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always work, tempting us to be prideful, to believe we are superior or better than our peers. We must be conscientious and mindful of this fact; because becoming prideful could possibly void all our prayers and supplications to Allaah (SWT); making us bankrupt on the Day of Judgement. The well-known Surah Lugman, chapter 31, verse 18, tells us: "Wa laa tusa'-'ir khaddaka linnaasi wa laa tamshi fil ardi maarahan innal laaha laa yuhibbu kulla mukhtaalin fakhoor": "do not swell your cheek to people, do not walk on this earth with arrogance". Allaah (SWT) does not like self-conceited, boastful people. It is not reflective of Imaan. Allaah (SWT) loves people who are modest and treats others fairly. If we are pious, praying five times a day, making Haji, depicting ourselves as the "holiest of the holy", but suffer from these prideful habits, treating people unjustly, not allowing them same privileges we deem necessary ourselves, then what is the point of our piety? Is it only for "show and tell"? The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: "a person who has as much a mustard seed of pride will not enter Jannah or paradise". Allaah (SWT) reminds us that it is His Earth, and we don't have the right to walk with pride on Earth, for it is with certainty, Allaah does not like those people who are arrogant. And if we conduct ourselves in such a manner, then what

will Allaah do with their blessings on the Day of Judgment? Well, brothers and sisters, Allaah would be just. He would take our blessings and give them to the people who were treated unjustlythey will reap our blessings on the Day of Judgment! To put this into perspective, let's consider two examples. First, is the well know example of Shaitaan or Satan as noted in Surah Bagarah (Chapter 2, verse 34). Allaah (SWT) commanded the angels and jinn to bow or prostrate to Adam. Satan, a pious Jinn at that time, refused to prostrate. But it wasn't an act of praying or prostrating, as it was disobeying the commands of Allaah (SWT). Satan's "takabbur" or pride, prevented him from obeying Allaah's (SWT) command. Satan thought he was better than

Adam, because he was made from fire, while Adam was made out of clay. This was the first sin that was created: disobedience to Allaah (SWT). This disobedience resulted in Satan being expelled from Jannah. Second, is the example of Hazrat Umar (RA) as reference by Hadith. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said if there was to be a Prophet after me, it would be Hazrat Umar (RA). Why? Well, the commentary states that at on Eid ul Fitr celebration, after the Eid Salah, everyone was looking for Umar (RA). They could not find him. So they went home and only to find him crying and praying to Allaah (SWT). Umar (RA) was asking Allaah (SWT) to please accept his fast, his charity, his prayscandadeadsnipathesmonth of Ramaldisdawa, Allaah



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By Rev. Thomas Graf / Professor at BC College, Florida

SALAAM 5 **PEACE SHALOM**

As I sit to reflect and arrange my thoughts for this issue of Al-Hikmat, I truly pray for God's wisdom to be in my heart and to guide me, that I might worthily represent God's presence and peace. I am keenly aware of a recent event at our Church (St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church in Islamorada, Florida) during which Shaikh Shafayat made a wonderful presentation on Islam and he and members of Darul Uloom entered into a wonderful time of Interfaith Dialogue, and then Prayer with members of our church and approximately 6 other religions approximately 150 people were present for this blessed event on May 21, 2016. What I was not aware of at the time, was that many of my Muslim brothers and sisters would later be preparing to celebrate Lailat al Bara'ah, that beautiful feast of the night of forgiveness. If I am not mistaken, many devout Muslims would spend time in vigil/prayer throughout the night, remembering deceased ancestors, and clearly praying for forgiveness for any areas in their lives that needed the wondrous healing and forgiveness of Allah. I also find it interesting that a week later, many throughout our country will be celebrating Memorial Day, a time when we remember many of our ancestors who gave their lives fighting for the freedoms that we hold dearly in our country. Yet, as we remember these individuals, our prayers should clearly center on the sacrifices they made and the need for true peace to reign in our country and throughout the world. Yet, I do not believe that true peace will ever be a reality until we come together in salaam, peace, shalom. What happened at our church of St. James The Fisherman on the 21st of May, beginning at 4:00PM was a true testament to such a possibility of many diverse peoples, with different religious interpretations, unique cultures and backgrounds being able to come together in love, and peace. There were no doubt some "tense" moments, when some difficult questions were posed, and some thoughtful discussion followed. However, through it all, we were able to respect one another, attempt to understand one another and then come together in Interfaith Prayer with one another. And all of this, on the day of celebration of Lailat al Bara'ah. I have no doubt that this was no coincidence, and that Our Gracious God allowed us to put aside differences, to begin to sow the seeds of understanding and reconciliation on just the day when many of my Muslim brothers and sisters perhaps would be praying throughout the night for such reconciliation. If I am not mistaken, this special feast within Islam tells us that forgiveness is not promised to those who continue to have hatred in their hearts.

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Dr. Ghous Muhammad

ATTORNEY CORNER

By: Justice ® Dr. Ghous Muhammad / Karachi, Pakistan

IJMA' OF DIFFERENT KINDS

Ijma' is of several grades in point of authority. Absolute Ijma' insures certainty of belief so that any one not believing in the validity of a rule based on such Ijma, becomes chargeable with unbelief. An Ijma, is said to belong to this category if it be one in strict conformity with the

requirements of law and proved by infallible testimony. Then there are other Ijma's which impart binding authority to the rulings founded upon them, but do not ensure certainty of belief. These are ijma's which are either not constituted in strict accordance with the law or not proved by universal testimony. Again Ijma's of the companions have in some respects a higher authority than Ijma's of other jurists.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN LJMA

According to accepted Sunni opinion Muslim Mujtahids or jurists have a voice in Ijma. The non-Muslims are excluded from such juristic deliberations because the power is held to be vested by the texts in the Muslims alone, since the non-believers, being misguided as to the very authority of the law-giver, cannot be presumed to arrive at the truth in matters of law and religion. Minors and lunatics are excluded on account of their immature or defective understanding.

THE POWER IS CONFINED TO MUJTAHID OR MEN LEARNED IN LAW

Those who are not learned in the law so as to be considered fit for ijtihad, or exposition of the laws, are debarred from participation in Ijma, properly so called, that is, when the object of such collective decision is to settle questions, the determination of which depends upon the exercise of judgment and the power of making analogical deductions. It is only in certain matters, which are regarded as the fundamental pillars of Islam, namely, the duties of saying the five daily prayers, paying the poor-rate, fasting during the Ramadan, and performing pilgrimage, that the law has been established by Ijma of the entire body of Muslims. Apart from these, the masses are to follow the learned in the exposition of the laws since God has said as already noticed 'Obey God and obey the Prophet and those amongst you who are in authority'. The words 'men in authority' have been construed to refer to the learned; they cannot in this connexion, it is said, be taken to mean rulers and governors since they are themselves enjoyed in all matters appertaining to the Shari'at to act upon the advice, of the learned as is clear from the text, 'if you yourself do not know then question those who do'. This is the doctrine of the four Sunni Schools. Abu Bakru'l-Bulaqani, how-ever, would not exclude any but infants, lunatics and non-Muslims from such collective law-making, but Imam Ghazzali points out in support of the Sunni view that, if agreement of all the Muslims were essential, Ijma, would become impossible.

To be Continued in the Next Issue, InShaa Allaah

Sister Sylmerie

SISTER'S CORNER

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha / Coral Springs, Florida

My Dear Friends: Allah (SWT) says in the Holy Qur'an: "Be sure that We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, some loss in goods, your lives, and the fruits of your toil, but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, who say when afflicted with calamity, "to Allah we belong and to Him is our return (Inna lil laahi Wa Inna ilayhi Raji'oon). They are those on who descend blessings from their Lord, and His mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance". Further, if Allah (SWT), out of His wisdom, closes a door against you, He opens out of His mercy a door better for you than the closed one. It is by afflictions that righteous and understanding people are increased in rank and reward. Sa'ad bin Abee Waqqaas (RA) said: I said, "O Messenger of Allah, who are the most afflicted of all people? He (SAW) replied, "The Prophets, then the righteous people, then those who are nearest to them in perfection and those who are nearest to them. Man is tested according to his religiosity; if he is strong religiously, his test is increased and if he is weak in religion, his test is reduced. And a believer will be tested until he walks on the earth sinless [i.e. his sins have been erased by series of afflictions that he endured." (Al-Bukhari) My friends, we are tested in many different ways and in many different degrees, some may be minor, and some may be major. Hardship and afflictions could affect our health, our wealth, our sustenance, our children, our parents, our family and our friends. These calamities especially those that are sudden and unexpected wrench our hearts and impact us physically, psychologically, emotionally, financially and spiritually. When we are hit with such adversity, our first reaction, is to reach out to Allah (SWT) for help. We make dua and beg for help and continue to do so until ease comes. Depending on the severity of the affliction, we spend the majority of our time begging Allah (SWT) for help, for relief, for support, for mercy. Sometimes during these tests we repent and we make bargains with Allah, that if He brings ease to us, we will be a better person, we will give more charity, we will pray more, we will be more patient, we will make more effort to do good, we will stop doing all the wrong things that we have been doing. If we really live up to these promises, Allah has now made us a better servant and lifts us up to a higher rank. Subhanallah!! Allah (SWT) loves us so much, that He does this for us.

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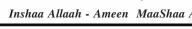


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Submitted by Bro. Farooq Shafi / Sunrise, Florida U.S.A

Narrated by Abu Huraira (RA) The Prophet SAW said, "(On the Day of Resurrection) camels will come to their owner in the best state of health they have ever had (in the world), and if he had not paid their Zakat (in the world) then they would tread him with their feet; and similarly,

sheep will come to their owner in the best state of health they have ever had in the world, and if he had not paid their Zakat, then they would tread him with their hooves and would butt him with their horns." The Prophet SAW added, "One of their rights is that they should be milked while water is kept in front of them." The Prophet SAW added, "I do not want anyone of you to come to me on the Day of Resurrection, carrying over his neck a sheep that will be bleating. Such a person will (then) say, 'O Muhammad! (please intercede for me,) I will say to him. 'I can't help you, for I conveyed Allaah's Message to you.' Similarly, I do not want anyone of you to come to me carrying over his neck a camel that will be grunting. Such a person (then) will say "O Muhammad! (please intercede for me)." I will say to him, "I can't help you for I conveyed Allaah's message to you." (Bukhari) Narrated by Abu Huraira (RA) Allah's Apostle SAW said, "Whoever is made wealthy by Allaah and does not pay the Zakaat of his wealth, then on the Day of Resurrection his wealth will be made like a bald-headed poisonous male snake with two black spots over the eyes. The snake will encircle his neck and bite his cheeks and say, 'I am your wealth, I am your treasure.' "Then the Prophet SAW recited the holy verses:— 'Let not those who withhold . . .' (to the end of the verse). (3.180). (Bukhari) Narrated by Abu Huraira (RA) The Prophet SAW said, "The Hour (Day of Judgment) will not be established till your wealth increases so much so that one will be worried, for no one will accept his Zakaat and the person to whom he will give it will reply, 'I am not in need of it.' " (Bukhari) Narrated by Abu Huraira (RA) Allaah's Apostle SAW said, "A man said that he would give something in charity. He went out with his object of charity and unknowingly gave it to a thief. Next morning the people said that he had given his object of charity to a thief. (On hearing that) he said, "O Allaah! All the praises are for you. I will give alms again." And so he again went out with his alms and (unknowingly) gave it to an adulteress. Next morning the people said that he had given his alms to an adulteress last night. The man said, "O Allaah! All the praises are for you. (I gave my alms) to an adulteress. I will give alms again." So he went out with his alms again and (unknowingly) gave it to a rich person. (The people) next morning said that he had given his alms to a wealthy person. He said, "O Allaah! All the praises are for you. (I had given alms) to a thief, to an adulteress and to a wealthy man." Then someone came and said to him, "The alms which you gave to the thief, might make him abstain from stealing, and that given to the adulteress might make her abstain from illegal sexual intercourse (adultery), and that given to the wealthy man might make him take a lesson from it and spend his wealth which Allaah has given him, in Allaah's cause." (Bukhari)



The Core of Islamic Ethics

By: Dr. Harun Yahya / Ankara, Turkey Submitted by: Sis. Ebru / Turkey

Islamic ethics is the code of morals that a believer follows in their daily life. That is Dr. Harun Yahya the total code of conduct that shapes his

life and guides him through this world into the Hereafter, which is the true abode for a believer for all eternity. Islamic ethics make a person be the kind of servant that Allah wants him to be; he lives by these morals, conducts himself by these morals and wants to die upon these morals. As Muslims, we definitely need the guidance of ethical and moral values, which Allah provides for us in the Qur'an. And these values apply to the believer twenty-four hours a day. Some wrongly believe that religion is merely a set of mystical rituals that must be fulfilled and once those rituals are over, they can go back to their lives. However, Allah makes it clear in the Qur'an that religion and life are inextricably intertwined; that is, religion pervades in every aspect of a muslim's life as it is related in Surat Al-Anam, verse 162: "Say: My salat and my rites, my living and my dying, are for Allah alone, the Lord of all the worlds." That is why a true Muslim always feels the spiritual influence and exuberance that his faith inspires in every aspect of his life. Whether a housewife, a businessman, a celebrity or a scientist, they feel the spiritual state of being a servant of Allah and the humility it brings forth. This state of mind is essentially because of love, which makes up the core of the Islamic morality. Love is the main theme of Islam and the soul of the Qur'an. The sole purpose why Allah created this world and the universe is love. The trial we go through in this world is a trial about love. It is the trial by which, hearts full of love are separated from rusty hearts full of anger and hatred. Indeed, this world is a place where we learn how to love. Before entering Heaven, which is the abode of infinite love, it is the school where we are educated about love, passion, compassion and mercy for others. Love is one of the blessings Allah creates in this world that most satisfies and pleases us, both in this world and the Hereafter. Every individual who looks for love and wants to experience it in the truest sense of the word must grasp the importance of this feeling. Without love, it is impossible to duly experience friendship, confidentiality, loyalty, and trust. What will endow such a love on people is only "faith". A profound love of Allah and fear of Allah and the resoluteness in living by the morality of the Qur'an makes people feel genuine love for another. Without faith, love would be based on vain worldly values such as money, social status, or physical appearance, all of which are matters vulnerable to time and conditions. Any deficiency in one of these worldly values causes the disappearance of the feeling, which is assumed to be love Continued on page 12, InShaa Allaah



ISLAM RAMADHAAN

By Bro. Al Mustapha / Florida USA My friends, as we strive to increase our Ibadat or worship in the blessed month of Ramadan, hopefully we also made the intention and effort to strengthen our character and conduct in our daily lives. The month of Ramadan is also designed to prove

to us that we do have the will power to better our character and our conduct thru the mercy of Allah SWT by restraining ourselves from things we are normally allowed to do such as eating, drinking, and cohabitating, as well as restraining from things that we are never allowed to do such as backbiting, lying, cheating, fighting (unless in self-defense), womanizing, drinking etc. Thus, after the blessed month, we should be able to at least continue restraining from all the bad actions, thereby improving our character and our lives. Ramadan is indeed a training camp to teach us humility and piety and to help us to focus on the higher and more spiritual things in life, not just the material things. All the salah, fasting and charity and other good deeds should lead us to greatly improve our character following the example of the greatest man to ever grace the face of this earth Prophet Muhammad SAW. He said that the most beloved to him on the Day of Judgment when we stand in front of Allah SWT, are those with the best character and best conduct, and the most hated ones and furthest away from him will be those with bad conduct and bad character. My friends, as you know, Islam is not only about praying our salah and fasting and paying our charity etc., these are indeed critical components but what is also critical is how we live with others and how we treat them, including our spouses, children, relatives, jamaat members, friends, neighbors and humanity in general, as the Prophet advised us. It's about the softness in our hearts and in our speech and it's about keeping our promises and upholding our trusts, it's about helping others in need not just when we have spare time or spare change but when we don't have the time and money but yet we make sacrifices to help those in need. We are supposed to give freely of the things we love most which for many of us is our time and our money, given to help our brothers and sisters and neighbors in need. Islam and Ramadan is also about reuniting and reconciling with our relatives and helping others to do the same, it's about ending feuds and quarrels and seeking peace and not war my friends. It's about giving gifts to each other in and out of Ramadan as it builds love and brotherhood. Islam is not about jealousy, hatred, disunity, disharmony and war, it's not about backbiting and slandering and defaming others, it's not about cheating, lying or hypocrisy, and most of all it's not about pride, arrogance or ego. Those are the qualities of Satan our sworn enemy, qualities we must strive lose if we truly want to benefit from our prayers, fasting, charity and Hajj which will also assist us in this effort if done correctly with sincerity. Continued on page 30, InShaa Allaah



Follow The Religion PROPHET ABRAHAM (A.S)

Submitted by Bro. Adel / Homestead, Florida USA

When you read you are in control of the incoming information, and logic will kick in. Maybe they can control your mind but no one can control your heart, but God so open it. "And say, Truth has come, and falsehood Bro. Adel Asouti has departed. Indeed is falsehood, [by

nature], ever bound to depart" {Al-Israa 81}. Encyclopedia Britannica, co-written by 500 Christian scholars, stated that copyists of the bible had deliberately made serious changes in forms of insertion and deletion often to a whole paragraphs, such defects and corruption manifest in all copies. Also stated that John's gospel is undoubtedly a fabrication. I believe there are some truth in the bible, especially when it comes to what Jesus (PBUH) himself said (Red letters). Let us look at what some of his sayings, Jesus (PBUH) said, "No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God" [John5:44].[Mark10:18],[John20:17],[Isaiah44:24, 45:5, 45:18, 46:9],[Mark12:28-30]. Lately 31 of 39 England's Anglican Bishops agrees that "Christians are not obliged to believe that Jesus Christ was God". There's misconception that Abraham (PBUH) was the first to worship one God, but in fact this is the purpose of our creation. God Almighty said, "I created the jinn and mankind except to worship me"{Quran Al-Dhariyat 56}. In the 7 laws of Noah (PBUH), he was commanded to refrain from idolatry, and worshiped one God, but only a few from his people followed him, and when the earth was full of erroneous, God commanded him to build the Ark, and God's flood washed the earth from them. Noah (PBUH) said; "My people! Worship Allah (God); you have no God other than He. Do you have no fear?" {Quran Al-Mu'minoon 23}. Abraham (PBUH) worshiped only one God, and didn't follow his father (Azar) and others who worshiped idols instead he turn to God "... I raise my hand to God, the supreme power, owner of heaven and Earth" [Gen. 14:22]. "Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the Earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah" {Quran Al-Ana'am79}. "O People of the Book (Scriptures), why do you argue about Ibrahim (Abraham) while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until after him? Then, do you not reason? You are those who have argued about that of which you have (some) knowledge. Why do you argue about that of which you have no knowledge? And Allah knows, while you do not know. Ibrahim was neither a Jew nor a Nazarethan (Christian), but he was a 'haneef (one inclining toward truth), a Muslim (submitting to Allah). And he was not of the polytheists" {Quran Al-'Imran 65-67}.

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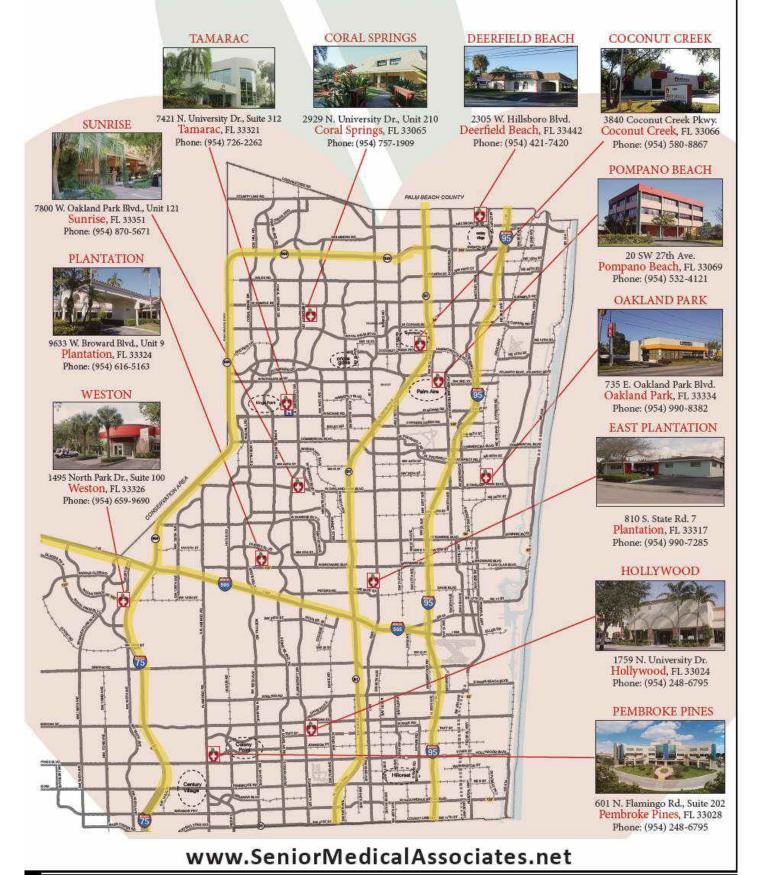
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FOLLOW HAZRAT ALI (R.A) FOR SUCCESS

By Br. Hamzad Mohammed T.T.U.T.A.'s Teacher of the Year 2013, Trinidad, West Indies

Many people have carved a niche for themselves and the works of whom benefitted others

tremendously. One such noble individual who gently caressed the people with his gentle touch of Islam is Hazrat Ali, the deen's (religion of Islam) last Caliph. Like a bird, Hazrat Ali spread his wings far and wide to bring much spiritual comfort and relief to ones who were submerged in abysmal depths of darkness. He tasted some success with those and other initiatives. Alhamdulilah (All praise is due to Allah) is what we should say for the caliph's fikir (worry) which he bore all along. However, in his attempts to bring some sanity to the religious perspectives of the people, he met many who demonstrated intransigence and failed to embrace the alternative Islamic way of life that would have brought them rich dividends in this world and the akhirah (hereafter). Allah alone knows best of their fate. One thing though, which my fellow Muslims should etch in their memories is that when Hazrat Ali was faced with the roaring tempestuous winds of change which wanted to blow Islam away like the dust, the last caliph of Islam who was known for his valour, stoutly resisted those hostile un - Islamic forces with an indomitable spirit that kept the flag of Islam aloft. Today, that flag is still blowing in the breeze and we should all say Alhamdulilah for such an incredible achievement.

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Follow The Religion

PROPHET ABRAHAM (A.S)

In Moses (PBUH) Commandment, "You shall have no other Gods before Me...". God said to Moses (PBUH) "Indeed, I am Allah, There is no deity except Me, so worship Me and establish prayer for My remembrance" {Quran Taha 14}. Jesus (PBUH) said "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only" [Matt4:10]. "They said, you have to be Jewish or Christian, to be guided." Say, "We follow the religion of Abraham - monotheism - he never was an idol worshiper." Say, "We believe in GOD, and in what was sent down to us, and in what was sent down to Abraham. Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Patriarchs; and in what was given to Moses and Jesus, and all the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction among any of them. To Him alone we are submitters" {Quran Al-Bagraa 135,136}.

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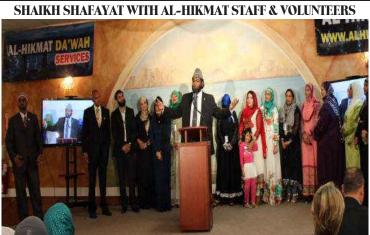
DA'WAH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

MADINATUL ULOOM INSTITUTE

Photo on right:

Al-Hamdulillaah- Al-Hikmat Services held their Annual Award Ceremony on Sat. May 7th, 2016 at Shezan Banquet Hall, Florida USA. Awards were given to many political leaders prominient members for their community services. Special thanks to the MC'S Bro. Tamim and Bro. Fahad and also the award recipients, presenters, donors, sponsors,



staff and volunteers. The program was indeed a great success! MaaShaa Allaah.



Photo above from left: Sis. Deema Gichi, Bro. Wilfredo Ruiz, Attorney Maha Salahuddin. MaaShaa Allaah! ELKolalli, Shaikh Shafayat, Prof. Bassem Alhalabi and Rabbi Barry Silver



DEEN INTENSIVE MENDING HEARTS

ISLAMOPHOBIA

Voices from the Muslim Community

Al-Hamdulillaah - A Panel Dis-

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Photo on left: On Saturday May 14th, 2016 Deen Intensive held a program on Love, Marriage and the Essentials of Happiness at Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center, Florida USA. The guest speaker was Imam Tahir Anwar along with Attorney Maha ELKolalli and Dr. Ashraf.



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah-Madinatul Uloom Institute held its Graduation Ceremony and Fundraising Dinner on Sunday May 29th, 2016 at Nur-Ul-Islam Banquet Hall in Florida USA. Shaykh Omar from Tampa lectured before Maghrib Salaah and the fundraising lecture was done by Shaikh Shafayat. The goal was \$100,000 dollars and over \$125,000 were raised. MaaShaa Allaah!

ORLANDO TERROR ATTACK



Photo above: On Monday June 13th, 2016 Shaikh Shafayat condemned the Orlando terror attack in his lecture at Darul Uloom Institute, Florida USA. There were over 500 people in the audience. MaaShaa Allaah!



Photo on left: On April 29th, 2016 Hafiz Khalid from The Islamic Community Center of Atlanta, Georgia invited Shaikh Shafayat to deliver the Jumua Khutba.

Photo on right: Masjid Al-Momineen in Clarkson, Georgia invited Shaikh Shafayat on Sat. June 11th, 2016 to do their fundraiser lecture. Hamdulillaah- over \$250,00 were raised for their Masjid, which is currently under construction. MaaShaa Allaah!





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AL-HIKMAT INTERFAITH UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

ISLAM 101 IN ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA KEYS

Photo on right: Rev. Thomas Graf from St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church in Islamorada, invited Shaikh Shafayat on Saturday May 21st, 2016 to an Interfaith program with Jews, Muslims and Christians. The program was a great success with an audience of over 200 people. Different religious groups presented their religious rituals at the event. AL-HAYA Youths and some brothers also accompanied Shaikh Shafayat to the event. MaaShaa Allaah!

YESHIVA JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL



<u>Photo above:</u> Yeshiva Jewish High School in Boca Raton, Florida USA held a lecture with Rabbis, teachers and students. Shaikh Shafayat was the guest speaker to lecture on Islam. The event was coordinated by Rabbi Jonathan Kroll and Mr. Izzy Muller.

Congratulations To Chaplain (Col.) Michael T. Lembke



Photo above from left:

Col. Michael Lembke & Shaikh Shafayat

The Retirement Ceremony for Col. Michael Lembke was held on Friday June 17th, 2016, at the United States US ARMY / Southern Command Conference Center of the Americas, Florida USA. Shaikh Shafayat was invited to represent the Muslim Community.



HISTORY & MYSTERY ON RELIGION



Photo above: On Friday April 22nd, 2016 the US ARMY USSOUTH Command held a LIVE TALK SHOW on Al-Hikmat TV at Darul Uloom Institute, Pembroke Pines Florida USA. The program was organized by Al-Hikmat Services. The guests on the show were Dr. W. Alan Matney, Dr. Jacqueline E. Whitt, Rev. Eric Wester and Imam Asim Hafiz. The host of the show was Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed. You can view this event on Youtube - Hikmat954, InShaa Allaah - MaaShaa Allaah.

DEMOCRAT BLUE GALA EVENT



Photo above from left: Shaikh Shafayat, Rev. Lea & Rabbi Mark Winer



Photo above from left:
Senator Eleanor Sobel & Shaikh
Shafayat at the Democratic Gala Event

<u>Photo above:</u> On. Sat. June 18th, 2016 Florida Democratic Party held its Blue Gala event at the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Florida USA. The invocation was done by Rabbi Mark Winer, Rev. Lea and Shaikh Shafayat. There were over 1,200 people including Senators and other Government Officials.

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Annual Award Ceremony

Dear Shaikh Shafayat,

Thank you so much for a wonderful time on Saturday night. I so enjoyed the Al-Hikmat Annual Award Ceremony, my time with you, and I appreciate your hospitality. Being awarded by Al-Hikmat for our interfaith and community partnership was an honor to me. Working with you in dialogue with the Religious Affairs Office at U.S Southern Command has certainly been a joy. I so appreciate your support of Ch. Lembke and our work with 'Religion Matters'. In a particular way, thank you for the work that you do to help promote dialogue and the respect for each and every person formed in the image and likeness of God. As we quickly move into the summer months, I pray for God's blessings to you and your community, and again, thank you for your hospitality and partnership.

Sincerely Yours, Rev. Gregg M. Caggianelli

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Kindness at Al-Hikmat Dinner

Dear Shaikh.

I simply wanted to thank you for your kindness to me last week at the Al-Hikmat Annual Dinner. I was so pleased and humbled to be a recipient. Furthermore, I was so impressed with your fundraising abilities! The dinner was delicious, company fantastic, and atmosphere welcoming. On behalf of Broward College and WPBT2 South Florida PBS, thank you kindly.

Looking forward to working with you on future discussions!

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This Masjid in Miami



multitude of purposes in addition to worship services. Downstairs was one of 400 private schools founded by the First Lady of the Nation of Islam, Sister Clara Muhammad. Clara and Elijah Muhammad dedicated themselves to educating their own children and not leaving their destiny in the hands of the American educational system;

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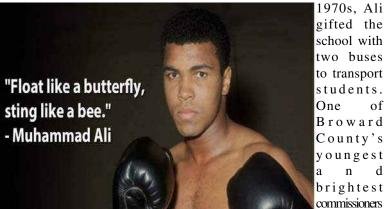
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stories contribute to African-American history locally and nationally. For example, worldwide of admirers "The Greatest" — Muhammad Ali - know that he trained



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The Core of Islamic Ethics

By: Dr. Harun Yahya

When the source of love is a deep faith in Allah, the gates open to a kind of blessing which would last until the end of one's life. From Surah Maryam verse 96, we understand that Allah creates the love as a blessing for believers: "As for those who have iman and do right actions, the All-Merciful will bestow His love on them." (Surah Maryam, 96) Allah does not want people to suffer. In Surat an-Nisa verse 147, Allah says: "Why should Allah punish you if you are thankful and have faith?" Allah is All-Thankful, All-Knowing. The attributes that please Allah the most are love, being thankful to Him, compassion and being self-sacrificing. Love that stems from being a sincere believer, wisdom and faith is also the ultimate goal of faith. Satan wants to prevent people to have faith in Allah; for this reason, he strives to make people forget about love and does all he can to solidify hate. He tempts people to all kinds of evil acts which displease Allah. In many verses of the Qur'an it is related that it is Allah Who inspires love into the hearts of the faithful. (Surah Maryam, 13; Surah Maryam, 96, Surah Rum, 21) Human nature is inclined to be loving, forgiving and to act in a mature manner. Once someone grasps the value of love as a precious blessing, they can't abandon it. They can't let themselves be led astray by the momentary influences of anger and hate. Muslims should conduct themselves in line with a morality based on love at every moment of their lives.

Love is the essence of what are the Islamic ethics we see depicted in the Qur'an.

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fans may not know that he was a worshipper at, and helper of the historic mosque. Masjid Al-Ansar ("Mosque of the Helpers" being a rough translation from the Arabic), was purchased in 1967 as one of the Muhammad Temples of Islam in the original Nation of Islam led by the man still known as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. It not only is where

in Miami for his early boxing

championship fights. But even his greatest

the legendary Ali came to worship while residing in Miami. It was a part of the private school system he supported. In 2001, Will Smith, Mario Van Peebles, Nona Gaye and other actors admired the beautiful upstairs prayer space used for a scene in the movie ALI. For nearly 45

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The moon lights up the darkened night It's golden rays shine upon a lake so bright,

The rippling waters reflect like little pearls
A sight so rear an enchanting beauty to
behold!!

This heavenly light is but a gift to mankind
To be enjoyed by all wherever it shines,
A lesson in absolute charity for man to
learn

To give from his heart and not be blinded by trivial concerns....

Tender hearts are moved by its bold appearance

Tides and man chart their course by it and not by chance,

But by the size of its light and strict movementFor it is nature' way of influencing change and predicament....., Oh beautiful moon so loving and kind We adore your presence, a better friend we cannot find,May the Creator always keep you safe and beautiful

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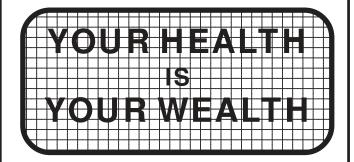
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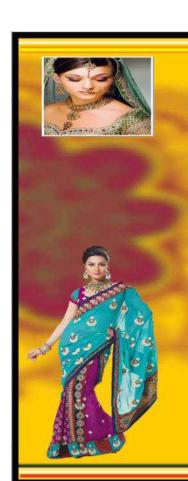
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In addition to being an attorney, Wilfredo Amr Ruiz is also a Chaplain. Wilfredo is currently Communications Director for CAIR Florida having served as its civil rights legal counsel for over four years. In 1993, he joined the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps where he acted as a Defense and Legal Assistance Counsel. Along with his honorable discharge, he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in 1997. In 1998, he engaged in the private practice of the legal profession. In 2005, Ruiz decided to formalize his graduate studies in religion at the Hartford Seminary in Connecticut where he was admitted to the master's degree

program in Islam and Christian-Muslim relations. Later, Wilfredo re-joined the Navy as a Naval Officer in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Officer's Corps and attended the Navy Chaplain School at Newport, Rhode Island. He has worked as a chaplain in the Connecticut Valley Hospital and also as the Religious Services Specialist and Coordinator at the U.S. Homeland Security Immigration Service Processing Centers in Puerto Rico and Miami. Florida. In December of 2007, he had the opportunity to perform "Hajj" - the major Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca. Mr. Ruiz has been a regular columnist for newspapers and electronic media. He regularly engages in public presentations at colleges, universities, theological seminaries, and schools as well as

professional, governmental, and civic institutions on a variety of topics involving religion,



legal, and foreign policy. He is often interviewed and consulted on national and international media as an expert on politics of the Middle East and the Muslim World, Islam, and Christian-Muslim relations. In his spare time, Ruiz assists various non-profit organizations and is also a board member of the South Florida Interfaith Workers Justice in Florida. Amr (as he is often called) lives in South Florida with his family. He enjoys national and international traveling as well as reading up on theology, comparative religions, and international politics.

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By: Sis. Sylmerie

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Sometimes we forget and may go back to our old ways, again Allah (SWT) may allow affliction to happen to remind us of our prior promise and His love for us to be of those who are righteous. Allah (SWT) is the One that gives us the courage, strength, perseverance, patience and hope to help us through our difficulties. Just as when we see our children making a mistake, we correct them and put disciplinarian action into place, so that they will learn and not repeat that mistake again; and if they subsequently make another or the same mistake, we again discipline them, so that they will become obedient. So too Allah (SWT) wants to keep us in check and make us obedient servants. After every test, their comes relief, Allah (SWT) has assured us of this (Our'an Chapter 94). Many of us have gone through difficulties, tragedies and devastating news, we feel it is unbearable, overwhelming and unending. We become distraught, grief overtakes us, but Allah is there with us to hold us up and eventually show us how to continue our lives and heal. Tests and trials are sent to test our patience, our faith and our love for Allah (SWT). We must be strong at these times and not question Allah as to why it happened. Know that Allah (SWT) will always bring us through these afflictions and we will be a better person, a better family, once we make more effort to worship Allah and do good and stay away from evil.

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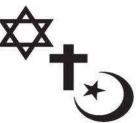
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against bigoted immigration bills, fighting for veteran rights, medical reform or leading as the Executive Director of the Broward Democratic Committee, Tamara she always stood for pluralism and for the rights of people to live their lives with dignity and respect. We honor her today as she has brought her passions and knowledge to educate and empower the American Muslim community as the Government Affairs Director for Emerge USA. She has been a leader in the effort to combat bigoted legislation in Tallahassee and in voter advocacy efforts to make sure American Muslims are properly represented at the ballot box in our local, State and Federal elections. Tamara was also recognized at Al-Hikmat 2016 Annual Award Ceremony for her community services in the political arena.

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By: Rev. Thomas Graf

SALAAM PEACE SHALOM



Perhaps such hatred that still exists within our world, especially against people of different faiths, can only be eliminated through events such as that which occurred at St. James The Fisherman Church on May 21st. One of our church members shared how touched she was by this event, and said, "Thank you to Shaikh Shafayat and his beautiful students who came to our church. They helped many people get beyond their fears and misunderstandings of Islam. It took much courage for them to do this, and I will be forever grateful for their presence, their openness and the peace they brought to so many of us gathered together that evening." What else is there to say but perhaps... As-salamu alaykum.

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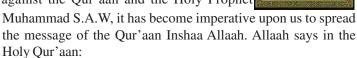
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Ch. 36 Verse 17 - "And our duty is but to spread the message (of the Qur'aan)."

Ch. 3 Verse 20 - So if they dispute with you, say: "I have submitted My whole self to Allaah and so have those who follow me." And say to the People of the Book and to those who are unlettered: "Do ye (also) submit yourselves?" If they do, they are in right guidance, but if they turn back, your duty is to spread the Message (of Al-Qur'aan); and in Allaah's sight are (all) His servants.

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

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PRIDE & PIETY

By: Sis. R. Mohammed

Brothers and sisters, to put this into perspective, this is the man, whom the Prophet (S.A.W) said, if there was to be another Prophet, it would be Umar (RA), and here he is, crying and weeping and asking Allaah (SWT) to accept his pray and charity in the month of Ramadhaan. So brothers and sisters, who are we to think we're the most pious and we're better than everyone else? Such thoughts ruin our piety and blessings! We must safeguard ourselves against pride. And pride is not having nice house, car, clothes and so forth. Allaah (SWT) is beautiful and loves beautiful things, but when we allow those things to negatively influence our perception as Satan whispers in our ears "you're better than them", then those thoughts of arrogance and pride allows us to commit the same first sin as Satan: disobedience to Allaah (SWT)! Brothers and sisters, humbleness is a sign of confidence and true understanding of Allah (SWT) and Islam. Three things we're "Pakka" or sure of: (1) Allaah (SWT) is most merciful and most forgiving. If you cannot forgive people and be good to people, then you are nobody.

- (2) We are nothing but a "drop of sperm" (Surah Yaseen, chapter 36, verse 77). We cannot "be" anything without the will of Allaah (SWT).
- (3) Death is a surety, and Allaah (SWT) tells us to prepare for the hereafter accordingly.

In closing brothers and sisters, lets recall a Hadith of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W), a person who is generous and charitable and does so without pride, is closer to Allaah (SWT) and closer to paradise. And Allaah (SWT) gives that person peace and happiness, and fulfills the needs of that person because Allaah (SWT) loves that person. This is something money and power cannot buy. So don't let pride be our downfall in this lifetime and on the

Day

Salubarak

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enunciated below.

FOLLOW HAZRAT ALI (R.A) FOR SUCCESS

By: Bro. Hamzad Mohamed Titles are given to people up to our present time when they perform acts of greatness, Hazrat Ali being no exception. He was bestowed with two honours viz. The "Gate of Learning" and "Asadulah" (Lion of Allah). Hazrat Ali never left us empty-handed. Before he died, Hazrat Ali bequeathed to us a rich legacy, part in the form of golden quotations as

- 1) You have to guard your wealth but your knowledge guards you.
- 2) Knowledge increases with distribution while wealth decreases by it.
- 3) Knowledge cannot be stolen while wealth can.
- 4) A man of knowledge has many friends while a man of wealth has many enemies.
- 5) Knowledge is boundless while wealth is limited.
- 6) Time cannot harm knowledge but wealth rusts in course of time and wears away.
- 7) Knowledge illuminates the mind while wealth is apt to blacken it and
- 8) A learned person is apt to be generous while a wealthy person is inclined to be miserly.

Now that Hazrat Ali (RA) is with us no more, Muslims should take a page from his life by engaging in philanthropic pursuits in order to please Almighty Allah. To conclude, I'd do so with some words of wisdom which are taken from chapter 2 verse 112 of the Holy Quran and that aptly refer to Hazrat Ali, "Whoever submits himself entirely to Allah and he is the doer of good to others, he has his reward from his Lord, and there's no fear for such nor shall they grieve."

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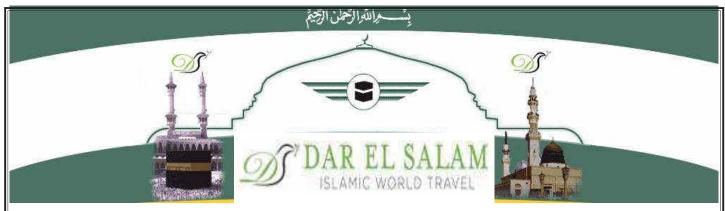
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By Bro. Al Mustapha

ISLAM & RAMADHAAN

Our good character and conduct in addition to all our good deeds and all other forms of worship, will show Allah SWT that we are true believers and that we are worthy of His generosity, guidance, mercy, and blessings in this life and deserving of His Paradise in the next life. The choice is ours my friends, Paradise is ours with Allah's mercy but we must take the necessary steps to improve ourselves daily. May Allah SWT forgive us and all believers, have mercy on us and accept all our ibadah, duas and all our good deeds in and out of Ramadan, and guide us to improve our character daily following our role model Prophet Muhammad SAW, Ameen.

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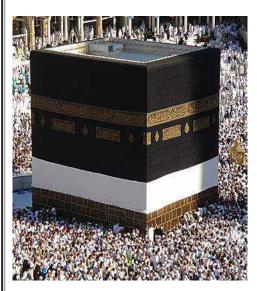




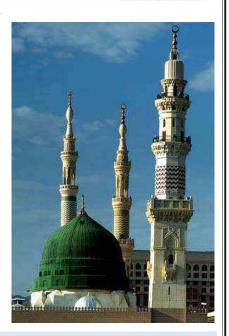




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