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**The First House of Allah that was appointed
for Mankind was that in Makkah...**

(Qur'aan 3:96)



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From the Publisher

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As-salaamu-alaikum. Indeed, all praise is for Allaah; we praise Him, and we seek His help and we seek His forgiveness.

And we seek refuge in Allaah(ﷻ) from the wickedness of ourselves and from our evils deeds.

Whoever Allaah guides, none can misguide him and whoever He misguides (leaves to go astray) none can guide him.

And I testify that there is no deity who has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, and there are no partners for Him.

And I testify that Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is His slave and Messenger.

O you who believe! Fear Allâh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islâm [as Muslims (with complete submission to Allâh)]. (Aal 'Imraan 3:102)

O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allâh through Whom you demand (your mutual rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allâh is Ever an All-Watcher over you. (An-Nisaa' 4:1)

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allâh and fear Him and speak (always) the truth. (70) He will direct you to do righteous charitable deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allâh and His Messenger (SAW) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and will be admitted to Paradise). (Al-Ahzaab 33:70-71)

To proceed: Indeed, the most truthful Speech is the Book of Allaah,

And the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

And the worst affairs are the newly invented matters (in Deen).

Every newly invented matter is a religious innovation,

And every religious innovation is misguidance,

And every misguidance is in the Hellfire.

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“To Allah(ﷻ) belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and whether you disclose what is in your ownelves or conceal it, Allah (ﷻ) will call you to account for it. Then He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom whom He wills. And Allah (ﷻ) is able to do all things.

The Messenger (Prophet Muhammad(Peace be upon him)) believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord, and so do the believers. Each one believes in Allah (ﷻ), His Angels, His Books and His Messengers. (The Messengers all say) ***“We make no distinction between one another of His Messengers”—and they say “We hear and we obey. (We seek) Your Forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the return (of us all)”. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 284-285)***

“O you who believe! Fear Allah((ﷻ) (by doing all that has been ordered and by abstaining from all that has been forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and Remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islam [as Muslims with complete submission to Allah]. (Surah Al-'Imran 3: 102)

Please enjoy the articles on Hajj and Daw'ah, that we focus on in this issue. Also, check out the conference information on p. 12 &13, coming July 20 & 21 at USC.

Shafeeq Qaasim

Publisher/Editor

Support the Da'wah

By Shafeeq A. Qaasim

In the name of Allah(ﷻ) the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. We should all try to increase our knowledge of the Almighty Creator—Allah(ﷻ). We get some knowledge/information about our deen from our parents and friends. We get most of our knowledge/information from the Imam and Muslim teachers at the Masjid we attend. However, unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation that we get from the educational system, media and social media. Da'wah is important because we have to disseminate the truth to “eliminate the falsehood”. **Da'wah is how we do it.**

According to many scholars in this field the term Da'wah applies to conveying the message of Islam to non-Muslims and Muslims, and inviting them to Allah. Non-practicing and lost Muslims need to be reeducated and motivated to become better Muslims; they believe they already know Allah(ﷻ) and have been given the concept of TAWHEED. Some objectives of Da'wah are as follows:

- (a) Conveying the message of Islam to non-Muslims and inviting them to Allah(ﷻ)
- (b) Making efforts to remove misinformation about Islam and Muslims from textbooks, reference material and media.
- (c) Making efforts for the integration of new Muslims into the Muslim community.
- (d) Developing material resources, recruiting manpower (volunteers) and providing training for Da'wah workers.

One must realize that the goal of Da'wah to non-Muslims is not to convert them, in fact do not expect it, but the goal is to inform them and educate them. That is our only duty. Da'wah with the intention of conversion might make you too aggressive and might make you come on too strong, hence scaring them away.

Is Da'wah a duty on every Muslim?

Yes, it is a duty assigned by Allah.

In the Qur'an Allah(ﷻ) has placed the responsibility on the Muslim Ummah to convey the message of Islam to mankind. Allah(ﷻ) says in Surah Al-Baqarah: ***"Thus We have appointed you a just nation (model community and Ummah), that you may be witnesses against mankind, and that the Messenger may be a witness over you"***. (Al-Qur'an 2:143)

We find numerous verses in the Qur'an on the same topic. Here witnessing means to convey the message of Islam, i.e. to call people towards Allah (da'aa ilallah as in the Qur'an 41:33). ***"And who is better in speech than he who says My Lord is Allah(ﷻ) and then stands firm and invites men to Allah's religion, and does righteous deeds, and says: "I am one of the Muslims"***.

Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) completed his assignment in his lifetime by conveying the message to the entire Arabian Peninsula and sending letters to the heads of surrounding countries. In his Khutbah of his farewell hajj he passed on the responsibility to every Muslim when he said, ***"Those who are present should convey (my message) to those who are not"***. (Bukhari).

He did not allow us to wait until we are a perfect Islamic society before we begin to convey the message. Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) did not wait until a few converts grew up to develop an Islamic society nor did he want us to wait. He said as given in Bukhari, ***"Convey for me (to the people) even it be single ayah (verse)"***.

No one as an individual or as a community can delay until perfection is achieved; as soon as you have some knowledge of Islam you have a duty to convey it to those unfortunate people who know little or nothing about Islam and invite them to it.

The emphasis is on the transmission of the message of Islam to other human beings. We, the Muslims, are not responsible to convert people by force or

From Brother Khairi: Jeddah Ranch

Indeed, all praise is for Allaah; we praise Him, and we seek His help and we seek His forgiveness.

“My dear Brothers and Sisters Salaamu ‘Alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatu. My name is Abu Amir Khairi. I have been a Muslim now for almost 30 years and have been a part of the Muslim Jamaa’ah in the Southern California Area, specifically Los Angeles. My studies with some of the brothers in Los Angeles, namely Sheikh Fareed Abdullah and a few others who have visited us over the years led us to want to see some parts of the world for Hajj and Umrah and to live with the Muslims-Alhamdulillah and that, we did.

It was our first intentions to go to Yemen, but after some careful thought and some open opportunities business-wise, I decided to transfer my license, which is general contracting, to the country of Saudi Arabia through the embassy and established my company in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia where myself and my family worked and lived for 8 years. Upon our return, which was not by choice, I knew that I could not raise my aging children in Los Angeles City, so right away I was looking and searching for some location on the outskirts with some space, land, and freedom so my children could be raised uninhibited by the non-Islamic ways of our society. So consequently upon returning, we homeschooled our children and this led us to recently obtain a larger portion of land, approximately 5 acres, in which we started a ranch.

Now we have ample space for horse boarding. We have a stable, and we have outside locations for boarding horses. We have sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, a llama, and 4 horses that are personally ours.

My older sons and I have been riding and taking lessons and studying for the past 2 years. It’s our goal to enter into the junior horse-riding and roping contest in the area. With all of this, it is incumbent upon us to try to think outside of the box, knowing that the Fitnah from this point on will only get worse. So, we are inviting Muslims to move into the general area. We are looking for a location to build a masjid. We are in Sun Village, right next to Little Rock, California. It is adjacent to Palmdale going East, maybe 10 minutes away. This location is prime because I can get to Downtown LA in one hour, work and support my family and make it home without too much traffic at the right times. Nevertheless, my

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Hajj: A Pillar of Islam

By Abu Abdul-Majeed

As-salaamu-alaikum Brothers and Sisters.

Hajj demonstrates the essence of Islam which is belief in one God, Allah, alone. All the ceremonies a pilgrim performs, and places which he goes during Hajj reminds him of a great deal of history of this belief, *Tawheed*. An inherent part of the history of *Tawheed* is the story of the Prophet Ibraheem (peace be upon him) who built the first House of Allah, the Ka'aba, as the focal point for the worship of Allah alone.

The story of Prophet Ibraheem is a long story of great sacrifices and complete submission to Allah. Coming through tremendous trials and sacrifices for the sake of Allah, he was elevated to the leadership of mankind. Allah said:

"And when the Lord of Ibraheem tried him with (certain) Commands, which he fulfilled. He (Allah) said (to him): Verily, I am going to make you an Imam (a leader) for mankind (to follow you)." [Al-Qur'an 2:124]

When Ibraheem (peace be upon him) stood up to call people to the way of Allah, a series of trials and mountains of calamities fell on him. He was deported from his home, abandoned by his parents, relatives and friends, thrown in the fire that was meant to burn him alive, and, at last, exiled by the king of the country.

[Editors Note: They said "Burn him and protect your gods if ye do (anything at all)!" We said "O Fire! Be thou cool, and (a means of) safety for Abraham!" Then they sought a stratagem against him: but We made them the ones that lost most! Al-Qur'an 21:68, 69]

Ibraheem (peace be upon him) survived all these trials and stood as firm as a rock for the sake of truth. While in exile he wandered in the parts of the known world at that time calling to the path of Allah. But still he had to face another trial from His Lord. He was blessed with a son at old age after having completely despaired of it. Allah wanted to test him through this son too as a final test and ordered him to sacrifice his beloved son. Ibraheem was successful in this test too. He took his son, Isma'eel to a mount called Marwah near the Ka'aba and laid him prostrate, face down, to slaughter him with his own hands. Satisfied with Ibraheem's complete submission and profound love, Allah ransomed Isma'eel with a sacri-

ficial animal. (It is in commemoration of this very event that animals are sacrificed during Hajj and by Muslims all over the world on the occasion of *Id ul-Adha*).

[Editors Note: They said: "Build for him a building (it is said that the building was like a furnace) and throw him into the blazing fire!" So they plotted a plot against him, but We made them the lowest. And he said (after his rescue from the fire): "Verily, I am going to my Lord. He will guide me!" "My Lord! Grant me (offspring) from the righteous." So We gave him the glad tidings of a forbearing boy. And, when he (his son) was old enough to walk with him, he said: "O my son! I have seen in a dream that I am slaughtering you (offer you in sacrifice to Allâh), so look what you think!" He said: "O my father! Do that which you are commanded, Inshâ' Allâh (if Allâh will), you shall find me of As-Sâbirun (the patient)." Then, when they had both submitted themselves (to the Will of Allâh), and he had laid him prostrate on his forehead (or on the side of his forehead for slaughtering); And We called out to him: "O Abraham! You have fulfilled the dream!" Verily! thus do We reward the Muhsinûn (good-doers - see V.2:112). Verily, that indeed was a manifest trial. And We ransomed him with a great sacrifice (i.e. كَبِشْ a ram); And We left for him (a goodly remembrance) among the later generations. Salâmun (peace) be upon Ibrâhim (Abraham)!" Al-Qur'an 37:97-109]

In this manner, leadership of humanity was entrusted to Ibraheem and he became the pioneer of the universal Islamic movement. Now in order to give an impetus to this movement, he felt the need of men who would settle down in different areas and operate from there as his deputies.

Thus he appointed his elder son Isma'eel, younger son Ishaq and nephew Lut in various parts of the known world of that time. Isma'eel was kept in Arabia at Makka and Ibraheem himself stayed with him for a long time to spread the teaching of Islam in all parts of Arabia.

Du'a

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Labbaik La Shareeka Laka Labbaik
Innal Hamda Wanneamata Laka wal Mulk
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By Shafeeq A. Qaasim

Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem. As-salaamu-alaikum to all the Muslim businesses, organizations, and readers. The Los Angeles Islamic Chamber of Commerce (LAICOC) is new to Los Angeles and is engaging in organizing and bringing together Muslim Businesses and Muslim Organizations in the Los Angeles and Southern California area during 2018, insha Allah. What better time of the year to launch a new professional Muslim organization than during Ramadhan? Allah(swt) and His Messenger^(Peace be upon him) wants us to engage in halal and successful businesses. There are many narrations describing Prophet Muhammad^(Peace be upon him) and his Companions doing business all around the world, even over 1400 years ago.

The Qur'an speaks about trade in Surah Fatir Ayahs 19-30. Allah says *"Not alike are the blind (disbelievers in Islâmic Monotheism) and the seeing (believers in Islâmic Monotheism). (19) Nor are (alike) the darkness (disbelief) and the light (Belief in Islâmic Monotheism). (20) Nor are (alike) the shade and the sun's heat. (21) Nor are (alike) the living (i.e. the believers) and the dead (i.e. the disbelievers). Verily, Allâh makes whom He wills to hear, but you cannot make hear those who are in the graves. (22) You (O Muhammad ^{Peace be upon him}) are only a warner (i.e. your duty is to convey Allâh's Message to mankind, but the guidance is in Allâh's hands). (23) Verily! We have sent you with the truth, a bearer of glad tidings, and a warner. And there never was a nation but a warner had passed among them. (24) And if they belie you, those before them also belied. Their Messengers came to them with clear signs, and with the Scriptures, and the book giving light. (25) Then I took hold of those who disbelieved, and how terrible was My denial (punishment)! (26) See you not that Allâh sends down water (rain) from the sky, and We produce therewith fruits of*

varying colours, and among the mountains are streaks white and red, of varying colours and (others) very black (27) And likewise of men and Ad-Dawâbb (moving (living) creatures, beasts), and cattle, of various colours. It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allâh. Verily, Allâh is All-Mighty, Oft-Forgiving. (28) Verily, those who recite the Book of Allâh (this Qur'ân), and perform As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât), and spend (in charity) out of what We have provided for them, secretly and openly, they hope for a (sure) trade-gain that will never perish. (29) That He may pay them their wages in full, and give them (even) more, out of His Grace. Verily! He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Ready to appreciate (good deeds and to recompense)."(30)

All wealth belongs to Allah. The word *Tijarah* mentioned in ayah 29 is referring to trade, transactions, and commerce, and appears about 9 times in the Qur'an. Allah(swt) wants us to be successful and gives us guidance and commandments to follow. We are trading what we desire in this world for the gains of the Jannah(hereafter), a place that will never perish. He also says, *"Allâh wishes to make clear (what is lawful and what is unlawful) to you, and to show you the ways of those before you, and accept your repentance, and Allâh is All-Knower, All-Wise. (26) Allâh wishes to accept your repentance, but those who follow their lusts, wish that you (believers) should deviate tremendously away (from the Right Path). (27) Allâh wishes to lighten (the burden) for you; and man was created weak (cannot be patient to leave sexual intercourse with woman). (28) O you who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly except it be a trade amongst you, by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another). Surely, Allâh is Most Merciful to you. (29) And whoever commits that through aggression and injustice, We shall cast him into the*

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I Remember Hajj

By Abu Abdul-Majeed

As-salaamu-alaikum brothers and sisters. I remember Hajj in 1997. It was one of the most memorable and rewarding events of my life. If you had ever went to a festival or big sport event with a couple hundred thousand people and said “wow!”, then how much greater is 3-4 million people all in one place with the same intention of worshipping the one true Creator of the world—Allah.

Allah said:

“And proclaim to mankind the Hajj (pilgrimage). They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel, they will come from every deep and distant (wide) mountain highway (to perform Hajj).” (Surah Al Hajj 22:27)

Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah’s Messenger (saw) said, “Whoever performs *Hajj* to this House (*Ka’bah*) and does not approach his wife for sexual relations nor commits sins (while performing *Hajj*), he will come out as sinless as a newly-born child (just delivered by his mother).” (*Sahih Al-Bukhari*, Vol.3, *Hadith* No. 45).

Is there any motivation or intention greater than to cleanse oneself of sins by performing an ancient ritual of making pilgrimage to the first house of worship? And Allah said:

“And (remember) when We made the House (the Ka’bah at Makkah) a place of resort for mankind and a place of safety. And take you (people) the Maqâm (place) of Ibrâhim (Abraham) [for the stone on which Ibrâhim (Abraham) A.S. stood while he was building the Ka’bah] as a place of prayer (for some of your prayers, e.g. two Rak’at after the Tawâf of the Ka’bah at Makkah), and We commanded Ibrâhim (Abraham) and Ismâ’il (Ishmael) that they should purify My House (the Ka’bah at Makkah) for those who are circumambulating it, or staying (I’tikâf), or bowing or prostrating themselves (there, in prayer).” (Surah Baqarah 2:125)

Allah goes on to say, ***“And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sâbirun (the patient). Who, when afflicted with calamity, say: “Truly! To Allâh we belong and truly, to Him we shall return.” They are those on whom are the Salawât (i.e. who are blessed and will be forgiven)***

from their Lord, and (they are those who) receive His Mercy, and it is they who are the guided-ones. Verily! As-Safâ and Al-Marwah (two mountains in Makkah) are of the Symbols of Allâh. So it is not a sin on him who performs Hajj or ‘Umrah (pilgrimage) of the House (the Ka’bah at Makkah) to perform the going (Tawâf) between them (As-Safâ and Al-Marwah). And whoever does good voluntarily, then verily, Allâh is All-Recogniser, All-Knower. Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book, they are the ones cursed by Allâh and cursed by the cursers. Except those who repent and do righteous deeds, and openly declare (the truth which they concealed). These, I will accept their repentance. And I am the One Who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful. (Surah Baqarah 2:155 – 160)

After a believer has completed the mandatory tawafs around the Kaaba, and the Saiy (the walking between Safa and Marwa) seven times which is said to only complete the Umrah, then they should engage in prayer and worship at the Kaaba until time to go to Mount Arafat on the 8th Day of Dhul Hijjah. It started according to the sighting of the new moon. Hajj starts on the 8th day of the Islamic month Dhul Hijjah. Allah says, ***“They ask you (O Muhammad Peace be upon him) about the new moons. Say: These are signs to mark fixed periods of time for mankind and for the pilgrimage. It is not Al-Birr (piety, righteousness) that you enter the houses from the back but Al-Birr (is the quality of the one) who fears Allâh. So enter houses through their proper doors, and fear Allâh that you may be successful.”*** (Surah Baqarah 2:189)

Muslims gather in Mina on the 8th day of Dhul Hijjah and then got to Mount Arafat on the 9th day as Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) did. Standing on Mount Arafah on the 9th day completes the Hajj. It is also where the Prophet of Allah gave his last khutbah. Allah said:

“And perform properly (i.e. all the ceremonies according to the ways of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), the Hajj and ‘Umrah (i.e. the pilgrimage to Makkah) for Allâh. But if you are prevented (from completing them), sacrifice a Hady (animal, i.e. a sheep, a cow, or a camel,) such as you can afford, and do not shave your heads until the Hady reaches the place of sacrifice. And who-

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coercion, as Allah ((ﷻ)) has clearly forbidden such tactics (**The Qur'an 2:256**). All human beings on earth have an Allah((ﷻ)) given freedom to submit to Him (Allah alone) or submit to *taghut* (the worship of idols).

Remember, da'wah has great rewards. Whoever guides someone towards good, will receive the reward of the one who acts upon it. (**Muslim**). This means, if a person is converted through the da'wah you give him/her, you get rewards for all the prayers he/she does or all the fasts that he/she does, etc.

Allah((ﷻ)) says **“And those who disbelieve are allies of one another, and if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so [i.e become allies, as one united block] to make victorious Allah’s religion, there will be fitnah and oppression on the earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism)”**. (*Surah Anfal 8:73*)

This is serious business. Allah((ﷻ)) then says, **“And a declaration from Allah and His Messenger to Mankind on the Greatest Day (the 10th of Dhul Hijjah—the 12th month of the Islamic calendar) that Allah is free from all obligations to the disbelievers and so is His Messenger. So, if you (disbelievers) repent, it is better for you, but if you turn away, then know that you cannot escape (from the punishment of Allah((ﷻ)). And give tidings (O Muhammad) of a painful torment to those who disbelieve”**. (*Surat at-Taubah 9:3*)

Allah((ﷻ)) warns us not to take our parents as supporters and helpers if they disbelieve. He says, **“O you who believe! Take not as Auliya (supporters and helpers) your fathers and brothers if they prefer disbelief to Belief. And, whoever of you who does so, then he is one of the Zalimun (wrong doers)”**. (*Surah At-Taubah v. 23*)

Allah((ﷻ)) goes on to say **“Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger(Peace be upon him), (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of Truth (Islam) among the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians), until they pay the Jizyah (Islamic**

tax) with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued”. (*Surah at-Taubah 9:29*).

In conclusion, it is incumbent on each of you to support the Da'wah. A good place to start is right here with the Los Angeles Special Bulletin and the subsidiaries (i.e. www.lasb.org, abubakrstore.com, www.laicoc.org) and the conference on July 20-21 at USC, insha Allah.

As-salaamu-alaikum.

(Continued from page 10) **I remember Hajj**

soever of you is ill or has an ailment in his scalp (necessitating shaving), he must pay a Fidyah (ransom) of either observing Saum (fasts) (three days) or giving Sadaqah (charity - feeding six poor persons) or offering sacrifice (one sheep). Then if you are in safety and whosoever performs the 'Umrah in the months of Hajj, before (performing) the Hajj, (i.e. Hajj-at-Tamattu' and Al-Qirân), he must slaughter a Hady such as he can afford, but if he cannot afford it, he should observe Saum (fasts) three days during the Hajj and seven days after his return (to his home), making ten days in all. This is for him whose family is not present at Al Massid-Al-Haram (i.e non-resident of Makkah) And fear Allah much and know that Allah is severe in punishment. (196) So whosoever intends to perform Hajj[] therein (by assuming Ihrâm), then he should not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commit sin, nor dispute unjustly during the Hajj. And whatever good you do, (be sure) Allâh knows it. known place near Makkah, where pilgrims have to stop and stay for the whole night of the 10th of *Dhul-Hijjah*, or a great part of it. Afterwards, usually 3 days (11th, 12th and 13) are spent in Mina, cutting ones hair, slaughtering, and stoning the Shaytaan in the Jamarat. There is so much more to learn about Hajj and can be studied with our scholars, imams, and students of knowledge in our Ummah.

Allah said: **“So when you have accomplished your Manasik remember Allâh as you remember your forefathers or with a far more remembrance. But of mankind there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us (Your Bounties) in this world!" and for such there will be no portion in the Hereafter. And of them there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!"** (*Surah Baqarah 2:200-201*)

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2. Abu Abdis Salaam Al Juyaanee

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- Imam of Masjid Al Bukhari in Riviera Beach FL.
- Owner of Salafy Ink Publications which was established for the purpose of disseminating authentic Islamic material and although it started out publishing books, it has grown beyond that scope utilizing various platforms for spreading authentic dawah.
- Translator, teacher, and lecturer.

3. Mujahid Al Jamaiki

- Student of knowledge (originally from LA with roots in Jamaica) who studied in Saudi Arabia and graduated from Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh.
- Arabic, fiqh, and Aqeedah Teacher at Masjid Ahlil Hadeeth in Philadelphia PA.
- Translator and lecturer.

4. Najeeb Al Anjelesi

- Student of knowledge (originally from LA) who studied in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.
- Owner of the website pureislaam.com and all organizations directly affiliated with it (i.e. Pure Islam Network)
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- Translator, teacher, and lecturer.

5. Naasir Al Hanbali

- Student of knowledge who studied in Egypt for a number of years.
- Owner of YouTube channel under the same name, where he translates audio recordings of certified scholars from Arabic to English.
- Contributor to Salafy Ink Publications (translations).
- Translator, teacher, and lecturer.

Friday Schedule

5:30pm – 6:15pm: Abu Yusuf Khaleefah – The Sunnah is like Noah’s Ark Pt. 1

6:20pm – 7:05pm: Naasir Al-Hanbali – Whoever desires a way other than Islam Pt.1

7:10pm – Maghrib: Abu Abdis Salaam Al Juyaanee: Tafsir of Verses 21 thru 24 of Surat Al- Baqarah

Break for Maghrib between 8:03pm and 8:30pm

8:30pm to Isha (9:23pm): Najeeb Al-Anjelesi – Benefits from the verse “Say: this is my way, I call to Allah based on knowledge.” Surat Yusuf verse 108.

Saturday Schedule

2pm – 3pm: Mujahid Al Jamaiky – Say: I believe in Allah then be upright

3:10pm – 4:10pm: Naasir Al-Hanbali: Whoever desires a way other than Islam Pt.2

4:20pm – 5:20pm: Abu Ukkasha Shaakir: Subject TBA

Break for Asr 5:20pm – 6pm

6pm – 7pm Abu Yusuf Khaleefah: The Sunnah is like Noah’s Ark Pt.2

7-10pm—8:10pm Najeeb Al Anjelesi: The Sickness of Splitting and Infighting and its Cure

Break for Maghrib 8:10—8:35pm

8:35—9:35pm Abu Abdis Salaam Al Juyaanee: Tafsir of verses 21—24 Al-Baqarah Pt.2

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Fire, and that is easy for Allâh. (30) If you avoid the great sins which you are forbidden to do, We shall expiate from you your (small) sins, and admit you to a Noble Entrance (i.e. Paradise). (31) And wish not for the things in which Allâh has made some of you to excel over others. For men there is reward for what they have earned, (and likewise) for women there is reward for what they have earned, and ask Allâh of His Bounty. Surely, Allâh is Ever All-Knower of everything. (Surah An-Nisa 32)

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The problem is we as Muslims cannot count on them to speak for the Muslims, because we count on Allah(swt) only. We have so many differences. We don’t want to celebrate the holidays of the disbelievers (ie. Christmas, Easter, Valentine’s Day etc.). We don’t want to fornicate, drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, and dance to the music as they do when celebrating. If we are true Muslims we only celebrate two celebrations per year. They are Eidul Fitr after Ramadhan, and Eidul Adhaa after Hajj. We should not be celebrating anything else, because Allah says, **“O you who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly except it be a trade amongst you, by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another). Surely, Allâh is Most Merciful to you.” (Surah Nisa’ 4:29)**

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From Brother Khairi: Jeddah Ranch

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See backpage for more details on Jeddah Ranch.



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