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## Friday Khuthbas

### Professor Ali Nizamuddin

January 1, 2016

Islam is a religion of peace and has established rights not just for humans but also for animals and insects. Therefore, it does not make sense that a religion that prohibits mistreatment of animals and insects would permit violence against people. Islam prohibits all violence. Period. There are a number of examples of Muslims showing respect towards other religions:

- When a funeral procession of a Jewish girl was passing, the Prophet (saw) stood up to show his respect, as did his companions.
- The Prophet (saw) had once sent Muslims to live under a Christian king for safety. Later, when some of the king's men came to visit, the Prophet (saw) invited them to stay at the masjid. And when they wanted to pray, the Prophet (saw) allowed them to pray the way wanted to pray in the masjid.
- A man came to the Prophet (saw) as he was sleeping and put a knife to his chest. The man asked "Who will save you from me?" The Prophet (saw) replied in a loud voice: "Allah!" The man heard that and dropped his sword. The Prophet (saw) picked it up and pointed it at the man and said, "Who will save you from me?" Then the Prophet (saw) returned the sword and the man was so impressed that he became a Muslim.
- A man grabbed the Prophet (saw) and demanded money. The Prophet (saw) took him home and gathered what little he had and gave it to the man. Then the Prophet (saw) asked, "Did I do good?" The man saw that the leader of the Muslims lived in a simple home with no real money and was so surprised that he became a Muslim.
- When Musa (as) invited a man for a meal, the man began the meal by thanking all the idols he worshiped. Musa (as) threw him out for thanking others besides Allah (swt). However, Allah (swt) said to Musa (as) that Allah (swt) had been patient with the man for 40 years and rhetorically asked, couldn't you even be patient for one meal?

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## Community News & Events

1. **OBITUARY.** Sr. Razia Nizami passed away on January 16, 2016. May Allah shower her with His mercy and grant her paradise. Sr. Razia was the mother of Br. Imran and Br. Rizwan Mustapha, and was the wife of Br. Mustapha who served as the treasurer of our masjid for many years.
2. **MEMBERSHIP.** Please remember to pay your annual membership dues now for 2016. Your dues are used to pay for the masjid's operational expenses and will allow you to participate in votes/decisions regarding the masjid.
3. **CARPET.** New carpeting is needed for the masjid, especially in the social area that is used by the school. The Lote Tree Academy Homeschool Co-op will have an open house on February 6 at 11:00 a.m.
4. **SHELTER.** The Helping Hands emergency shelter is reducing its services for the homeless because the State of Illinois does not have funds. If you are interested in helping the homeless people in our community, especially in the winter, you can make a donation to the shelter directly or join a group of Muslims who provide food each month.
5. **GFS.** Consider purchasing food from GFS when buying for the shelter or for other masjid events. For each purchase they will pay 1% to the masjid if you tell the checkout clerk that the purchase is associated with the Islamic Society or ISOGS.
6. **SECURITY ALARM.** If you come to the masjid when others are not present and then leave after praying, please keep in mind that the masjid doors must be closed properly to avoid starting the security alarm. If the alarm starts, the security alarm company will contact the police for our own protection. If the police come for false alarms, we will have to pay for it.
7. **STATE JOBS.** The equal opportunity officer for the Department of Revenue contacted Dr. Ali Nizamuddin for an employment initiative workshop to be held at our Masjid. Please contact Dr. Nizamuddin if you would like to attend this workshop and the days and times that work best for you.

## Friday Khuthbas ..... continued

- Muslims have ruled over people of all religions but have never attacked them. For example, less than 20 percent of Muslims ruled over 80 percent of Hindus in India a few hundred years ago and were always fair and just.
- There are some verses that are violent but they are not in the Qur'an; instead, they are verses in the books of other religions. Islam is a completely peaceful religion and we must remind others of this. The Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia has declared that ISIS is not Islam and must be rejected.

### Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

January 8, 2016

Allah (swt) has taken an oath pertaining to the earth, the heaven, the Prophet (saw), the people, etc. to honor them.

- When a baby is born, Allah (swt) has said that it is pure, just like a baby animal would be, and that baby looks to Allah (swt) as his creator.
- It is not enough for a person to think that everything is pre-ordained and that man just needs to leave it to Allah (swt) to take care of it. Shaytan said to Allah (swt) that he would tempt man to follow him, and if he did follow Shaytan, he will fail.
- The Prophet (saw) said that one of the most important things is for man to try to do the right thing, which is to worship Allah (saw).
- When man does not try to follow Allah (swt) and ends up following Shaytan, Allah (swt) does not help him. But when man tries to follow Allah (swt), He makes it 10 times easier for man to succeed.

### Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

January 15, 2016

Allah (swt) has encouraged us to compete with each other regarding being the best at worshipping Him.

- The Prophet's (saw) companions asked what type of worship was best.
- The Prophet (saw) replied that *zikhar/tasbee* is the easiest and most doable, and will be well rewarded, perhaps more than any other type of worship, including umrah and hajj.
- When we are judged in the Hereafter, we will be presented with complete records of our deeds; and that is when zikhar will count in a significant way.
- Zikhar can be performed at almost any time and place, unlike the five daily prayers, which must be performed at specific times and with proper *widu*.
- People who want to get close to Allah (swt) are helped by Allah (swt) to become closer to Him. However,

those who want to follow the life of the world, they are left to their own desires.

- Many religions have moved away from the original teachings of the Creator and made the requirements of their religions much less stringent in the hopes of not being viewed as "backward".
- However, it is these religions that are now losing their believers and followers while Islam is gaining more and more followers and is growing.

### Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud

January 29, 2016

Once the Prophet (saw) gave some advice to a young relative. He said to advantage of the following while you can:

- Youth, before you become old (e.g., worship Allah).
- Health, before you lose it.
- Wealth, while you have it (e.g., give charity).
- Time, before it runs out (e.g., we will all die).
- Life, before you die (Day of Judgment comes).

PRAYER SCHEDULE					
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February	Fajr	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	5:50	12:13	2:57	5:18	6:35
2	5:49	12:13	2:58	5:19	6:36
3	5:48	12:13	2:59	5:21	6:37
4	5:48	12:13	2:59	5:22	6:38
5	5:47	12:13	3:00	5:23	6:39
6	5:46	12:13	3:01	5:24	6:40
7	5:45	12:13	3:02	5:25	6:42
8	5:44	12:13	3:03	5:27	6:43
9	5:43	12:13	3:04	5:28	6:44
10	5:42	12:13	3:05	5:29	6:45
11	5:41	12:13	3:06	5:30	6:46
12	5:40	12:13	3:07	5:31	6:47
13	5:40	12:13	3:07	5:31	6:47
14	5:38	12:13	3:09	5:34	6:49
15	5:36	12:13	3:10	5:35	6:50
16	5:35	12:13	3:11	5:36	6:51
17	5:34	12:13	3:12	5:37	6:52
18	5:33	12:13	3:12	5:38	6:53
19	5:32	12:13	3:13	5:39	6:54
20	5:30	12:13	3:14	5:41	6:55
21	5:29	12:13	3:15	5:42	6:57
22	5:28	12:13	3:16	5:43	6:58
23	5:26	12:12	3:17	5:44	6:59
24	5:25	12:12	3:17	5:45	7:00
25	5:24	12:12	3:18	5:46	7:01
26	5:22	12:12	3:19	5:47	7:02
27	5:21	12:12	3:20	5:48	7:03
28	5:21	12:12	3:20	5:48	7:03
29	5:18	12:11	3:21	5:51	7:05