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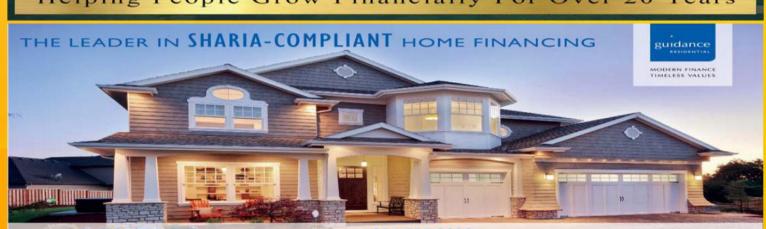
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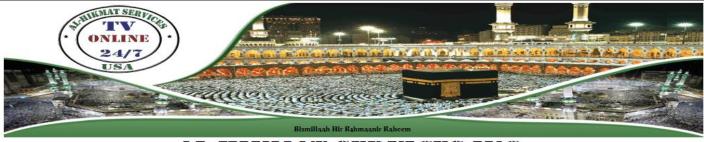
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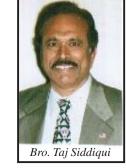
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SHAIKH SHAFAYAT'S MESSAGE

Summarized by Bro. Fahad Mirza, Florida USA



GIVING CHARITY HAS MORE BLESSINGS WHEN ONE IS ALIVE & HEALTHY

Stick to her [his mother] for indeed Jannah lies beneath her feet.' In the commentary of this particular Ahadith, Rasoolullah SAW has said that "Curse be upon that individual who does

not use his/her parents as an opportunity to enter Jannah! In MANY Ahadiths, the Rasool SAW of ALLAH SWT has reminded us abundantly about His love and connection to His parents despite losing His father 6 months before His birth.

There is Ahadith of Rasoolullah SAW mentioning seven deeds that benefit us after we have passed away.

- 1) Knowledge that we teach and spread
- 2) When we leave a righteous child who does good deeds
- 3) The pages of the Qur'an that person a leaves and people can benefit from
- 4) Building masjids
- 5) Building a place where people can sleep and rest
- 6) Building a well, or opening a stream of water
- 7) Lastly, that person who gives sadaqah/charity while he/she is in good health. (Fee Sabeelillah)

In the Qur'an, in Surah Al-Anbiya 21:35

Every person shall taste death! This ayat is a prime example of our imaan, and what is promised by ALLAH SWT. Every soul SHALL taste death. However, how can we benefit when this promise is upheld by ALLAH SWT. Seven benefits are mentioned by Rasoolullah SAW. Interesting enough, the topic of parents and death are so interesting that each and every single one of us are tied into each topic. Parents and death are given every soul in this earth despite your beliefs. Definitely we all have parents, and definitely we will all pass away one day. The most interesting thing is that; Do we pay heed to the versus of this Qur'an? Rasoolullah SAW has mentioned umpteen times to remind ourselves of death in great quantity. The point is how many of us really pay heed to this warning? Rasoolullah SAW recommended the remembrance of death as a form of soul purification. It is natural phenomenon because we have been created from goodness, and that goodness will look forward to meet its Creator, ALLAH SWT one day, whom we know we MUST meet. It will also produce an inner fright and fear to avoid sins in order to prevent the distraction of the connection between ourselves and ALLAH SWT. It will produce the fear of punishment of the grave. On one occasion, Hadrat Uthman RA went by the graveyard and cried so much that the tears dripped down onto his beard. The witnessing Sahabas asked why are you crying so much? Death is but a natural reality and the day of judgment would be far more dreadful. Hadrat Uthman said that he recalls that Rasoolullah SAW said that the grave is the first stop in the journey after death.

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ST. MARY, THE VIRGIN

As I pause to write this article for Al-Hikmat, I was keenly aware of a special celebration that recently occured in many Christian Churches. On, or around, August 15th, there was a special celebration of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Whenever I attempt to educate my

Christian brothers and sisters concerning Islamic belief and practices, they are always somewhat shocked to learn that Islam, and specifically the Koran, over and over again speaks of the importance, the place of honor and clearly the "Lack of sinfulness" (Imaculate?) associated with Mary, the mother of Jesus. In a famous Hadith attributed to the Prophet, we hear, "Every child is touched by the devil as soon as he is born and this contact makes him cry. Excepted are Mary and her Son." The feast that many celebrated was The Assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary. It is a Christian belief (In some circles) that At the time of Mary's death, angels came and assisted her to be "Assumed." lifted to the right hand of God in heaven. In our Episcopal Church, the feast is celebrated as, "St. Mary, The Virgin, the Mother of God." Over the centuries, no matter what the Christian denomination, Mary has come to hold the title, "THEOTOKOS," translated: "The God-bearer." Quite a tremendous role for anyone to possibly assume. Yet, our Christian tradition clearly sets the ground for who such a "bearer" should and could be. Interestingly enough, one of the central qualities inherent in such a "bearer," as is found within the one she bears is HUMILITY. that is why in the Gospel of St. Luke, when Mary is told by the Angel Gabriel that she is to bear the Child Jesus, her response is as follows: Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Our God calls each and every one of us to be "bearers" of God's word. Perhaps if we all attempted to do such with a little more "humility" others might listen, and thus come together as one...instead of assuming, and continuing divisions in our places of faith and throughout our world.



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However, writers of jurisprudence do not admit that extension of law by process of analogy establishes a new rule of law. Their theory is that analogy merely helps to dis-

cover the law and not to establish a new law. The root meaning of the word Qiyas is 'measuring, or accord or equality.' Hanafis define it as an extension of law from the original text by which the process is applied to a particular case by means of a common 'illat' viz; effective cause which cannot be ascertained merely by interpretation of the language of the text. Malikis define it as the accord of a deduction with the original text in respect of the effective cause of its law, and the Shafi'is view it as accord of a known thing by reason of equality of the one with the other in respect of the effective cause of law. Qiyas is thus a process of deduction by which the law of texts is applied to cases which though not covered by the language, are governed by the reason of the text called (illat) viz: circumstances or consideration which the law-giver has had in regard to laying down the law embodied in a text. Analogy has been one of the causes of conflict between the various Schools. The Imamiyah Shi'ah reject it. The anti-analogy group allege that there was no need for it because the Qur'an was sufficient relying upon "And we revealed the Book unto thee as an exposition of all things" (Qur'an 16:89), "And we have neglected nothing in the Book (Qur'an 6:38)", "and in whatsoever ye differ, the verdict therein belongeth to God" (Qur'an 42: 10). They further protest that analogy being a guess cannot be depended upon an cite "a guess can never take the place of the truth (Qur'an 53:28). The pro-analogy group justify the acceptance of analogy by quoting in favour "As for these similitudes we cite them for mankind but none will grasp their meaning save the wise" (Qur'an 29:113), and "bear a lesson O ye who have vision to see" (Qur'an 59:2). According to them appreciation of similitudes can only be achieved by the evaluation and weighing of one against the other like in analogy. Some Hanbalis and Zahiris also deny its authority as they think any other view would virtually amount to making laws which is the privilege of God except in matters which are the right of men like appraising the value of property destroyed by a trespasser. An argument advanced by the Sunni Schools in favour of analogy is that law on some questions has been expressly laid in the Qur'an, but as regards the rest the Qur'an gives indications from which inferences have to be drawn. As an example it is said when the Holy Prophet sent Mu'adh to Yemen (as Governor) he asked him "how are you going to decide cases?" Mu'adh in answer said, "I will do as ordained by the Book of God." The Prophet next asked, 'And if you do not find anything in the Qur'an to guide you?"

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Prophet Yusuf's **PATIENCE**

from the WELL - JAIL - POWERFUL PERSON

Assalamu Alaikum: There is a beautiful story about patience in the Holy Quran of Prophet Yusuf A.S. in chapter 12. His brothers threw him into the well, but he

was patient and so Allah (SWT) raised him out of that well. He ended up in the house of one of the most powerful people of Egypt, but then Allah (SWT) tested him again. The wife of Al Aziz, the finance minister, tried to tempt him, but he was again very patient. Then Allah (SWT) tested him again and threw him into prison, but he was patient for the sake of Allah (SWT). And in the end Allah (SWT) raised him to a very lofty station and he became one of the most powerful person in Egypt. This is the reward of patience. In this modern day, technology is moving at warp speed to "fulfill our needs". We have developed an impressive amount of technology that has taken us out of the industrial age and into the "information" age. Almost everything is computerized, and as we know, manpower has been replaced by "computer power." However, all this technological advancement is only possible by Allah's (SWT) permission, for it is He indeed, who has created us to be intellectual humans and gave us the ability to conceive ideas, develop, invent, progress and advance ourselves. But, we seemed to have moved two steps forward and three steps backward. We have moved forward with all this fast paced progress, our lives has been simplified so much that we can share and learn the teachings of the Quran online, we can give encouraging words and support online, we can buy everything online, we can do all our finances online, we can get a degree online, we can book our travel tickets online, we can get instant news bulletin as it's happening, we can twitter our way into other people's lives and connect with old and new friends on Facebook, text our conversation to others and get instant responses, and instagram our way into each other's lives so that all our friends and family are notified instantly on the highlights or lowlights of our day. Instant gratification is what we want and a lot of this technology has given that to us. According to Wikipedia, "Instant gratification" is an immediate satisfaction or pleasure which focuses on the present. It is experienced when one does not use any effort to achieve that level of satisfaction. This is where we seemed to have gone backward; because this instant gratification seems to be creating a culture with less perseverance and less patience. The younger generation has little patience dealing with their parents, seniors, bosses etc.

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Throughout history, people always sought justice. It goes back to the time of Cain and Dr. Harun Yahya Abel. Today, the presence of a developed

awareness of justice and a conscientious legal system is seen as a measure of the civilization of a society. Those who think that they cannot find justice in their countries resort to international courts. But, amidst this intense search for justice, can everyone find what they are looking for? At the moment, the answer to this question is 'no'. However, there was a time in the past when justice was fully lived. Prophet Mohammed (saas) was a just leader and his justice continues to illuminate our path even today. For Muslims, doing justice no matter what is a religious duty, as being just is one of the basic commandments in the Qur'an. Needless to say, Prophet Mohammed (saas) was the one that displayed this justice in the best way possible. Prophet Mohammed (saas), after having arrived in Medina, instilled love and brotherhood in people's hearts. His practices in Madina are especially important in that they prove that people of different religious, ethnic and racial backgrounds can live happily and peacefully together. One of the greatest evidence of Prophet Mohammed's (saas) quality as a caller to peace and love was the fact that the first text he dictated was a peace agreement. Following the conquest of Mecca by our Prophet, he released even those pagans that had previously tortured Muslims and showed great compassion to them. This lofty character was unprecedented in Arabian society and was deeply admired and appreciated. For this reason, no matter to what society or race they belonged to, the Companions of Prophet Mohammed (saas), were always a just community as mentioned in the verse 7/181: 'Among those We have created there is a community who guide by the Truth and act justly according to it.' The Constitution of Medina dictated by Prophet Mohammed (saas) - and which was the first constitution in Islamic history - is first and foremost a perfect example of a democratic and pluralistic constitution. Today, no modern constitution has been able to achieve the order reminiscent of that of the Constitution of Medina and none have put it into practice like Prophet Mohammed (saas) did. With this text, Prophet Mohammed (saas), introduced a level of unmatched democracy and peace to the Arab peninsula. According to this constitution, all the societies of Medina would live together in peace, practice their lives in line with their own religions and faiths, have their own institutions and laws and would have the power to enforce and practice them. While doing so, they would have to live in peace and unity with all the other societies in Medina. According to the Constitution of Medina, everyone would be free to make their own religious, spiritual political or ideological choices, without any pressure at all.

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Bro. Farooq Shafi

ADHAAN

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

After the arrival of the Holy Prophet SAW in Madinah, regular salaah was established. All the companions would gather around at the time of salaah and the congregational

salaah would be offered. After a while, when the congregation had grown in size, a need/method to announce for the obligatory salaah was discussed. In order to do that, a meeting was held and a suggestion was made to hoist a flag at the time of salaah seeing which the people will know to gather for the salaah. Another suggestion surfaced to blow a bugle at the time of salaah. The Holy Prophet SAW said that was the practice of the Jews and we should not follow it. Another companion suggested to ring the bells but that did not go well as the Holy Prophet SAW said it is the practice of the Christians. Another companion suggested to light a fire at a higher place telling people it is time for salaah. The Hole Prophet SAW rejected that as well saying it is the practice of the Zoroastrians. Umar RA suggested that someone should make a loud announcement for the time of salaah. The Holy Prophet SAW liked the idea and Bilal RA was asked to do the announcement. The announcement was "Assalaatul Jaamia" (congregational prayer). One night, a companion of the Holy Prophet SAW by the name of Abdullah Bin Zaid RA dreamt seeing a man who was wrapped in two green sheets and holding a blow horn in one hand. Abdullah Bin Zaid offered to buy the blow horn from him. He inquired "what will you (Abdullah) do with it?". Abdullah Bin Zaid replied that we will use it to invite the people for salaah. The man replied, "Shouldn't I tell you something better?". Abdullaah Bin Zaid RA said, why not. The man said "say these words when you are in the presence of the Holy Prophet SAW and request that the people be invited to salaah like this". He then repeated the words. Abdullah Bin Zaid RA woke up and went to the Holy Prophet SAW right there and then and revealed his dream. After listening about the dream, the Holy Prophet SAW said, "This is a TRUE dream, In Sha Allaah". Before dawn, the Holy Prophet SAW asked Abdullah Bin Zaid RA to go to Bilal RA and relay these words to him as he announces them. Umar RA also saw the same dream and when he heard the Adhan, he came to the Holy Prophet SAW and said, "By Allaah SWT Who has sent you with the Truth, I saw the same dream last night". Subhaan Allaah. That is how the Adhaan came into practice and now the Adhaan is proclaimed in all corners of the world at all hours of the day.

Allaah Knows Best.



QUR'AAN should be PRIORITY

Written by Bro. Al Mustapha Florida USA My friends, Allah (SWT) has blessed us with so many count-

less bounties such as life, Islam, Quran, Prophet Muhammad SAW, Imaan, Tagwa, health, spouses, kids, careers, wealth, houses; the list is never ending, Al-Hamdulillah! Many of us are familiar with chapter 55 of the Quran where Allah (SWT) repeatedly asks us, 'which is it of the favors of your Lord do you deny'? Of course we can never deny any of Allah's favors although many of us mistakenly do so by our actions. Of all the bounties we were blessed with the first bounty Allah (SWT) mentions in Surah Rahman is Al Quran. Just imagine the great importance and priority He has placed on this great Quran, and the importance of seeking the knowledge, reciting, reading, and understanding this blessed Quran. Unfortunately one of the ways we might be denying the favor of this Quran is by us placing more priority on going to academic classes and seminars and also by sending our children to the universities while we barely send them to learn to recite the Ouran. Many of us also don't make the sacrifice to learn to recite the Quran nor do we attend the free tafseer classes being offered at the Masjid which will increase our understanding. By our actions we show that the blessed Quran which is at the top of Allah's list might unfortunately be at the bottom of our list, Astagfirullah! Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) said some people are elevated by the Quran and others are downgraded by it. Those who recite and read and study the Quran will no doubt be elevated by it and those who neglect or disrespect the Quran may be downgraded by it, may Allah (SWT) protect us and our families from being downgraded, Ameen.

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Prophet Yusuf's Patience from the WELL - JAIL - POWERFUL PERSON

By: Sis. Sylmarie Mustapha

We are annoyed when have to stand on line to get something done, we have less patience in an actual phone conversation, we have less patience dealing with others on a one-to-one basis, less patience when faced with problems, we have no patience when we're caught in traffic, or when someone is driving slow etc. We want our duas/ prayers to be answered now. However sometimes, immediate action and reaction and impulsive responses and immediate outcomes does not always nurture and develop good virtues. By waiting, being patient, and tolerating our situation and placing our trust in Allah (SWT) to give us the best resolution; may bring us greater rewards. Maybe Allah (SWT) give us the quality of patience so that we can worship Him more and gradually get closer to Him while we wait, and this way sincerely build a true appreciation for His many rewards. It is by His design that He does not answer our duas immediately, because if He did, we would have instant gratification and we would have no incentive to worship Him constantly, and constantly praise Him, and constantly fear His punishment, and continually understand that we always need Him. "O ve who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy; vie in such perseverance; strengthen each other; and fear Allah; that ye may prosper". (Al'Imran 3:200). Instead of wanting to skip challenging times, and avoid them, Allah is teaching



Mr. Gary S. Roen

BOOK REVIEWS by Mr. Gary S. Roen

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The Good Fight / Donna Hicken Closet Books c/o Robert Crane Publishing P.O. Box 440504, Jacksonville, Florida www.donnahickenfoundation.org www.amazon.com

Donna Hicken who was for so many years a top anchor of news in the Jacksonville Florida area, tells her story of her battle a second time with breast cancer in, "The Good Fight. In her position as an anchor she and news director J. Michael McCormick chose to go public with the news and progress of her fight with breast cancer. "The Good Fight" is an outgrowth of that decision. Hicken set up a weekly journal that viewers could respond to and Hicken includes many of the writings of herself and viewers who watched her progress. But, "The Good Fight" is very different from other cancer books because she also talks about how and why she set up a breast cancer foundation in her name. Unlike other foundations the Donna Hicken Foundation, also helps women around the country, monetarily as well as other ways of support which most cancer foundations do not do. "The Good Fight" is an uplifting story of hope for anyone dealing with cancer. All the net proceeds of "The Good Fight" go to help other women fighting breast cancer.

us that the way to the easing, is through, the difficulty. It takes patient perseverance, or enduring with a good spirit still intact, in order to reap both the internal and external rewards of struggle. According to the dictionary, patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. It is a delayed gratification. As the story of Prophet Yusuf (AS) remind us of the rewards of patience, let us try our best to maintain that virtue of patience with each other, our family, our community, our friends, our neighbors, our teachers, our Imams, and with people in general. Let us understand that instantaneous information, pictures, viral videos and online communication is a definite plus for humankind, but we do not want to lose the essence of appreciation, thankfulness, perseverance and peace of mind which is all a byproduct of patience. May Allah (SWT) bless us with this beautiful virtue of— patience.



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Bro. Taj Siddiqui

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GET MA

Several decades ago. during my college years, I pretended to be a palm reader. Believe me, I have no clue about palmistry. I got popular and

was able to hold some very beautiful hands. Almost all the girls wanted to know about their wedding. When they are going to get married and to whom? Girls start dreaming about marriage as soon as they hit the teens, may be earlier. They do all their planning about the few days of the dream wedding and hardly think about the many years of the real married life that follows. She lives in the imaginary Cinderrella castle and dreams about the prince charming who will swept her away. Boys on the other hand are just plain stupid. A thirteen-vear old boy has no idea what we are talking about. And off-course the parents are a generation behind.

WHY DO WE NEED TO GET MAR-RIED?

It is hard to be a good spouse unless you know the needs and wishes of your partner. Companionship is the paramount outcome of a married life. Our journey on this earth is full of ups and down, and you need a partner to go through this difficult passage. If you are not willing to be a full-time companion and a life-time partner to your spouse, then you should think seriously before tying the knots. In addition to the obvious need of companionship, I came up with three S's for boys, Sex, Service, and Support, and three P's for girls, Provider, Protector, and Pursue of Happiness.

THE THREE S's

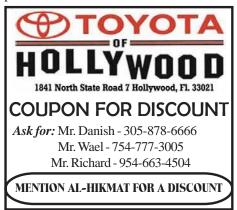
I will come out and say it bluntly that sex is on top of the list for boys. Therefore girls, please pay attention. This is a family magazine and therefore I will stop here. Although, Muslim countries have record population explosions, we dare not say a word about this taboo in a public forum. The next S is Service. The man looks for a home that he can come to at the end of the day. I am not talking about the house being his castle, or other such nonsense. But he needs someone to be there, eat dinner with him, and spend time together, discuss family issues and enjoy playing with the kids. The last and very important need of a man is his wife's support. You know that behind every successful man there is a woman. It is the support provided by his wife. Please support him in going through the difficulties and encourage him to deal with life. Support does not mean saying yes sir. If he wants to start a new project, get involved and advise him about the pitfalls, if you feel so. If he makes mistake, try to help him, don't blame him and don't criticize him. Encourage him to pick up the pieces and move forward. A wife's support is a must for the progress of her husband.

THE THREE P's

The girl is looking for a husband who will be the main bread earner for the family, even though both may be bringing in the money. She is looking for a responsible and dependable person, who will provide for the family, for their necessities of living, even though she may be getting a higher salary. This is an important issue; however, her parents place too much emphasis on this and not on the other two P's. The next quality for a good husband is to look after his wife and children, during the good times and tough periods. She needs to feel safe and protected. The guy must provide shelter that she can call it her home, and a place to raise their children. He needs to protect her from the mischiefs of life, as much as you can. And even if you can-not, guys just show-off, pretend to be Salman Khan. Believe me it works, most of the times. The third P is for the pursuit of happiness. Out of all the qualities and requirements of a good husband, this stands out to be the most important for the girl. The main reason that a girl wants to marry is to pursue happiness in life. She wants a partner that will give her joy. And guys, this is not easy. Men have very little understanding on how to make her happy. Therefore, boys need to do a lot of homework. I would have given you some points, but this is where I have failed misSubmitted by Bro. Taj Siddique / Florida USA erably in my own marriage. May God have mercy on me. This P includes everything that she wants in his personality, tall, handsome, and who will make her laugh.

BALOONS

I have a lot to write on this topic, but may be next time. I want to leave with one advise to all the girls and boys who are thinking of getting married, please look beyond the wedding day. Discuss the basics of a married life with your parents, or other married family members and friends that are close to you. Try to get some good read on this subject. And if you are already married and are not happy with your spouse, please do this. There is a 2007 Indian movie Dus Kahaniyan, which has ten short stories. One of these stories is titled "Ghubbare" means balloons. It may be only ten minutes long and is available on Youtube. It will guide you to understand the secret of a happy partnership. Remember that marriage is a very sacred and noble step in your life. Please respect it, enjoy it's pleasures and cherish it's values.





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AL-HIKMAT DA'WAH UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

Al-Hikmat 3 Days Retreat





















Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah- Al-Hikmat coordinated a 3 days Retreat for Students and Youths at Darul Uloom, Florida USA from Friday Dec. 8th - Sun. Dec. 10th, 2017 together with a Jalsa / Table Tennis Tournament / Khatam Qur'aan and a LIVE Interfaith Talk Show, with Rabbi Mark Winer, Rev. Dr. Grace Telesco, Deacon Caroll Norman, Rev. John White, and Host Shaikh Shafayat. The weekend was indeed a great success. MaaShaa Allaah!

Da'wah in The Philippines



Photos on left: 12/15/2017 Al-Hamdulillaah- On Friday December 15th, 2017 Shaikh Shafayat delivered the Jumua Khutba at the Blue Mosque Cultural Center, Maharlika, Taguig Philippines.

Photo below: 12/17/2017: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed lecturing On Dawah Methodology @ Capitol City Muslim Education and Skills Development Institute -Caped In Philippines.



Lighting The Way Event Trinidad / Caribbean







Qari Abdul Jaleel India



Al-Hamdulillaah, on Saturday January 13th, 2018 - Al-Hikmat Services held an evening of Islamic songs, Recitation, Nasheeds & Naats by famous renowned singers over the world. The event was held at the Barakah Grounds in Trinidad/Caribbean. There were performances from Maulana Imtiyaz, Qari Abdul Jaleel and Qari Ziyaad along with a feature address by Shaikh Shafayat



Shaikh Shafayat / USA

from Florida USA. The MC's were Maulana Hamza and Bro. Basit Hasan. There were over 1,000 people in attendance. The program was a great success! MaaShaa Allaah.

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INTERFAITH / COMMUNITY UPDATE

By: Salma Mohammed

Christmas Eve Interfaith Program





Photos above: Al-Hamdulillaah - on Sunday December 24th, 2017- The Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton, Florida USA held an Interfaith Program on Peace and Brotherhood. There were presentations by many religious leaders of different faiths. The program was a great success.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service



Photo above: On Wednesday November 22nd, 2017, Trinity Lutheran Church, in Pembroke Pines Florida held a Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service. Shaikh Shafayat along with some students from Darul Uloom were invited by Pastor Keith to participate in sharing their thoughts about the importance of being thankful. The event was a great success and ended with a prayer for peace, love and humanity in the world.

Family Church of South Florida



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah on Sunday December 31st, 2017 - Shaikh Shafayat was invited as the Guest Speaker to the Family Church of South Florida for their Sunday Morning Service in Plantation Florida USA. The Shaikh spoke on God and Family Life. Maa Shaa Allaah.

LIFESPAN HOLISTIC HEALTH NETWORK



Interfaith Discussion On Gun Violence



Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah - On Tuesday November 7th, 2017- Rabbi Barry Silver held an Interfaith Discussion on Gun Violence. Shaikh Shafayat along with other Faith Leaders were invited to speak. The event was held at La Dor Va Dor Congregation, Boynton Beach Florida USA.

Living In Harmony



Photo above: On Sunday December 17th, 2017-The Muslim Women Organization held a program "Living in Harmony" with guest speakers Dr. Aisha Subhani and Dr. Farzana Hafizullah at Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center. Delicious refreshments were prepared by the MWO volunteers, and practical tools were given to achieve balance in our lives.

Photo above: Al-Hamdulillaah- On Saturday December 16th, 2017 the Lifespan Holistic Health Network held a special Health Program at the Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center. There were health procedures conducted by different medical doctors and physcians. The event was coordinated by Sis. Naima Khan-Ghany. This health program is held every last Saturday of the month at the Al-Hikmat Da'wah Center.

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FEEDBACK / VOICE OF OUR READERS

NEW MUSLIM

I have just recently submitted to the will of Allaah and became a Muslim. Now I am reaching out to the Islamic Community to learn and grow in this Deen, InShaa Allaah. So if you are able to add me to your mailing list, I would be more grateful.

Thanks.

Robert Nicholas

Crawfordville, Florida USA

Dear Al-Hikmat,

Assalaamu Alaikum W.B I enjoy reading your magazine. Please continue sending it to me. I thank you and may Allaah reward you for your efforts to kepp the commmunity strong and connected. Just keep up the good work! *Michael Herchi*

Arcadia, Florida USA

NOTE: Generous Brothers & Sisters can give Zakaat or Sadaqa so Al-Hikmat could provide Islamic Materials and Literature to brothers and sisters in Correctional Institutions, plus to New Muslims and Non-Muslims who are needy and seeking to learn more about Islam.

E-MAIL FEEDBACK

Salaam Shaikh Shafayat

Salaam Shaikh Shafayat,

You always you deliver a great message. I am so happy you came from Trinidad, the land Im from as well. Blessings to you always.

Sandra Dass / Trinidad W.I

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Thank you so much for the beautiful message you gave at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. I think the whole evening was magical. I hope we can do more together in 2018. May your new year be full of health and happiness, peace and prosperity.

With much love and gratitude.

Barbara Lunde / Florida USA

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Keep up the good work you are doing! Wonderful programs!

Nadia Mustapha / Trinidad

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MORE OF THE PAST MUSLIM GREATS IN MATHEMATICS

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

In this publication I intend to do more justice to those **same** mathematical giants in the **same** order as of the **last** issue, however though, with a longer version of their names.

MUHAMMAD IBN MUSA AL – KHWARIZMI: This mathematician (780-850 CE) was a Director of a research library known as the House of Wisdom. He was a powerful supporter or advocate of the Hindu numeracy (1 - 9 and 0) as can be seen from one of his texts entitled as 'Jam wal - Tafriq bi - 1 - Hisab al – Hindi' (Book of Addition and Subtraction in Indian Mathematics). A translation of the book was done in Latin. His name is closely linked to the word 'algorism' from which the term 'algorithm' in mathematics is derived.

MUHAMMAD AL - KARAJI: Developed algebra as a field independent of geometry. Also did foundation work in algebraic calculus. Proof of the binomial theorem by mathematical induction was one of his works. Much emphasis or significance was laid by him on the Pascal's triangle.

NASIR AL - DIN AL - TUSI: He built his mathematical career on earlier works by Greek mathematicians. Famous for his work on the sine law though that mathematical concept was discovered before. Treated trigonometry as a mathematical component independent of astronomy.

AL - BIRUNI: A versatile academic par excellence. Among the intellectuals who contributed in developing a base for modern trigonometry.

OMAR KHAYYAM: A mathematician who did extensive research on the topic of 'cubic equations'.

THABIT ibn QURRA: Produced a formula for determining 'amicable numbers' e.g. the pair set of 220 and 284.

IBRAHIM ibn Sinan: A geometer who followed in Archimedes' footsteps by doing masterful work on areas, volumes and tangents of a circle.

ABU AL HASAN Al - UQLIDISI: An author and mathematician. His book on mathematics paid special attention to decimals in preference over vulgar fractions.

IBN AL-HAYTHAM: Showed connections between algebra and geometry. He formulated the 'Alhazen's problem'.

KAMAL AL DIN AL - FARISI: Established himself in mathematical areas such as number theory and conic sections.

IBN AL BANNA Al - MARRAKUSHI: Excelled in '**number theory'** among other facets of mathematics. Made use of algebraic notations.

STAYING with the subject theme of mathematics, here is for you a brain teaser: Two numbers are in the ratio of 87: 95. When a number is subtracted from them you'll get a new ratio of 103: 171. Calculate the values of the: a) two original numbers and the b) number that was subtracted from them. Insha Allah, a few of us may become another Al-Biruni or Al-Khwarizmi in the sphere of mathematics. Only time will tell. But an effort has to be made and it's now. Don't delay! O



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By Linda Kaplan, Esq. / Florida USA

According to Sayra Lozano, a DACA recipient and MBA student at Southeastern University. Her article was published in the Miami Herald last Friday. Perhaps I was impressed by what she wrote because the point of her article is one that I have made many times. Allowing the dreamers to obtain permanent residence is good for our economy. In March, I wrote a blog entitled DACA, the "Dream Act" and its latest iteration, "Recognizing America's Children Act." That blog provides background information on DACA and one version of the Dream Act. There is much discussion about how to handle undocumented aliens in the U.S. and some focus almost exclusively on the undocumented status and don't think we should be "rewarding" people for entering the U.S. without proper documentation. The dreamers were brought to the U.S. as young children and had no choice or responsibility for their undocumented status so this argument make no sense when talking about "rewarding law breakers." Dreamers are young people who have been raised and educated in the U.S. In many cases, these young people do not even remember living anywhere else or even speak anything other than English. Some of them do not even realize that they are not U.S. citizens until their friends start applying for learner's permits and they find themselves unable to obtain a driver's license or a part time job during high school. Those who received DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) have been given temporary status and work permission using this status to work, go to college and serve in the military. But DACA was a temporary fix which has been cancelled by President Trump. If Congress does not act before the March 5, 2018 deadline, the DACA recipients - whether they are working, in school or in the military – could be removed (deported) to countries they don't even remember. People don't often consider the U.S. economy is forming their opinions about what should be done with the dreamers. Most people understand that we should do the right thing and allow these young people to continue to live in the country that has become their home. Those who disagree focus on the "undocumented status" without thinking about the economy and the economic harm that would result to Florida and the U.S. if we ripped dreamers out of the workforce. Many Americans believe that the presence of unauthorized immigrants is a financial burden that is harmful to the economy but the economic research indicates the opposite.

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POETRY COLUMN



THE BEST DAYS OF ALL

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

Remember the days when we were young? Where we could not tell right from wrong,

Roads tinted yellow under a magic rainbow

Candy colored lips puffed with cheeks aglow! Little girls in pleated skirts and pony tails Little boys in muddied socks and dirty nails, Missing tooth stored for the midnight fairy A world so colorful, enchanting and profusely happy

How I longed for that world of beauty Where rose-tinted spectacles were quite ordinary,

Love and laughter pervades the air All so happy, honest and without a care Oh bring to me that world of yesteryear Where we can dance in harmony and loving care.

Where all the world shall live in boundless love One world, one people, under one sky above

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QUR'AAN should be **PRIORITY**

We should also remember that the very first verse of the Quran which was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was 'Iqra' which was the command (not a request) to read or recite...'in the name of your Lord and Cherisher'. Some of us as a last resort do send our children to Sunday Madrassah but that is only for 3 to 4 hours a week, meanwhile we send them to academic school five days a week, where is our priority my friends? Also, many times when they come on Sundays they reach late and haven't reviewed or done their homework from the previous week due to the amount of school homework they have to do daily. So where are we as parents placing the priority in our life versus where Allah (SWT) wants us to place the emphasis and priority? In addition, the message we send to our kids is that school work comes first and Ouran studies comes after and we are constantly placing many other things as priority over the Quran. The correct way is we should try our best to send our children to Islamic schools or at the very least send them to daily Madrassah and we should review their work with them.

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HUMOR

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OPPOSITION

A mother-in-law was welcoming her newly wed daughter-in-law and explaining the hierarchy:"I am Vice President, Home Affairs Minister as well as Finance Minister of this house.

Your Father-in-law is the President, Defense and Security Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister. My Son, I mean your husband, runs the Ministry of Demand and Supply, Finance and Economic

and my daughter runs the Planning & Development Ministry. Now you tell me, which Ministry would you like to run?"

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JUSTICE SEEKING FOLLOWERS

THE JUST LEADER

They could also build societies together with people who shared same views. However, offenders would not be supported no matter what. The parties would help and support each other, and they would be under the protection of Prophet Mohammed (saas); any disputes between the parties would be referred to the Messenger of God. Even the pagans always chose Prophet Mohammed's (saas) judgement as he was considered the most just person. This constitution, dictated by Prophet Mohammed (saas) was applied from 622 until 632 in intervals. With this system, the tribal system based on biological kinship was overcome and people of various cultural, geographical and ethnic backgrounds came together to form a union. It is a fact that the Constitution of Medina is a quite significant historical document that encompassed the basics of unity and solidarity, compassion and love, friendship and peace. It is an exemplary document in that it shows - in practice, not simply theory - how Muslims should harmoniously co-exist with their non-Muslim counterparts. Although it is difficult to encounter a modern society that upholds the peaceful and just approach of Prophet Mohammed (saas), it is clear this is what the followers of this just leader should do. Muslims, by following the lead of Prophet Mohammed (saas), should show the same just and compassionate attitude towards all human beings. These people can be Jews, Christians, Buddhists, pagans or even atheists: No matter who they are or what they believe in, or even if they are unbelievers, this fair and honest approach commanded by our Lord will surely create a positive effect on each and every person, allowing them to have warmer feelings towards Islam.

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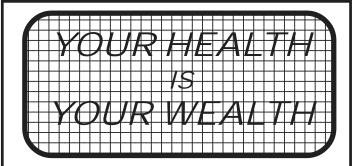
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Submitted by Bro. Fahad Mirza

GIVING CHARITY HAS MORE BLESSINGS WHEN ONE IS ALIVE & HEALTHY

Once Rasoolullah SAW stopped a woman from going to the graveyard, and this Ahadith is misapplied by authorities. That was an isolated, exclusive incident particularly for that specific woman. She was stopped because that particular woman was crying and grieving beyond the normal limitations and because of her over passionate fervent wailing and weeping, the Rasool (SAW) of Allah SWT stopped her from visiting the grave. Subsequently, it was clarified by Rasoolullah SAW that men and women should visit the graveyards! If women are not allowed to visit the cemetery, how would they benefit from the reminder of the first step of the journey after death? Hence, it is advocated to see the reality of this life. It is advocated to see how lonely this piece of land (grave) really is, despite your wealth, your fame and name. However, there ARE some figh considerations of mixing the genders during the burial etc. When we hear of the virtues of making dua and doing good for your parents and loved ones once they have passed away, do we pay heed to this? Truly a reminder benefits the believers. The believers are those who have imaan. Who are the people with imaan? The Qur'an answers this my brothers/sisters in Surah Anfal 8:2 Only the believers (are) those who when Allah is mentioned feel fear their hearts, and when are recited to them His Verses, they increase them (in) faith, and upon their Lord they put their trust. We all claim to be believers by name, by county, by praying salah, by fasting, by performing Hajj, by giving zakat, and we truly think we have imaan. When Allah SWT is being mentioned, when Allah SWT commands and verses are being mentioned, their hearts tremble. Fear comes into their hearts and they tremble! Does the reminder of Allah SWT and HIS (SWT) Rasool (SAW) bring fear into your hearts?! Are we really obeying the commands? When Allah SWT is being mentioned the fear is brought into their hearts, and when the verses are being recited their imaan gets stronger. The faith of such people are strengthened by do we do when we hear the commands

and the words of Allah SWT? Excuses are presented in every way to apply why we shouldn't pay heed. If you have strong imaan, your imaan will only get stronger. If you weak imaan, your imaan will only get weaker. The three things are mentioned in this ayat is when Allah SWT is mentioned, 1) your hearts tremble, 2) their imaan gets stronger, 3) lastly such people will put their trust in Allah SWT. When we hear what Allah SWT commands to do and what not do. When we hear when Allah SWT commands, and we do not fulfill HIS SWT command, that is a sign of weak imaan. That is the synopsis of this verse. We only obey the commands of Allah SWT purely for the sake of Allah SWT, not worrying about what society will think of us. Technology has come so far that being reminded isn't a problem. So many texts, so many emails, so many websites, so many you-tube videos, so much Qur'an apps on our phones, MASHALLAAH!

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He said "Then the way the Prophet has been doing". "And if you do not find any precedent from me "enquired the Prophet?" "I will then exercise my judgment", answered Maudh. The Holy Prophet approved and exclaimed "Praise be to God...... A further ground in support of analogy is that the Companions were unanimously in agreement concerning its application. For a valid analogical deduction it must conform to certain conditions. In the opinion of Mahamassani there are four pillars of analogy viz; the original subject against which the new subject is compared; the tributary of the new subject which is the object of analogy; the rule arrived at by analogy; and lastly the cause which brings together the original subject and the tributary and is the reason for analogy. The pre-requisite conditions for analogy may there/fore be stated as:-

- 1. The cause must be the compelling factor i.e. the idea intended by the Shari'ah.
 2. The cause should be identical in both the original subject and the subject of analogy, viz both subjects be equal in every respect.
- 3. The rule in the original case should be generally applicable.

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Do we develop fear of Allah SWT, elevate our imaan and to follow the Sunnah of our Beloved Rasool SAW? It does not matter what knowledge you have on your phones, how many books you have in your home, it does not benefit us unless we pay heed to it's teachings, and extract imaan from them and implement them into our hearts and lives. The Arabs had the Rasool SAW of Allah SWT. It didn't make them better. If we don't pay heed to the commands of Allah SWT, and HIS (SWT) Rasool SAW, then we are no better than the disbelievers during the time of the Prophet SAW! Allah SWT judges based on your imaan, and purity of your heart. When we start obeying and practicing, that is when our imaan starts to increase. In another ayat, Allah SWT says in Surah Al-Ankabut 29:69 - And those who strive for Us, We will surely, guide them (to) Our ways. And indeed, Allah surely (is) with the good-doers. Those who strive to do good things for the sake of Allah SWT, then Allah SWT opens ways to much more good. So one good deed leads to another good deed. As long as you make the intention to do good, Allah SWT opens the doors and removes the barriers from you succeeding in that goodness. Our lifestyle, our businesses, our families will come in the path of Allah SWT however, we must make that effort! Lastly, Allah SWT says that when we strive to do good, then Allah SWT is with us! Allah SWT will be our protector, our guard, our companion. So why are we not prompt to obey the commands of Allah SWT? Why do we prolong in doing good? Why do we procrastinate and make excuses when Allah SWT is promising us guidance and companionship and success in this life and the hereafter?! That is why we fail, because we have confidence, and reliance on people, and wealth and not Allah SWT. The more good we do, the more our sins will fall away. Rasoolullah SAW once asked His sahabas, "if there is a river in front of your home and you were to take a bath in that river 5x's a day, would there be any dirt on you? The Sahabas answered "no". "Similarly if we pray our salah 5x's a day, our sins will be washed

away like the dirt being washed in that river". So similarly if we have shortcomings, and we don't make a change the sin becomes stagnant and will not eradicate from our hearts. Why do we stop ourselves from participating in goodness altogether? When Allah SWT has given you so much health, bounties, wealth? Does Allah SWT stop giving? No! Then, why do we limit ourselves to give back in HIS SWT cause?! We make millions of excuses and go break the promise to Allah SWT, but Allah SWT NEVER breaks HIS (SWT) promise when HE (SWT) gives us! Let us not be under the curse of Rasoolullah SAW, by not taking advantage of our parents, while they are alive to get into jannah. Paradise lies beneath the feet of your mother, and a fathers anger is Allah SWT's anger. Out of all the sins that people commit in this world, there is one sin that a person will have to be re compensated in this world before they die is: He who does not obey the commands of the Qur'an and the Sunnah pertaining to his/her parents. They will compensate it in this world, and the hereafter. Death is a reminder of what is inevitable. Sadagah jaariyah is when one continues to receive blessings after they have passed in their graves. So brothers/sisters do good deeds so the parents that have passed away may continue to receive blessings in their graves by giving charity in their name. Do thing Fee Sabeelillah (for the sake of Allah SWT) in their names while they are alive and healthy so they may benefit from the blessings.

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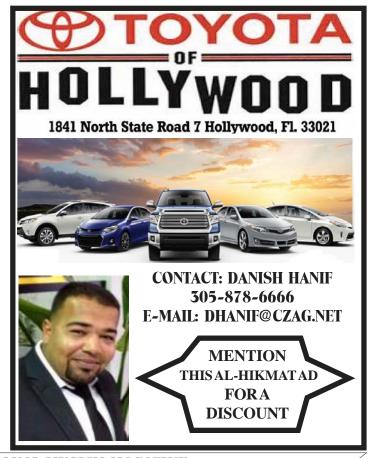
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QUESTION & ANSWER CORNER

By: Shaikh Shafayat Mohamed

VIRTUES OF UMRAH IN RAMADHAAN

Question: What are the virtues of Umrah in Ramadhaan?

Answer: -Abu Hurairah (RA) narrates that Nabi (SAW) said, 'An Umrah to another Umrah will be redemption of sins for whatever (minor) occurs between them.' (Bukhari, Muslim)

-Ibne Abbas (RA) relates that Nabi (SAW said, 'Umrah performed in the month of Ramadhaan will equal (in rewards) to that of Hajj or Hajj performed with Me (SAW).' (**Bukhari, Muslim**)

-Nabi (SAW) intended to perform Hajj. On learning of this, a woman told her husband to take her on Hajj with Nabi (SAW). Her husband said to her, 'I do not possess a conveyance with which I can carry you upon.' She said, 'Take me on such and such a camel of yours.' The husband said, 'that is held up in the path of Allah.' The man then went to Nabi (SAW) and said, 'My wife conveys her Greetings to you and she has asked me to carry her on Hajj with you.' I told her, 'I do not have something to carry her upon.' She then told me to carry her upon such and such a camel of mine.' I told her that it is kept in the path of Allah.' Nabi (SAW) told him, 'If you carried her upon it for Hajj, it will still be in the path of Allah.' She also told me to ask you (SAW), 'What equals a Hajj with you O Nabi of Allah? Nabi (SAW) said, 'Convey my greetings to her and inform her that Umrah performed in the month of Ramadhaan is equal to Hajj performed with me.' (Abu Dawood)

-Umme Ma'qal (RA) narrates that said, "O Nabi of Allah, I am a very old and sickly lady. Is there any action that I can do which will be sufficient for my Hajj? 'Nabi (SAW) told her, 'Umrah performed in the month of Ramadhaan equals Hajj." (Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi).

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Also, if we as parents can't recite the Quran properly how can we review or even pray salaah properly? We too must try to attend recitation, tafseer, figh and seerah classes during the week. As Muslims, we and our children must know and accept that Allah's Quran is the #1 priority and we must place the correct level of importance required by Allah (SWT) when it comes to His blessed book. The amount of Ouran we know will also determine our level in Jannah and how pleased Allah is with us. My friends, if we don't give the Quran priority in our lives as commanded by Allah SWT and we choose to learn it and recite it and understand it only when we choose to and when we have extra time, we should then beware! We would be technically saying to Allah (SWT) that the Quran is not a priority for us and that it is in fact at the bottom of our list. In return, it's possible that Allah may also not give us priority in life and may place us at the bottom of His list! May Allah always protect us and place us at the top of His list, ameen. Allah (SWT) says in hadith Qudsi, 'I am with you the way you think I am with you', so how we remember Allah is how He will remember us, if make very little time for Him in our life He may make very little time for us. If we put His Quran as a priority in our lives He will no doubt make us a priority.

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By Linda Kaplan, Esq.

What Is Right Is Also What Is Best For The United States

The Cato Institute issued a report on January 19, 2017, The Economic and Fiscal Impact of Repealing DACA, which was a scholarly and well researched report. This report concludes that the "fiscal cost of immediately deporting the approximately 750,00 people currently in the DACA program would be over \$60 billion to the federal government along with a \$280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade. The Cato institute report refers to a 2016 study in the Journal of Public Economics, which outlines the benefits of moving immigrants into employment from either outside the formal labor force or unemployment. By working and earning a higher income in the formal sector the "DACA workers' pay more taxes, both through payroll, income, and sales because of greater consumption associated with higher income." Having the ability to earn higher levels of education adds even more to

the positive fiscal effect. The loss of the positive fiscal effect of DACA is even more significant when you consider that the cost to the government to deport these young people would be \$7.5 billion. Congress is currently considering the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (Dream Act). The dreamers have been raised in the U.S. from an early age and are American in all ways except from having official documentation. Creating a legal pathway for the young dreamers is clearly an issue in which our humanitarian concerns can be justified by the significant positive economic impact to the U.S. or as Sayra Lozano says "What is right for the dreamers is what is best for the state of Florida and the Country." Please contact your Senators and Representatives and urge them to vote for the DREAM Act.

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By: Bro. Al Mustapha

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When we connect with Allah (SWT) thru daily salaah and thru reciting and understanding the Quran, great thing happen my friends and many doors open for us and our families in this life and in the hereafter. Remember the parents of every Hafiz will each be given a crown to wear in Jannah by Allah (SWT)! My friends, let us make the sincere intention today to change our attitude and our performance in life, let us make every effort to ensure that we and our children learn to recite and understand the Quran or learn to recite more of it on a daily basis and let us also never miss another salaah. Let us also strive to have better behavior and character, and to more closely emulate the life of the noble Prophet Muhammed (SAW). In this way we will hopefully do much better in the sight of Allah by giving greater priority in our lives to Him and His Quran and His last Prophet, Insha Allah. May Allah give us the guidance, motivation and ability to implement these critical changes in our lives today, Ameen.





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Ch. 5 Verse 67 - "Oh Messenger! Spread the message (of Al-Qur'aan) which has been sent to you from your Lord. If you do notthen you did not spread Allaah's message (The Qur'aan)."

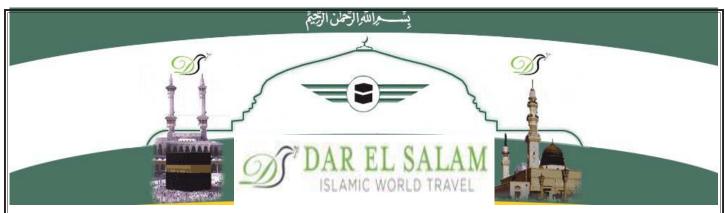
Ch. 33 V. 39- "Those who spread the message of Allaah (Al-Qur'aan) and fear Allaah, and fear none but Allaah. Sufficient is Allaah who keeps account (of Mankind)

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

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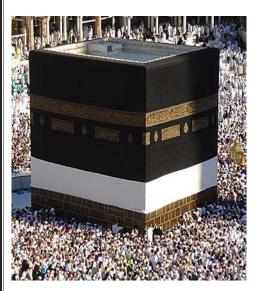




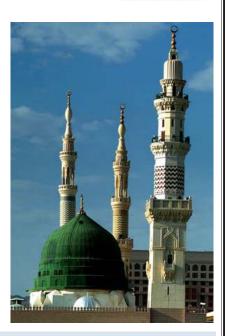




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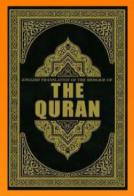
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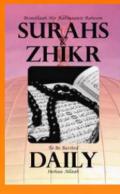
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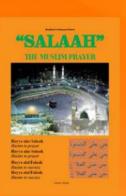
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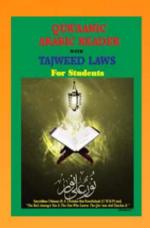
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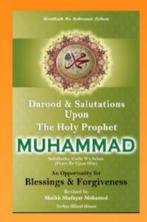




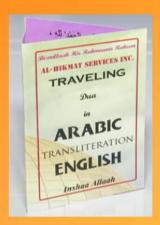


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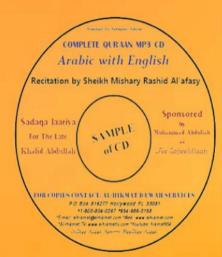














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