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Technical Community Workers interested in helping with content for the website, email and marketing. We invite all persons with basic computing skills and any editorial, journalism or photography experience to come together volunteer for the **fastest and most technical team** at the masjid.

Interested persons should contact the secretary Naimah at 404-378-1600. **Free skills training will be provided.**

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

Salah Times

FAJR	6:20
ZHUR	12:51
ASR	3:50
MAGHRIB	6:12
ISHA	8:00

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

Holy Qur'an 7:175

وَاتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ الَّذِي آتَيْنَاهُ آيَاتِنَا فَانْسَلَخَ مِنْهَا فَاتَّبَعَهُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَكَانَ مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ

Relate to them the story of the man to whom We sent Our signs, but he passed them by: so Satan followed him up, and he went astray.

Friday, January 29, 2010

The Qur'an, The Final Frontier

The following text is excerpted from the public address given by Imam W. Deen Mohammed in Hinesville, Ga., on Feb. 10, 2002, on the topic: "The Qur'an, The Final Frontier."

I have decided to talk within the theme of this weekend, and I was very surprised myself by the language of this theme. It is very powerful, especially for students of Qur'an, thinkers in the knowledge of Islam: "The Qur'an, the Final Frontier, and Islam the Last Development for the Human Being." We begin always with Allah's Name, The Merciful Benefactor, The Merciful Redeemer. We witness that G-d is One and the Creator of everything in the Heavens and in the earth. In the Qur'an we are told to say to the People of the Book, meaning Jews and Christians, "Your G-d and our G-d is One and the Same G-d." You can read the Bible -the Old and New Testaments - and you can read the Torah. You can read the teachings of those pious men of Judaism and you can read the commentary on the Books of Moses and you will see right away their G-d for them is the G-d that made the sky and the earth and human beings. And you will see the G-d for Christians is the same G-d, the G-d that created everything. The difference comes when we seek to try to explain the "Self of G-d." Muslims do not seek to reveal G-d beyond where G-d goes with us to reveal Himself. When Christ Jesus, peace be on him, the leadership he left, his followers - students of scripture, students of G-d and even students of the person of Jesus Christ -had not yet learned enough about Christ himself to really know him. The students of Christ studied for about three centuries or more trying to come to a conclusion on "What is the self of Jesus? Is he human, like all mortal beings? Or is he

human and divine?" It took them centuries to come to a conclusion.

When they came to that conclusion, they did not have near to all of them in agreement. But it was published as a consensus of agreement the way we have it now from that time on Jesus Christ in the New Testament, peace be upon him. Obviously, and that is to say how Muhammad the Prophet dealt with this subject, we Muslims are to believe that Christians believe in the same G-d that we believe in. Because Muhammad, himself, never stopped churches from exist-ing or being in Muslim lands. There were churches and also Jews with their religious places, and Muhammad "mandated" that Christians and Jews should have religious freedom.

I have read his own writings, and he said: "They are to go on practicing their religion the way they did before Islam became the governing order." He did not require that they change their services. He didn't try to order Christianity for the Christians, and he didn't try to order Judaism for Jews. You will find big churches in Egypt, where Islam went in the time of Muhammad the Prophet. You will find big churches in Turkey and in many parts of the Islamic world. And they have had Islamic freedom there long before they got it in the West. Islam established religious freedom for Christians and Jews long before they got it in the West. I have had rabbis and students of the Torah to tell me that they owed it to Islam the days of the love for science that existed for centuries in Moorish Spain, where Jews, Muslims and Christians were working in a friendly atmosphere, as friends beside each other. This was provided by that Muslim government.

They worked beside each other studying the old sciences of the Greeks and all the sciences that had been neglected during

the Dark Ages; they worked together to give the world true sciences and philosophy and many other fields of knowledge.

This period lasted more than 500 years, equal to the lifetime of the people in this New World from the Old World. It is much longer than the lifetime of the Unit-ed States. And they enjoyed peaceful co- existence and cooperation for at least three or four centuries. The government of Spain did not col-lapse until about 500 years after it had been enjoying that kind of inclusion of the three major religions work-ing together to help mankind.

Scientists of the West and historians and government people and others who were informed of what happened in the history of Islam in Moorish Spain readily acknowledge and express appreciation for that long period of time there, when that government was open to the world for the great religions to come there and work together for the betterment of mankind.

We would not have had what we called the Renaissance in the West, if there had not been first the Renaissance in the East made possible only by the Qur'an and the leader Muhammad, the Messenger of G-d, prayers and peace be upon him, our first teacher and first guide in Islam - the one to whom the Qur'an was revealed.

With that said, I want us also to understand that Islam is a religion that is to be practiced by people all over the world. Islam is not a religion made for one geography and not for another geography. It is not a religion made for Arabia and not for Afghanistan. It is not a religion made for Arabia and not for Chicago. It is a religion made for people wherever they live on this earth.

Computer Problems?

Do you have computer problems, or is your computer too slow? We have your solutions. Some of the services we offer are computer/laptop repair, spyware and virus removal, and hardware and software upgrades.

Call Arif Fahim with On-Site Computer Repair today at 678-523-7441 to schedule your free computer maintenance check up.

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.

Family Affair Ice Cream Social!!!

Save the Date.... February 13, 2010. Ummat's Restraurant. 7 til 11 p.m. Bring your games. We will be singing, dancing, and doing Karaoke. We will be featuring a nine year old artist, Priest. \$7 admission, does not include food. Sponsored by Attiyyah Rashid's Family. Proceeds goes towards Mohammed Schools of Atlanta, Day of Majesty.

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Islam is a portable religion that you can put in your bag and carry it wherever you go. It has no priesthood. These are the important features of Islam. It has no order for qualifying its leaders to preach Islam. What qualifies us is our respect and studious labor to under-stand G-d's Word given to us in the Qur'an.

The Qur'an is not to be kept by any priestly order or by any clergy. The Holy Qur'an's language will never become a dead language. It is not given to us as Arabic to practice in some kind of religious circle or order and to have another language for our secular world or for the public. No. It is the language for the common man.

Announcements

Seeking Technical Community Workers

Interested persons should contact the secretary Naimah at 404-378-1600. **Free training will be provided by Musa Siddeeq.**

Summer of '89 - an inspirational book by Jamallah Jihad is for sale.

For every book that is sold, \$2.00 will go towards the ISW scholarship program. Contact Inshirah Jihad 770-572-4566 JamilahJihad.com

The 24th Annual Celebration of the Sunnah Fashion Show will Be held Saturday May 8th at the Sharif Abdur Raheem facility, at 2:00 pm We are calling all models, designers, those born in May and those wishing to work on the planning committee. Contact Amira 770-686-4421 celebration.atl@comcast.net

Masjid Beautification, Getting Ready for Spring. Sign-up list in lobby, need contributions in the form of pledge, cash or labor. 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE Recently the VA had military retiree personnel information compromised. Some Veterans beneficiaries were changed to someone they don't know. Please review the back of your Military Retiree Account Statement and (MRAS) and verify that your designated beneficiary is correct. Retired Federal employees should check also as the data is from the same source.

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.

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

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

Imani Jones has cancer and is at Crawford Long Hospital. Room 7137, 404-686-7137. 550 W Peachtree St NW, Atlanta.

Sister Mamie Muhammad is in Atlanta Medical Hospital. 315 Boulevard NE Ste 200, Atlanta, GA 30312, (404) 265-4680.

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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