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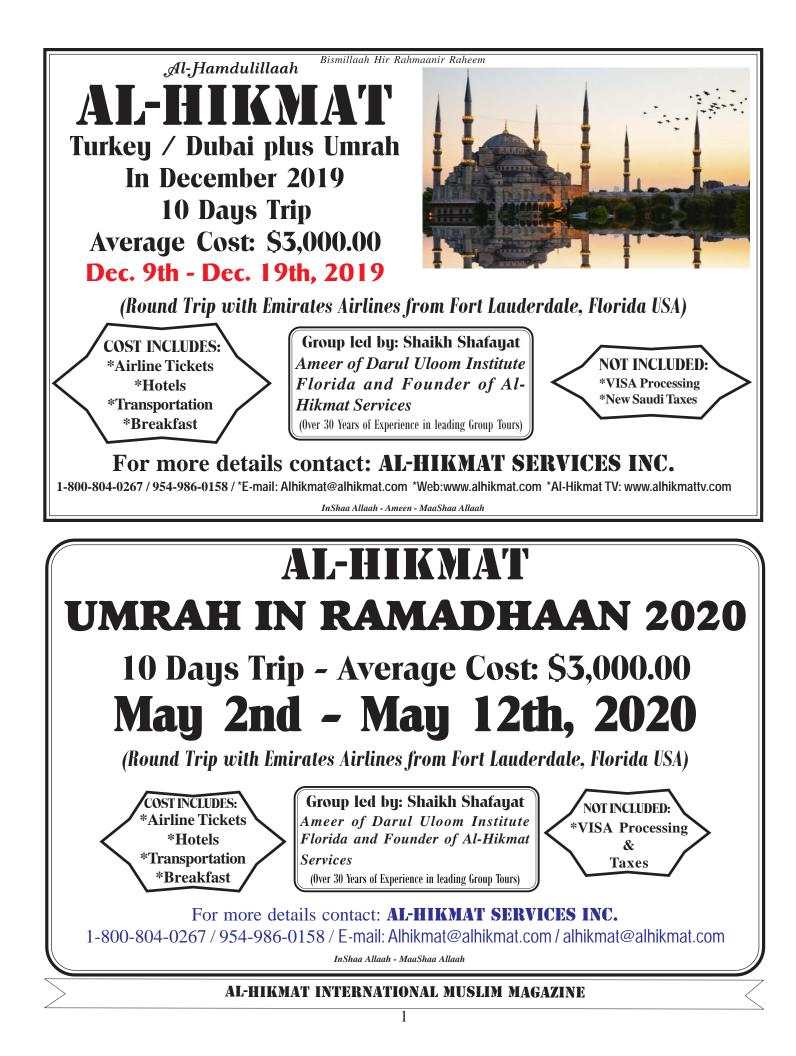




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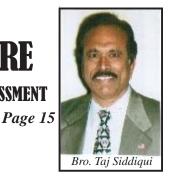


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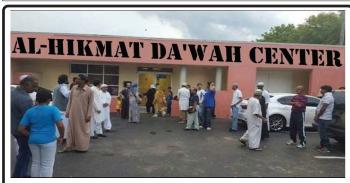
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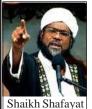
SHAIKH SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE Summarized by Bro. Kaleem Ali / Trinidad W.I ALLAH ALONE HAS CONTROL OVER LIFE AND DEATH

There was a conference where the overall theme was medicine and medical students would bring their questions on God, religion and science. These were the future physicians so there were talks about religious diets, male and female interaction, euthanasia etc but there was one interesting question: "What would you advise a physician who has tried everything, but the patient still died?" The response was "I think that question answers itself". "That is the beautiful proof in itself that if the doctor with all the inventions and medical knowledge cannot save the patient, then God is truly in control" It doesn't matter our knowledge, our abilities etc. We believe that Allah has written the lifespan of a person. It doesn't matter what we do, we cannot extend life, but we can treat patients to make them healthier. Allah created us and the food around us. The Prophet (s.a.w.) tells us

of a healthy life, for us to eat healthy. The Qur'an tells us of the food Allah provides but death is a totally different concept. We eat processed food because we get it in our time, and we wish to ignore the different seasons for different fruits and vegetables that could prevent us from illnesses. There is a quote about "Eat healthy food as a medicine otherwise we will eventually eat our medicine as our food". Islam is beneficial for our health, but we do not practice this. We should make effort for our health but at the end of the day, Allah is in charge. Life and death are from the signs of Allah for us to understand that he is in control.

Chapter 25, vs 3: "And they will not have control over death nor life nor resurrection"

Whatever we become, it's important to hold on to our faith in Allah so we do not become like those doctors who get frustrated when their patients die despite them. Another interesting verse: Chapter 36, vs 68-69 "And he to whom We grant long life We reverse in creation; so, will they not understand?" Human beings should ponder over the fact that when Allah gives long life to someone, he brings back deterioration in that person. He brings him back to how he was in the beginning as a baby. There is a famous English saying "Once a man, twice a child". When you're a baby, you have legs but can't walk, a tongue but can't walk, hands but can't feed yourself etc. It doesn't matter our wealth, knowledge, science or degree we have. There is an interesting quote "As you go up in life (with your degrees, wealth, success), do not look down at people as one day when we are coming down, they will be going up" Let us be realistic and have faith in Allah. This is the reality of life.



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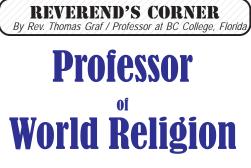
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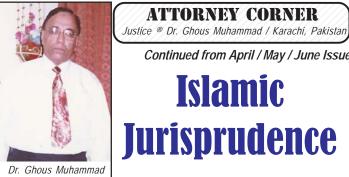
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As I sit to reflect and again have the privilege to submit another article to Al-Hikmat, I am keenly aware that my Muslim brothers and sisters have already ended Ramadhan, and when this article appears, many devout Muslims will be involved in that most sacred annual pilgrimage to Mecca-The Hajj. PILGRIMAGE, what a fabulous experience for devout believers. Our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate three sacred pilgrimage feasts each year: Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot. As professor of World Religion, I find it intriguing that each major religion has integrated this concept and practice of Sacred Pilgrimage within the practice of the faithful. As a Christian, and priest within the Episcopal Church, I am keenly aware of our own long history of pilgrimage. As the early Christian Church began to distinguish itself from specific Jewish traditions, they too instituted the practice of pilgrimage. As the Church grew, and expanded its geographical boundaries, there developed the custom of returning to the Holy Land and walking the WAY of their founder-Jesus the Christ. This later became known as The Way of the Cross. I find it interesting that a unique art form which one finds in most Mainline Christian Churches was developed and usually lines the sides of many such churches. We refer to this as The Stations of the Cross. When I was little, every Friday in my church, people had the opportunity to come and participate in The Stations of the Cross. There would actually be a procession (Pilgrimage) through the church, with the Priest leading, along with altar servers and the faithful behind. We would stop at each Station of the Cross (There are 14) and recall the founder's Way of the Cross. There would be time for prayer and reflection at each station, and then we would move on to the next. Some Christian homes even have a replication of the Stations of the Cross positioned in a Sacred Space, and families will join in prayer to remember the Founder's own Pilgrimage that is commemorated on Good Friday of Holy Week. There is something wonderful about the concept of pilgrimage. I wonder if perhaps it is because we are all Pilgrims here on earth. Let us truly remember our roots, that no matter where our pilgrimage may have led us today, we have all come from the One True God and each of us continues our Journey here on earth. May we respect and love each other as Pilgrims along the way.





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For instance, if the infidels in a fort shield themselves by a Muslim captive, it is not lawful to shoot arrows at them, as it is not necessary. The protection of faith, i.e. Islam, does not depend on the capture of a fort of infidels by Muslims. Likewise if a body of persons dies of hunger, it is not lawful for them to eat flesh of anyone of them to save their lives, for the maslahah is partial and not total and none is allowed to take life of another. Malik is reported to have held that an accused can be tortured or punished for making him confess the crime. Al Ghazali, however, rejects this maslahah because according to him this maslahah contradicts another maslahah i.e. the interest of the accused who is sometimes innocent. Taxation for the maintenance of any army and bearing other expenses of the state is also a maslahah.

(Principles of Modern Islamic Jurisprudence by Abrar Hasan: P.163) 🔿



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Al-Hamdulillaah - on Saturday July 20th, 2019 - Fahad and Faria from Miramar, Florida USA were blessed with a baby boy- Ishaaq Baig Mirza. Ishaaq was born at Memorial Regional Hospital, Florida. May Allaah (S.W.T) bless Ishaaq and make him amongst the righteous.

> InShaa Allaah Ameen MaaShaa Allaah

Congratulations Umar & Raeesah



Umar & Raeesah Mohammed

Ishaaq Baig Mirza

Al-Hamdulillaah-Umar and Raeesah were recently married on Saturday July 6th, 2019. The Nikaah was held at Darul Woom Institute Pembroke Pines Florida USA. May Allaah (S.W.T) bless them with a prosperous and happy marriage.

InShaa Allaah Ameen MaaShaa Allaah Sister Sylmerie

"O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may

SISTER'S CORNER By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha / Coral Springs, Florida

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be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers. [Our'an 49:11] Abu Huraira (RA) reported: A bedouin urinated in the mosque, and the people rushed to beat him. Allah's Messenger (SAW) ordered them to leave him and pour a bucket or a tumbler (full) of water over the place where he had passed urine. The Prophet then said, "You have been sent to make things easy (for the people) and you have not been sent to make things difficult for them." The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: "Anybody who believes in Allah and the Last Day should not harm his neighbor, and anybody who believes in Allah and the Last Day should entertain his guest generously, and anybody who believes in Allah and the Last Day should talk what is good or keep quiet". (I.e. abstain from all kinds of evil and dirty talk)." (Al-Bukhari) When a Christian delegation from Ethiopian churches came to Medina, the Prophet opened up his mosque for them to stay in, hosted them generously, and personally served them meals. He said: They were generous to our companions, so I wish to be generous to them in person..."narrated by Abu Hurayrah, Sahih Al Bukhari, Vol: 8 Hadith 47. The above event leads right into the next incident, which happened recently at a local masjid. During Ramadan, just before breaking fast in the masjid, a young woman walked over to the area where many sisters were waiting to break their fast. This young woman was not a muslim, and was not wearing a hijab. As she went to enter the door of the masjid, these responsible sisters started talking about her loudly, staring at her and then one of them verbally attacked the young woman yelling at her "to get out of here, you don't belong here". These insults literally brought this young woman to tears. She was frozen in utter disbelief and embarrassment, while the sisters continued to insult her. Thankfully, some other kindhearted sisters came to her aid to talk and comfort her. Choking back her tears, the young woman explained that she came to find out more about Islam. She did not know that she had to wear the hijab, before entering the mosque. The compassionate sisters reassured her that this behavior from the antagonistic sisters was unacceptable and definitely not tolerated in Islam. The young woman gently said, she did not want to come back to the mosque and she walked away. Now, let us step back and ask ourselves, were the sisters pleased with their actions?

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AYATUL KURSI

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

Bro. Farooq Shafi Sura is Al Baqara, about which the Prophet SAW

said, "Recite Surat Al-Baqara, for to take recourse to it is a blessing and to give it up is a cause of grief, and the magicians cannot confront it." Reciting Surat Al Bagara and reflecting on its great verses and their noble meanings, one cannot but pay special attention to the most excellent Verse in the holy Qur'an, which is Ayatul Kursi. It was narrated that the Messenger of Allaah SAW once asked Ubai Ibn Kaab, RA, "O Abul Mundhir! Do you know which Aya in Allaah's Book is the greatest?" Ubai said, "Allaah and His Apostle know best." The Prophet SAW again said, "O Abul Mundhir! In your opinion, which Aya in Allaah's Book is the greatest?" He said, "Allaah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence." Thereupon the Prophet SAW patted Ubai in the chest and said, "Rejoice by this knowledge, O Abul Mundhir!" that is to say, may the knowledge be pleasant for you. On its own merits, Ayatul Kursi is seen as the most excellent Aya in the holy Quran because it contains the greatest meanings as well as a number of the beautiful names of Allaah SWT, the Most High. It begins with "Allaah", the name which imparts tranquility to souls and brings assurance to the hearts. Allaah, the Almighty says, "unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allaah hearts are assured." (Ar-Raad: 28). Indeed, whoever takes refuge with Allaah SWT, He will protect him, whoever asks for His help, He will relieve him, and whoever asks Him for provisions, He will provide for him. Allaah SWT says, "is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him." (An-Naml: 62). The following names of Allaah SWT, in the Aya are "the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence." Indeed, supplications to Allaah SWT by these two Names are more likely to be answered. In this regard, it was narrated that a man supplicated to his Lord saying, "O Allaah, indeed I ask You since all praise is due to You, there is none worthy of worship but You, the Bestower, the Creator of the heavens and earth, O Possessor of Majesty and Honor, O the Ever-living, the Sustainer of (all) existence, I ask of You.)' The Prophet SAW said, "Do you know what he has supplicated with?" They said, "Allaah and His Messenger know best." He said, "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, he called upon Allaah by His greatest Name, which, if He is called by it, He responds, and if He is asked by it, He gives." The "Sustainer of all existence" means He arranges the affairs of His Creation, provides them with sustenance and keeps them safe and sound. In His hand is their life, death, and their resurrection. He guides them in their travel on land and in the sea, for He, the Most Exalted, "Who is a maintainer of every soul, [knowing] what it has earned." (Ar-Raad: 33). Ayatul Kursi mentions many great attributes of Allaah SWT. One great attribute is that "Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep". This means that Allaah SWT is perfect in every way and free of all defects and weaknesses such as sleep and drowsiness.

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TRUTH VERSUS FALSE-HOOD

Submitted by: Bro. Twalib Ali / Whitby, Ontario, Canada

Our Beloved Creator has revealed in His Last Revelation (The Holy Quran) that "Truth must prevail over False-Hood, and False-Hood by its own nature, is bound to perish".

FACT: ONLY GOD ALONE IS TO BE WORSHIPPED (First Commandment).

FACT: "There is only One God (our Beloved Creator), and Muhammad is His servant and Final Messenger" every Prophet testified to this. It is known as the "Covenant of the Prophets" (between Almighty God and all His Apostles) - Sura 3 Verse 81- Holy Quran.

FACT: GOD IS NOT LIKE ANYONE NOR ANYTHING HE CREATED.

Jesus never declared himself as God nor did he ever say that he was the son of God. On the contrary, Jesus told them to stop uttering such blasphemies. Jesus was created with the word "Be". The word "Be" which was bestowed upon Mary (his mother) became flesh as did Adam in the beginning of time. God only has to say "Be" and it is, as it was explained to the Virgin Mary by the angel who appeared unto her. Jesus was a Prophet sent unto the Children of Israel and his mother (Virgin Mary) was chosen by God to give birth to Jesus because she was a woman of truth. God chose her among the women of all nations. Jesus is mentioned in the Holy Quran as a Sign and a Mercy to all mankind. He never told anyone to worship him and his mother as gods instead of Almighty God. Instead, he said "worship God, my Lord and your Lord". Even in the English translation of what many refer to as the Bible or the New Testament, you can find this statement. We all know that the Bible or any other Divine revelation was never revealed in the English language. Without an Original, it is difficult to verify explanatory translations. In the Holy Quran, Almighty God revealed that the Children of Israel who were chosen for His Message (to spread it among mankind) had changed the Sacred Books for their own purpose. Today, it is becoming more and more evident especially to those who are seeking Truth. FACT: God does not have children nor parents. He created the Heavens and the Earth and all in between them in six days, and is firmly established on the Throne of Authority. He made the Sabbath or the 7th day (Saturday) for man to rest, and to show gratitude to Him. Almighty God has no need for rest. He never gets tired! He has no needs whatsoever! He is Incomprehensibly Great and Incomparably Great! He has never been seen by any human eye, nor by any angel, nor by the Jinns, nor by anything in the heavens or on earth or in between. God remains the Only One Who is Unseen. If He was seen by anyone, how could He be the Unseen? Ask yourself this question!

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When Allah Loves a Servant **He Tests Him**

Submitted by An Anonymous Sister

Feeling hurt, feeling pain, feeling hopeless and feeling sad over a test/hardship/loss in your life that Allah has given is a testimony of faith and NOT lack thereof. Even the greatest of prophets and sahabas have questioned "When will the help of Allah arrive?!"

When will this test end?

When will I be at peace and happy?

When will these cracks heal?

Why me Allah? Why me?

I have always played by the rule book of Qur'an and sunnah and upheld good morals and generous behaviour.

I have stood in Qiyam and I have cried in Sujood. I have fasted.

I have rushed for hajj and performed umrahs.

I have given in charity and I helped those in need.

I am always trying to please you and follow Islam to the best of my ability but still my tests don't seem to end. Day in and day out we clearly see those less committed than us religiously being blessed as we consistently continue to suffer. As our tests become greater their blessings become greater.

"To be content with a thing doesn't mean that you are personally happy with it. It means that: I am content with God, my Lord, who has ordained this for me. We can be content in happiness, and content in sadness. All the things that transpire in our lives are from God. He willed for it to be. Contentment is a type of submission: I have no complaints against Him, and I can do the best in the situation that I am in, and I will seek to find the wisdom that God has in this."

We are quick to assume cracks in someone's faith as having no faith at all. The best of people are the ones who are tested the most. So instantaneously lets understand that religious good moral people can feel pain+ache and be tested in their faith where they end up questioning the help of Allah and its arrival without losing hope. Allah says in the Qur'an: "Do you really think that you will enter Paradise without going through what those who came before you endured? They were afflicted with such adversity and hardship and shaken to the core to the point that the Messenger and those with him cried, 'Where is the Help of God?!'Ah! But the help of God was ever near." {Surah Al Bagarah 2: Verse 214}



The Noble Last **Prophet of Allaah**

Written by Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA

My dear friends, Prophet Muhammad SAW was sent as a mercy to all mankind. As believers we must strive every single day of

our lives to learn more about him and his illustrious life, his great personality and his unblemished character and implement the same in our lives and the lives of our families and also teach it to others. He alone is our esteemed example and role model. Allah SWT commanded us in the Quran chapter 33/21: Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad) you have a good example to follow, for him who hopes for the (meeting with Allah) and the last Day and remembers Allah (God Almighty) much. It is a well-known fact that the Prophet of Islam was the supremely most successful man in the entire human history. But he was not just a hero, as Thomas Carlyle has called him. According to the Quran, he was a good example for all mankind. He has shown us the way of achieving supreme success in this world. By studying the life of the Prophet (pbuh) we can derive at least 10 most important principles which were followed by the Prophet (pbuh). In short, the Prophet of Islam SAW was a positive thinker in the full sense of the word. All his activities were result-oriented. He completely refrained from all such steps as may prove counter-productive.

First Principle: (To begin from the possible). This principle is well explained in a saying of Aishah RA. She said: "Whenever the Prophet SAW had to choose between two options, he always opted for the easier choice." (Al-Bukhari). To choose the easiest option means to begin from the possible and one who begins from the possible will surely reach his or her goal.

Second Principle: (To see advantage in disadvantage). In the early days of Makkah, there were many problems and difficulties. At that time, a guiding verse in Quran was revealed. It said: "With every hardship there is ease, with every hardship there is ease." (94/5-6). This means that if there are some problems, there are also opportunities and ease at the same time. And the way to success is to work on the problems with sabr or patience, and take advantage of the opportunities.

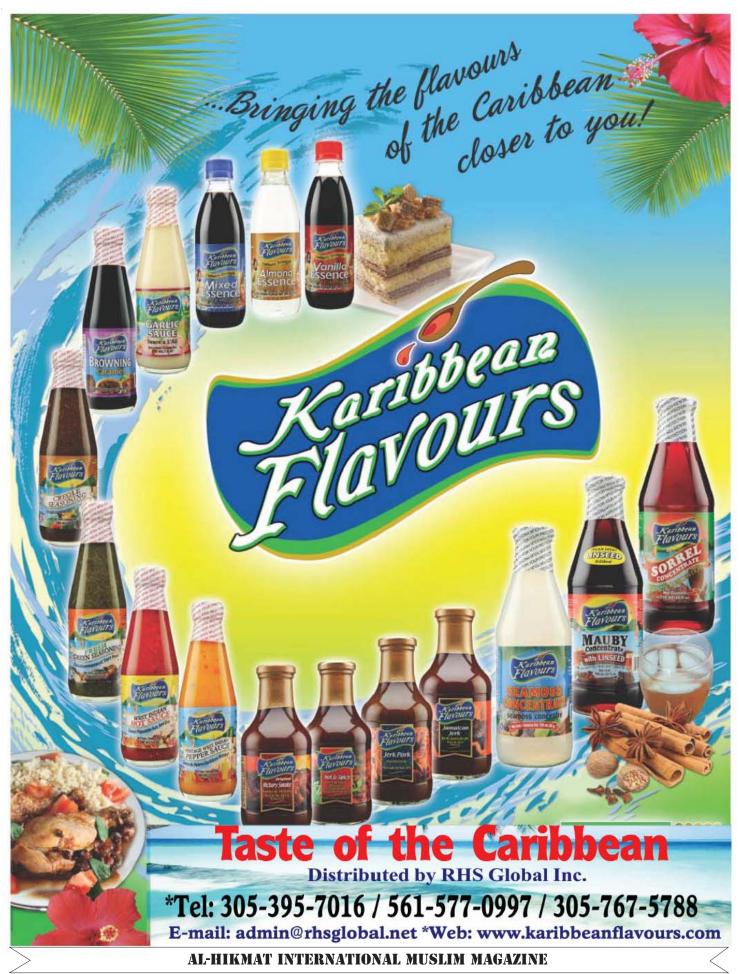
Third Principle: (To change the place of action). This principle is derived from the Hijrah. Hijrah was not just a migration from Makkah to Madinah. It was to find a more suitable place for Islamic work, as history proved later on. Sometimes we too have to find a more suitable place to live or work, one that is more conducive to following the orders of Allah SWT and the example of His last Messenger.

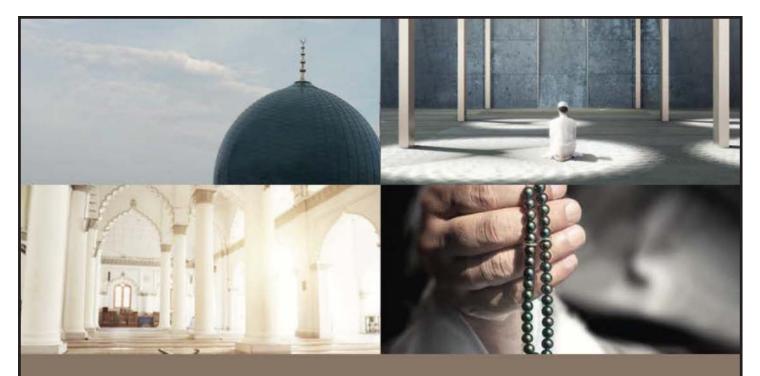
Fourth Principle: (To make a friend out of an enemy). The prophet SAW was repeatedly subjected to practices prosecution by the unbelievers. At that time and now also, the Quran enjoined upon him and us the return of good for evil.

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Last week some of our old "friends" got together for lunch at a local desi restaurant. Someone sug-

gested that we should celebrate our 50 years of accomplishments in South Florida. Celebrate ? Accomplishments ?? What in the world we are talking about ??? Off-course we have built some masjids. Other than Friday congregation and Sunday school, these buildings sit empty for most of the week. The Christians, Jews, Hindus and other faiths have built far better institutions. They are places of family gathering, social interaction, youth participation, community assistance, emergency help, and worship. Let me describe the portrait of a true Muslim, who is most visible in our masjids. I will call them the Elite Muslims. They have their own established groups and they do not want to pollute their faith by mixing with the non-elites. There is hope. You can join them and become an Elite if you fulfill these requirements.

The first requirement is that a male Elite is prohibited to grow a mustache on his face.

2 : He must grow a beard and let it grow to unlimited reach. You are not supposed to touch it, trim it, wash it or comb it. You should become a sign of horror for a small child in a dark alley.

3 : You can not complete a sentence without saying Insha-Allah.

4 : A male Muslim is not worthy to join the Elite class if you offer Salats at home. # 5 : You must be dressed in a long dress that is used by Arabs and a round cap on the head. No jeans or T-shirts please. You will get extra points if you carry a red or blue Palestinian style checkered scarf on your shoulder.

6 : You need to replace Ramzan with Ramadan, Zuhr with Duhar, and Hadees with Hadiths.

#7: Prefer to quote Hadees and the sayings of the religious icons. If you don't mention the Quran or Sunna, it's ok. > AL-HIKMAT

8 : Consider Birthdays, Valentine and Halloween as Haram.

#9: Recite and memorize Ouran in Arabic, and dare not read it's translation, and understand it.

10 : And the most important requirement to be an Elite Muslim is that you must become a selfish person. You should care about your prayers, your rewards and your place in Jannat. You don't have to care about others. Emphasis on Hugoogul Allah, and not on Hugoogul Ibad.

11 : You use the inventions of non-Muslims, in your daily life, 24/7, but always call them with bad names. They are representing Shaetan and will all go to Hell. # 12 : You are always in a serious posture and you do not dare to smile.

13 : The female Elites must wear Nigab or at least Hijab, and cover themselves from head to toe. They have to offer their Salats behind the males, behind opaque curtains. Now I want to examine myself. What has I accomplished during the past 50 years in South-Florida? The answer is zero. I have accomplished nothing that I can stand up proudly and mention it. Indeed, I raised three beautiful children and now I have eight adorable grand children. However, I will credit my wife for their upbringing, education, and their marriages. I have bank accounts and properties. Again, the credit goes to my wife. What have I accomplished to show you? I always played by the book. From the age of 10, I was always pushed to study harder and harder. I was told that I need the top-notch education to find a nice job, a good-looking wife and a nice house and car. So, I worked hard. I did not enjoy my youth or my midlife. I got into the Engineering College, by depriving myself of any extracurricular activities. I had no life. I became a book smart, but I was never a street smart. Through out my career, I was a door mat. Everyone walked all over me. I tried to take refuge into the religion, but I was disappointed when I tried to follow the Elites.

Compiled and submitted by Taj Siddiqui During these 50 years, I have developed some friendships. However, they are friends for a good time. Just get together at a restaurant and fill ourselves with food that our wives won't allow us at home. Most of these friends live in a 25-mile radius, but never care to call me for weeks. When I try to reach them, they do not pickup the phone. One day I saw a missed call on my phone from a dear friend. I immediately called him back. He told me that he connected my number my mistake. He was trying to reach someone else. I wonder that in case of emergency, will I be able to reach any of my friends. Recently, during an emergency, I tried to reach several friends. I have to leave massages, and they returned my call days after the emergency was over. Accept one person. He came running to help me and gave me the key to his house. I stayed at his house for more than a week and free loaded on his food. My dear friend, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Allah bless you and reward you. A friend in need is a friend indeed. I am still not convinced with the idea of celebration for us being here for 50 years. Our celebration involves boring speeches and food. We discussed only two topics, politics and religion. Nobody talks about literature, art, tv, movies, social media, innovation, or intelligence. You don't laugh and dare not tell a joke, unless it is an Islamic joke. Islamic joke ??? On top of all this, South Florida has become the Mecca for fundraising. We do invite speakers from out of state or even out of country, and pay for the speech, for the travel and accommodation. I remember when a local masjid invited the sister of British PM, who converted to Islam. She requested that that in addition, we should bear the cost of his family to travel to Disney World, including tickets and accommodation. I don't want to be part of such celebration. Thank you, my friend.



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By: Salma Mohammed

AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE Al-Hikmat Annual Bar-B-Que

Photos below: Al-Hamdulillaah Al-Hikmat Services held its Annual BBQ on Saturday July 20th, 2019 at the Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center. Jazaak Allaah Khairan to all our supporters, helpers and volunteers who made this a successful event, MaaShaa Allaah.





Shaikh Shafayat Trip to India

Photos below: Al-Hamdulillaah on August 10th, 2019 an Award was presented to Shaikh Shafayat for his Interfaith and Community Services by Government Officials /MP and MLA etc plus other Interfaith leaders at an India Independence Interreligious Event in Saharanpur India. The event was coordinated by Maulana Abdul Malik, President of All India Milli Council Saharanpur' MaaShaa Allaah.



Photo above: Shaikh Shafayat receiving the award



<u>Photo above:</u> Shaikh Shafayat addressing the Interfaith audience in Saharanpur, India.

Photos below: Al-Hamdulillaah, on August 1st, 2019 Shaikh Shafayat addressing Islamic Scholarsat Darul Uloom Waqf, Deoband India on "The Importance of DA'WAH" MaaShaa Allaah.



<u>Photo from right:</u> Shaikh Sufiyan (Principal), Shaikh Shafayat, Shaikh Khizr (Shaikh-Ul-Hadith) and Dr. Shakib (Director)



<u>Photo above:</u> Scholars greeting Shaikh Shafayat

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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

Al-Hikmat 2019 Interfaith Eid Feast



Photo above: Shaikh Shafayat was appointed to represent the Muslim Community of the State of Florida at the USA CEN-SUS 2020 -SEVEN STATES / REGIONAL FAITH BASED LEADERS SUMMIT on June 11th and 12th, 2019 at the Grand Sandestin Resort Destin FLORIDA. MaaShaa Allaah.

Tri-County Meeting

Photo on right: Al-Hamdulillaah the Tri-County Resource Referral Network coordinated by Marjorie Aloni, held a Networking Meeting with professionals on Wednesday August 7th, 2019. The event was held at the



Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center, Pembroke Pines Florida USA.

South Florida Muslim Meet WPLG 10



Photo above: On Tuesday July 16th, 2019 – The South Florida Muslim Federation and its members met with WPLG 10 to discuss media coverage of the South Florida Muslim community. During the meeting, both WPLG and the South Florida Muslim community opened lines of communication that did not exist before and discussed ways to work together to make sure South Florida Muslims are given an equal voice on stories that are reported on.

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Photo above: Al-Hamdulillah- on Saturday June 8th, 2019 Al-Hikmat held an Interfaith Eid Feast. The program was held at Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines Florida. There were many prominent Non Muslim guests in attendance. The program was a great success with an audience of 300 people. MaaShaa Allaah.

Al-Hikmat Dubai / Umrah Trip 2019



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah- Al-Hikmat led a group to Dubai and Umrah in Ramadhaan from May 11th - May 21st, 2019. The group was blessed to visit prominent areas in Makkah and Medinah. MaaShaa Allaah.



ISOM & COSMOS

Photo on left: COSMOS members with Asma T Uddin on her book Tour "When Islam is Not Religion" and Saira Anwer of Local 10 at Isom Masjid An-Noor, Miami Florida USA.

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Glad Tidings to you

I am writing today to ask if you would mind sending me a Salaah Book and an Arabic Reader. My County Jail will not provide anything bue an English Translation Qur'aan and a blue towel to pray on. Therefore, I humbly ask for your help. I am going through a big Jihad and know nothing but to pray and reach out and ask for help. I am the only Muslim in my dorm and there are no resources for me.

Thank you in advance. Praise be to Allaah.

Respectfully, William Council / Palmetto Florida USA

Need More Islamic Literature

Good Day to You.

I am a Chaplain at a Florida Department of corrections Facility. It has been brought to my attention that we could certainly use some more Islamic Literature for our Muslim Men. We have approximately 50 to 60 Muslim men between the two sides of our institution. We are looking for some items to go into our two different Libraries and for some things to give out to individuals. If your organization is able to supply that type of thing, we would greatly welcome the donations. Thanks for your consideration.

Frank Keller / Sr. Chaplain / Chipley, FL. 32428

Interfaith Eid Feast

Dear Shaikh Shafayat,

David and I would like to thank you so much for the invitation and opportunity to attend the interfaith eid feast on June 8th, 2019. It was an evening filled with warmth and friendship. It was so wonderful to see everyone there and to experience an evening of interfaith understanding. I was especially honored that you called on me to say a few words - I was humbled to be among the other speakers. You do an absolutely incredible job bringing people together and creating a sacred place where people of all faiths feel comfortable and are able to learn from each other.

Marjie and David Aloni

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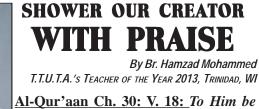


IMMIGRATION CORNER DO YOU WANT TO LOCK UP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FLEEING VIOLENCE OR SERIOUS CRIMINALS? By Linda Kaplan, Esg. / Florida USA

Amid all of the justified outcry regarding the unconscionable conditions under which this country is detaining children and families fleeing danger from some of the most dangerous countries on earth, we are failing to lock up serious criminals. Syracuse University maintains extensive records of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity. The records are maintained by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC). A report based on their statistics was published on June 25, 2019, based on the latest available data of December 2018. The title of the report tells much of the story - ICE Focus Shifts Away from Detaining Serious Criminals. This report compares a "snapshot" of individuals in ICE custody. As of December 31, 2018, the number of ICE detainees was up 22 percent compared to individuals held at the end of September 2016. This is not surprising but the most distressing takeaway from this report is the statement "The most striking change over this 27 month period was a dramatic drop in the number of individuals held who had committed serious crimes. Despite the increasing number of individuals detained, fewer and fewer immigrants convicted of serious felonies were arrested and held in custody by the agency. Their numbers had dropped by over twelve hundred (-1253), while total ICE detainees ballooned by over eightsix hundred (8,676) during the same period. Immigrants who had never been convicted of even a minor violation shot up 39%". That is a 39% increase in those with not even a minor violation compared to a 17% drop in detention for those with serious convictions. As mentioned these figures were obtained as of December 2018. Anyone who has been looking at the news about all of the children and families detained will understand that the numbers are even worse today than they were in December. So, what are our priorities here? Do we want to lock up children and law-abiding persons or do we want to lock up those who have already been convicted of serious crimes? It is astonishing that this is a question that we must ask.







Al-Qur'aan Ch. 30: V. 18: To Him be praise in the heavens and on earth, and in the late afternoon and when the day begins to decline.

Just think for a moment, if Allah were to ever deprive us of the air we breathe, do you think we would survive? Certainly not. Apart from the air we need for respiration, Allah has given us a bounteous supply of other gifts. One such gift being the nutrition we need to develop our bodies physically.

Therefore, it would be a very wise gesture on our path to shower praises on the Almighty for His generosity toward us. I'm sure that any rightly-guided person who understands his existence with regards to the present and future, will undoubtedly be forever in praise of the Almighty God.

How can a Muslim therefore praise his Creator? He can do so via his salah and duas (supplications) among other avenues and by being thankful for His kindness which mankind truly appreciates. However, those praises of Allah should not be confined to specific periods but rather every minute of our lives. This being so as Allah is with us every moment and not for a short while. This attests to the fact that He cares for His creation.

We should not be selfish in our praise of God. At all times we should remember Allah is concerned with everyone, thus we should encourage others to do likewise if all are to inherit His kingdom. Remember selfishness impedes man's spiritual development.

Everyone of us has to die one day. Just imagine if we were to pass away without praising our Creator for the many bounties He has bestowed upon us. What would be our fate? Surely the shirking of our duties to God will result in catastrophic situations befalling us, the extent of which I wouldn't dare imagine. Hence, praising the Almighty Allah copiously to be constant recipients of His mercies is evidently needed. What a noble direction to take!

In conclusion, the birds are considered lower than us human beings yet, they praise the Creator in their own unique way. Why can't we then do the same in the many ways we know of? My dear fellow brothers and sisters time is inexorably creeping away and so we should move with alacrity in praising our Creator, Almighty Allah.

Let me now appropriately wax **poetic**.

Muslimeen wal Muslimat do remember, Put praising Allah on our front burner, For it is a treasure, a special ibadat, That will see us gain Allah's barakat.

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Written by: Bro. Azad Ali Chairman of Darul Uloom Institute, Florida



A JOURNEY'S END Glory be to the Almighty on high Who has created the earth and all beyond the sky, Glory to the Almighty for guidance to man Words of wisdom too to live in peace on this blessed land...... Some chose to tread a darkened path

Misleading the ignorant with weakened hearts, They live only for vanities of a glittered world Altering the messages as was originally told..... Nations of old perished for their sins Dwellings of Lot destroyed all perished within, Those too who have turned from divine guidance Shall wander this land in blinded ignorance..... Many shall be called to spread the word Few shall be chosen to enlightened the road, For the Almighty knows the secrets within our souls He shall guide the righteous to an everlasting world...... Mankind shall only reap what he has sown Examples of the misguided He has shown, Just like the wife of Lot who was turned into stone This world for us is but our temporary home...... True faith is to believe in the Unseen In the hereafter where rivers flow beneath the green, All shall be adjudged on deeds on earth All our actions were recorded since our birth..... Live today as if it is your last Do all that is good and dwell not on the past, Life shall abound with contentment and love Gold Doors shall be opened from the Unseen above.....

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As soon as the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, the young bride called her mother, who lived a couple of hours away. "How did everything go?" her mom asked. "Oh, mother," she began, "The honeymoon was wonderful! But, mother, on our way back, Andy started using really horrible language. Stuff I'd never heard before. Really terrible four-letter words. You've got to come get me and take me home. Please, Mother!" the new bride sobbed over the telephone. "But, honey," the mother countered, "What four-letter words?" "I can't tell you, mother, they're too awful! Come get me, please!" "Darling, you must tell me what has gotten you so upset.... Tell mother what four-letter words he used." Still sobbing, the bride said, "Mother, words like dust. wash. iron. cook."

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This is because sleep overtakes the mind and senses, and being the Sustainer of all existence, Allaah SWT unlike human beings, does not sleep. He says, "there is nothing like unto Him, and He is the Hearing, the Seeing." (As-Shura: 11). In the same regard, the Prophet SAW said, "Allaah does not sleep, and it is not befitting that He should sleep. He lowers the Scales and raises them (i.e. the scale of people's deeds). The deed done during the day is taken up to Him before the deed done during the night, and the deed done during the night before the deed done during the day. His Veil is Light, and if He were to remove it, the glory of his Countenance would burn everything of His creation, as far as His gaze reaches."Ayatul Kursi, then, talks about the greatness of Allaah SWT and the vastness of His Dominion, for "to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth." All His Creations submit to Him humbly, seeking His help and mercy. Allaah SWT says, "there is no one in the heavens and earth but that he comes to the Most Merciful as a servant." (Maryam: 93). Next in the Ayatul Kursi, is a reminder that on the Day of Judgement, no one can plead on behalf of someone else unless Allaah SWT Himself has given him permission to do so: "who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission?"

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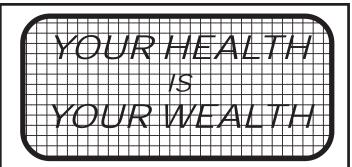
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Continued from page 8 By: Sis. Sylmerie Mustapha DO NOT INSULT & RIDICULE OTHERS

Did they feel a sense of superiority when they told her off? Did they feel empowered while belittling this young lady as all their friends at the table watched? If we checked off yes to these questions, then we are no better off than the young woman, who did not know much about Islam. Thankfully, most of us would not have reacted in this negative way; however, the worrisome fact is that this type of behavior of judging and criticizing others (muslims or non-muslims) happens very frequently amongst responsible adult sisters, who are supposed to know better. We always find ways to criticize and to condemn others, whether it's about someone's children, spouse, job, attire, appearance etc. We are always pointing fingers at others, all the while spreading "our" judgmental views, without looking at our own situation. Sisters, let us replicate the gentleness of the Prophet (SAW) when trying to correct others. Let us try to respect and coexist with those that are not of our deen and let us pray that we all may be rightly

guided, and let us control our urge to pass judgement on others. Our tongues are like double-edged swords, they can work for us and against us, both in this world and the Hereafter. We will be held accountable for what we say. Allah (SWT)tells us: {He (man) does not utter a statement except that there is an observer by him ready to record it. } (50: 18). The Quran also teaches us, "The (true) servants of Allah (SWT), the Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they reply with (words of) peace." The Holy Quran, 25:63. May Allah (SWT) forgive us for all our mistakes and guide us to make a concerted effort to correct our ill actions, and to seek more knowledge of our beautiful was of life. Ameen.

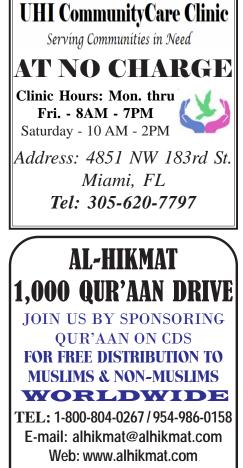
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LEGAL RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

When it comes to identifying vulnerable populations in our community, some of the more overlooked groups are the elderly and disabled. Many people consider the poor or the young to be venerable, but those

who are elderly and those who are struggling with physical or cognitive disabilities are also quite vulnerable. Yet the laws surrounding the elderly and disabled in our population are often poorly understood. This is unfortunate, because these two groups of people make up a significant part of our population, and most likely someone you are close to could fall into one of these categories.By the year 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the population of those over the age of 65 will reach 50 million people. By 2030 one out of every five Americans will be in this elderly population. These individuals have specific legal rights that need to be protected, and also need to make important legal considerations to ensure their rights and desires are protected as they near the end of life. The disabled among us also need legal protections. According to research performed by the Disability Research Institute, 53 million Americans, which is about a fifth of the population, deals with a disability of some sort. Of those, one out of every 10 is dealing with a severe disability. Most Americans will face the realities of disability at some point in their lifetime, whether due to an accident or due to old age. Unfortunately, the legal concerns of this population group are often left unheard.Both the disabled and the elderly population have specific rights that are protected by law. From the right to fair housing to the right to be protected from fraud and abuse, these are clearly outlined in the law. Unfortunately those rights often aren't met in day-to-day life as they should be. Also, these two groups of the population have additional legal concerns they must address, such as who will make financial or healthcare decisions on the behalf of someone who cannot do so independently. Whether you are in one of these more vulnerable populations, or you are a caretaker who is caring for a disabled or elderly loved one, it's critical to understand these legal concerns and the laws put in place to protect you. This guide is designed to provide information about what legal concerns elderly and disabled individuals might face, and how to address them appropriately if these rights are violated.

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By Bro. Al Mustapha

The Noble Last Prophet of Allaah

And then, as the Quran added, "You will see your worse enemy has become your closest friend" (41/34). It means that a good deed in return of a bad deed has a conquering effect over your enemies. And the life of the Prophet SAW is a historical proof of this principle. This is why at times like these we have to exercise great patience and tolerance despite all the painful and blasphemous and degrading things that are said against the noble Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and about Muslims. We have to react how he would have reacted and we must behave how he behaved, and we must forgive the way he forgave and we must live Islam the way he lived Islam and we must strive to share this message the way he shared this message with all mankind if we truly love him and more so if we truly love Allah God Almighty SWT.

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

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

Seventh Principle: (Not to be a two-ways only thinker - either this way or that way only). In the famous Ghazwa of Muta, Khalid Bin Walid decided to withdraw Muslim forces from the battlefield because he discovered that they were disproportionately outnumbered by the enemy. When they reached Madinah, some of the Muslims received them by the word "O Furrar" (O deserters!) The Prophet SAW said: "No, they are Kurrar (men of advancement)." Those people were thinking 'two ways only', either fighting or retreating. The Prophet said no, there is also a third option, and that is to avoid war and find a time to strengthen yourselves. Now history tells us that the Muslims, after three years of preparation, advanced again towards the Roman border and this time they won a resounding victory.

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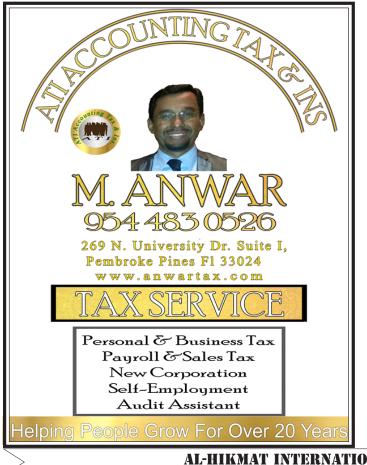
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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

WHAT DOES ISLAM SAY ABOUT ANGER?

Question: What does Islam say about anger?

Answer: Anger is a natural instinct. However, it is required

that man keeps it under control, which if he does so, he will save himself from many difficulties. If man does not control his anger he is prone to commit innumerable sins. Anger gives rise to arrogance; it gives root to jealousy; an angry man bears malice and is also hostile. When faced with anger, one should seek refuge in Allaah from satan. "I seek refuge in Allah from the rejected devil." The Holy Prophet SAW says, "If you feel the rage of anger in you then, if you are standing, sit down. If the feeling persists in that posture, then lie down." The Prophet SAW has also said,"When you become angry, remain silent." By remaining silent and calm, one will be in complete control of one's mind and senses thus allowing one to control his or her anger. Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; while in reality you are the one who get burnt." The following are some advice given by the Holy Prophet SAW pertaining to anger Inshaa Allaah: Abu Hurayrah, may Allaah be pleased with him, reported that a man said to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), "Advise me." He said, "Do not become angry." The man repeated his request several times, and each time the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) told him, "Do not become angry." In another Hadith the Holy Prophet SAW said, Do not become angry and Paradise will be yours. The Prophet SAW also said, "Whoever controls his anger at the time when he has the means to act upon it, Allaah will fill his heart with contentment on the Day of Resurrection." The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) also said: "The strong man is not the one who can overpower others (in wrestling); rather, the strong man is the one who controls himself when he gets angry."

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

Ninth Principle: (Gradualism instead of radicalism). This principle is well-established by a Hadith of Al-Bukhari. Aishah RA says that the first verses and chapters of the Quran were related mostly to heaven and hell. And then after a long time when the people's hearts had softened, the specific commands to desist from adultery and drinking etc. were revealed in the Quran. This is a clear proof that for social changes, Islam advocates the evolutionary or gradual method, rather than the revolutionary or radical method.

Tenth Principle: (To be pragmatic in controversial matters). During the writing of Hudaibiyya treaty, the Prophet (pbuh) dictated these words: "This (agreement) is by Muhammad, the Messenger of God." The Quraishi delegate raised ob-

jections over these words. The Prophet SAW promptly changed the words (which were of critical importance to his mission as the Messenger of God) and ordered to write simply, Muhammad son of Abdullah. He did this with hikmat and wisdom for the greater good of the agreement and to avoid conflict knowing that victory was ahead. These were the principles through which the Prophet of Islam SAW gained that success which has been recognized by historians as the supreme success of the greatest man to grace the face of this earth, SAW. My friends, when we start living Islam by following the dynamic yet humble character of the last Prophet SAW, and start living those values and good manners that he taught us, then the non-Muslims will be drawn to us by our upright conduct and they will ask questions about Islam. When we explain this was the character of the noble Prophet and the teachings of Islam, they will want to know more about Islam. It starts with you and me living Islam by obeying the commands of God Almighty and by following the teachings of all His Prophets and in particular His last Prophet Muhammad PBUH the greatest man to ever grace this earth. May Allah God Almighty guide us and give us the determination to follow the leadership, teachings and the character of the noble Prophet Muhammad PBUH and to implement good manners into our lives and the lives of our children and to share with all mankind. Ameen.

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Our ancestors have been tortured, they have had coals put on their naked backs, their mothers and fathers killed infront of their eyes, they have been exiled and separated from their families whilst following Islam perfectly. Can you and I ever imagine their grief? Can we imagine their loss and their fear? There are many people who break, crumble and suffer from low eeman. Low eeman isn't synonymous to NO IMAAN. Good Muslims bend like strong tall tress but they are never uprooted from the ground. Their faith is rooted in good expectations and hopes from Allah. If someone is tired and sad let them be! If someone has been crying for years for a dua that has not been answered and still expects from Allah in all the sadness, fear and distress is actually manifesting a great testimony of faith and a strong tawakkul than most of us happy go lucky Muslims. Its OKAY to be NOT OKAY. Cut people who are suffering and sometimes perhaps complaining and questioning just like our prophets and sahabas did some slack, be proactive and lend an understanding heart and a shoulder to lean on. "When Allah loves a servant, He tests him". - Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)



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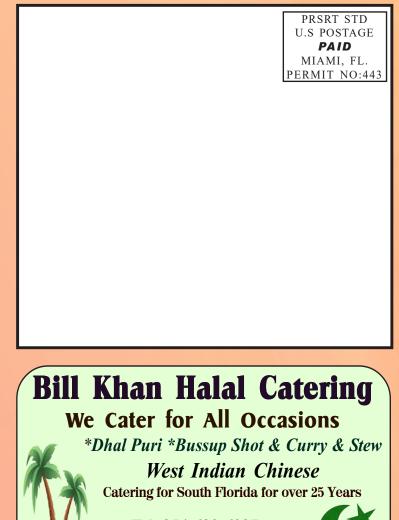
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