we should not forget. Rather than thinking of dawah as simply talking about salat or tawheed, we should include examples of how Islam is a religion of justice and always make

an effort to stand for justice ourselves.

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Forgiveness In Ramadan

By Taj Siddiqui

everyone who has hurt us. It shows strength, self-confidence, and a desire to be forgiven by Allah. Let us forgive our parents, spouse, siblings, relatives, friends, and co-workers. Forgiveness is not easy, but boy is it worth it! And, this is, a reflection of the Qur'an advice: "...pardon and forgive. Do you not wish that Allah should forgive you?" (24:22).



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