



“.. and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people.” **Al-Qur'an 5:32**

Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam is partnering with Sisters United to collect food, clothes, medical supplies to donate to the massive relief effort underway in Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. For all those who would like to support this effort please make your drop off at the Atlanta Masjid.

Jumuah is Friday, 1 p.m. – Ta'leem is Sunday, 2 p.m.

Salah Times

FAJR	6:24
ZHUR	12:50
ASR	3:44
MAGHRIB	6:05
ISHA	8:00

Salah times may come in minutes earlier than the times prayed in the Masjid

Holy Qur'an 21:92-93

إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ
وَتَقَطُّوا أَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ كُلُّ إِلَيْنَا رَجِيعُونَ

Verily, this brotherhood of yours is a single brotherhood, and I am your Lord and Cherisher: therefore serve Me (and no other). But (later generations) cut off their affair (of unity), one from another: (yet) will they all return to Us.

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The Best Community

By Imam W. Deen Mohammed

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We know G-d says He created us for His worship but can you worship G-d and not have that relationship with the world, how can you worship G-d with no relationship with the world? Impossible, you must first have a relationship with the world G-d does not accept you believing, having faith and having no involvement, having no work, producing nothing, caring about nothing. You have to care about your environment, you have to be productive and produce etc., faith without works is not accepted in Al Islam.

We have to set our priorities, we should be awakened in the morning and if we don't have this we want this, we want to be responsible for community life. If we don't have homes built by us we want to build homes by us, if we don't have a neighborhood that was built by us or developed by us we want a neighborhood developed by us so we will have a Masjid and hear the adhan called for Fajr and for all the other prayers until we retire at night. And we want to have businesses that are halal so we can go to those businesses and buy from our own business people, our halal products, not only food but all halal products, this is what we want. And we are not yet fulfilling our duties as Muslims unless we have that.

Muslims are called to be a community Allah swt says in Quranic Arabic, *إِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ* translated it is "This is your community and I am your Lord therefore worship only Me." And G-d also says addressing the community life of Muslims, He says in Arabic, *كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتِ لِلنَّاسِ* translated "You are the best of communities evolved or raised up for the

good of all people, for the benefit of all people.

And then G-d says to us of Muhammad the Prophet pbuh, He is a mercy to all the worlds in Arabic, *وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِي* translated, "We have not sent you except to be a mercy to all the worlds." So Muslims are not in any small time business, there is no other business on the planet earth or in the universe bigger than the business that G-d has given us. We can't afford to be small people, small people shouldn't have big responsibilities. Our religion, the value of it, the worth of our religion puts pressure on us to improve our own self worth so that we don't shame our own religion.

So we have to work at improving our own personal value firstly to G-d or to G-d consciousness in us so you feel comfortable with your own self. Some people can't think of themselves they are afraid to think about themselves, to see themselves clearly and completely. They are afraid that they will lose their mind and will be in a mental institution, it is too frightening for them to look at their own reality. Rather than live in this kind of misery, this kind of private hell you created for yourself, why don't you work on improving your own self worth?

Many Muslims come to Jumah like they go to sweep the streets or carry out garbage, Allah swt says, "And wear your beautiful apparel at every time to the Masjid." So you African Americans, you brothers from the Hon. Elijah Muhammad's time why did you put down the good things he taught you? Don't put down the good things he taught you.

He taught you not to come to the Temple, that is what it was called first under his leadership, he taught you not to come to the Temple unless you were wearing clean clothes, pressed pants, shoes shined,

neatly dressed with shirt and tie and jacket. Dressed like that you can go in any restaurant and dine, have dinner, some restaurants will not take you like you come to Jumah prayer. Let us wake up, we get a teaching and we get a logic but we don't live in accord with the teaching and the logic.

Don't think you come to Islam with all the wonderful Muslims more than a billion and a quarter on this planet, don't think you join this big family of Muslims to degrade yourself, no. Don't let down your good standards but know that Islam calls you to the best of standards, so whatever was good in the time of the Hon. Elijah Muhammad's leadership is good now. And you should now embrace it with more enthusiasm and you should be more devoted to that excellence now than you were before because before you were burdened with a lot of confusion and darkness and now the way is clear for you to live Islam.

So we have to work on improving our personal worth and Allah swt says, "And spend on your own soul for whoever does not spend on his own soul he debases his own soul." And he loses it after debasing it if he continues he loses his own soul. And you should want to contribute to the value of your community, you should always want to see that which you hold or esteem as being most valuable to you increasing in value not decreasing in value.

So as you should work constantly on your own life to improve your own worth as a person, your worth first to G-d, your worth to yourself and your family, your worth to your community, to the Muslim community and your worth to the family of mankind. That is the teaching of Al Islam, this is the clear plain teaching of Al Islam. So you should want to contribute to the value of your community, don't see it stagnant or

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2010 R.O.U.P. Announcement

Sisters United In Human Service, Inc. proudly sponsors the 11th Annual Rites of Unthaa (Virtuous Womanhood) Program. –An eight week, intensive program for young Muslimahs ages 13-17, beginning Saturday, February 27th Masjid Al Mu'minin. Register your daughters, relatives and mentees.

Call 770-465-2995 or visit www.sistersunited.org

Registration forms/details available in the Masjid lobby.

"The Summer of '89" Book Signing

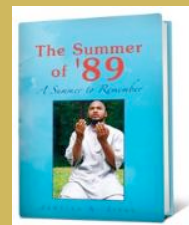
We are celebrating a new author in our community Sister Jamella Jihad, author of "The Summer of '89"

Join us in this celebration on **Saturday, January 22, 2010 at 6pm at The Ummat's Café.** Hosted by Inshirah Jihad.

Purchase your book and have it autographed by the author on site!

For every book that is sold, \$2.00 will go towards the ISW scholarship program.

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don't see it neglected or any part of it or any value in it neglected.

That should be your concern when you recognize that and say "How can I contribute to the improvement of this situation, how can I make this look better, how can I make this stronger, how can I make this more correct for G-d's pleasure and for our benefit?"

Announcements

Mohammed Schools African Assembly
Please join the students of Mohammed Schools on January 27 at 1:30 pm. for their African Assembly entitled "The Motherland, A Celebration for All. Wear your African attire, wear your best!!! Bring a dish, baskets, posters, or any African artifact. Contact Islah Rashada for additional information. 404-378-4219.

Masjid Beautification Sign-Up list in lobby, need contributions in the form of pledge, cash or labor.

Community Work Day – Getting Ready for Spring. Please sign up. Contact person is Taqiyy Saleem 404-391-4188

The Muslim Janazah Agency is offering policies that will cover the costs of a janazah and the remaining proceeds will be a charitable contribution to the Atlanta Masjid. Please see Mr. Wells and staff in the library immediately following jumuah to get your burial policy started today. Saturday and Sundays are by appointment only. Ortez 404-228-6970

Purchase an elegant bench commemorating someone that has made a difference in the lives of others. \$500 per bench. This bench will be placed in the Courtyard of Salaam located at the Atlanta Masjid. Contact Jalal Abdul-Azeez 404-808-7454. jalalm@bellsouth.net

Hatian Relief Efforts

Haitian-American rapper Wyclef Jean's foundation to rebuild Haiti, Yéle, is accepting text-message donations. Text "Yele" to 501501 to donate \$5, which will be added to your next phone bill. You can also donate via the Yéle Foundation's www.yele.org

The Salvation Army is sending 285,120 boxed meals of rice, soy, and vitamins to Haiti. Support the Salvation Army at www.salvationarmyusa.org

Hospitals in Haiti are badly damaged and overwhelmed. To help medical aid workers, donate to Doctors Without Borders at www.doctorswithoutborders.org

Sick & Shut-In

Sister Halimah is at Golden Living Centers - 2787 North Decatur Rd. Room 1 Decatur, GA 30033 Ph: (404) 292-0626. Make dua for her and her family.

Crystal Lawson is at Grady Hospital on the 6th floor. Make dua for her and her family.

Brother Abdul El-Amin is at DeKalb Medical in Intensive Care. Make dua for him and his family.

Brother Clarence Salaam is at Meadow Brook Home Care - 4608 Lawrenceville Hwy. Ph: 678-937-0418. Make dua for him and his family.

Wajeehah Sabir is at Transition Health and Rehab Home. Ph: 770-482-2961. Make dua for her and her family.

REGULAR COMMITTEES

<i>The Majlis Ash Shura</i> 2 nd Sunday 10 am Masjid Secretary 404-378-1600	<i>Hospitality Team</i> 4 th Tuesday 6 pm Melinda Pruitt 770-892-4796
<i>Ansari Committee</i> 1 st /3 rd Sunday 11 am Sabreen Mateen 770-593-1350	<i>M.O.R.E. For Youth</i> Fridays, 4 pm Aliyah A. 678-260-8126
<i>Consultative Board</i> 1 st /3 rd Mon. 6:30 pm Rahma Abdullah 678-596-3793	<i>Cub Scouts</i> Saturdays, 12 pm Linda Abdul-Azeez 404-317-5575
<i>Matured Youth</i> Last Sunday 12 pm Jamillah Sadiq 404-607-0206	<i>Boy Scouts</i> Saturdays, 2 pm Edward Qadir 404-241-1995
<i>Health Committee</i> 2 nd Sunday 11 am Mary Salaam 404-284-3757	<i>Mohammed Schools</i> Mo-Fr 8 am - 4:30 pm PreK-8 404-378-4219 HS 404-378-1042

REMINDERS

ALL YOUNG CHILDREN must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult when on the Masjid premises.

PLEASE TURN OFF PHONES & PAGERS prior to entering the musallah. Thank you for your cooperation.

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