



ISOGS Newsletter

February 2017

Friday Khuthbas

January 6, 2017

Sheikh Hassan Mahmoud

In the beginning, Allah (swt) created a pen and told it to write His Divine message. Allah (swt) has told us that His creation is calculated and precise, not random.

- When Allah (swt) creates us, an Angel comes to our mother's womb to write about our future, such as the number of years we will live, what our sustenance will be, and what type of a person we will be.
- These things are, however, preliminary as they may change based on what we do and based on our Du'as and the Du'as of others for us.
- Since Allah (swt) has created everything, some people believe that everything that is going to happen is predetermined so they cannot do anything to make a good difference. However, Allah (swt) has told us that we have been given some free will to do as we want so that He can judge our actions.

January 13, 2017

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Only Allah (swt) provides our *rizkh*. Therefore, we should not worry when following Allah's (swt) guidance, such as performing *salat* during work hours, since no one can do anything to our income besides Allah (swt).

- Do not think that Allah (swt) loves you based on the amount of wealth that given to you.
- Remember that Allah (swt) loved the Prophet yet for many months the only food he had was water and dates. In fact, for a 3-month period no fire was kindled in his home.
- Another time, when the Prophet's (saw) family sacrificed a goat, they followed the Prophet's (saw) instruction to give away the meat, keeping only one shoulder. The Prophet (saw) said the part given away would benefit them in the hereafter.
- The Prophet (saw) was poor when he died so his collateral was surrendered to pay his debt.

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Community News & Events

1. **Du'a.** **Sheikh Hassan Mohamoud's** daughter had an accident, on the staircase, which required her to be taken to hospital. She has recovered from her accident; please remember her in your prayers.
2. **Retirement.** After 35 years of service for the State of Illinois, mostly for the Environmental Protection Agency, **Br. Khawaja Tayyab** has retired (and gone for Umra) – congratulations!
3. **Visitors.** ISOGS **President Ali Nizamuddin** said that visitors from Grace Lutheran Church and Illinois College will be visiting our Masjid on February 3 and on February 17. If you can help to contact him.
4. **IMAD.** The annual Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD) is Thursday, April 27. Since 2009, the youth in our community have participated in the Senate Page Program. Some have developed long-term relationships with their State Senators, who have assisted in getting them internships. If interested in this program on IMAD day or any other time when the Senate is in session, contact **Sr. Nia Hassan**.
5. **Hijab Day.** Did you know that February 1 is International Hijab Day (www.WorldHijabDay.com, provided by **Sr. Maryam Mostoufi**)?

6. **News Article.** A Chicago Sun-Times article on the President's farewell speech quotes **Sr. Nia Hassan** as saying: She wasn't able to make the reunion due to a health issue. But *she gets wind of the president's memory of her: "People from different organizations who go to the White House, he'll ask 'How's Nia doing in Springfield?'"*

7. **Membership.** Remember to pay your membership fees to the masjid to be eligible to vote and/or run for office. These membership dues help pay for the operation of the masjid and you are reminded to pay them now.

Islamic Society of Greater Springfield CONSTITUTION ARTICLE III: PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To help Muslims in the Greater Springfield area to carry out religious, social, civic, charitable, and literary activities according to the teachings of Islam.
- 2.2 To create a better understanding of Islam among Muslims and non-Muslims through education and communication.
- 2.3 To present, promote, and safeguard the interest of Islam and Muslims.
- 2.4 To work cordially with other individuals and organizations in the Greater Springfield area and to contribute to the well being of the community at large.

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January 20, 2017

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Allah (swt) has told us to be patient, not just during times of calamity but in other times as well. Patience will lead us to *jannah* and impatience will lead us to hellfire.

- When Allah (swt) created heaven and hell, He told Jibril (as) to go see it. When Jibril (as) returned, he said: "O My Lord! By Your Honor, I am afraid now that no one will be able to enter it."

The size of the bearers of the Throne (www.IslamWeb.net): Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: "I have been granted permission to speak about one of the angels of Allah, one of the bearers of the Throne. The distance from his earlobes to his shoulders is the distance of a seven-hundred year journey." [Abu Daawood]

- Allah (swt) had surrounded heaven with difficulties and hardships in order to earn it. Likewise, Allah (swt) surrounded hell with things that man desires. When Jibril (as) returned after looking at hell, he said: "O My Lord! By Your Honor, I am afraid that no one will be able to avoid it."

January 27, 2017

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Continuing with the theme of patience, the Sheikh said that patience does not mean that we should not have any emotions, such as anger, frustrations, or sadness.

- Allah (swt) has said that if a person remembers Him, He will remember them. If he asks for help, Allah (swt) will help the needy.
- The way a person perceives Allah (swt) is the way they can expect to find Him when we meet Him.
- Therefore, do not let your emotions change the way that you think about Allah (swt), such as that He does not love you or care about you.

February 2017						
Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1	5:50	7:06	12:13	2:57	5:19	6:36
2	5:49	7:05	12:13	2:58	5:20	6:37
3	5:48	7:04	12:13	2:59	5:22	6:38
4	5:47	7:03	12:13	3:00	5:23	6:39
5	5:46	7:02	12:13	3:01	5:24	6:40
6	5:45	7:01	12:13	3:02	5:25	6:41
7	5:44	7:00	12:13	3:03	5:26	6:43
8	5:43	6:59	12:13	3:04	5:28	6:44
9	5:42	6:58	12:13	3:05	5:29	6:45
10	5:41	6:56	12:13	3:06	5:30	6:46
11	5:40	6:55	12:13	3:07	5:31	6:47
12	5:39	6:54	12:13	3:08	5:32	6:48
13	5:38	6:53	12:13	3:09	5:34	6:49
14	5:37	6:52	12:13	3:10	5:35	6:50
15	5:37	6:52	12:13	3:10	5:35	6:50
16	5:34	6:49	12:13	3:12	5:37	6:52
17	5:33	6:48	12:13	3:12	5:38	6:53
18	5:32	6:46	12:13	3:13	5:39	6:54
19	5:31	6:45	12:13	3:14	5:40	6:55
20	5:29	6:44	12:13	3:15	5:42	6:56
21	5:28	6:42	12:13	3:16	5:43	6:57
22	5:27	6:41	12:13	3:17	5:44	6:59
23	5:25	6:40	12:13	3:17	5:45	7:00
24	5:24	6:38	12:12	3:18	5:46	7:01
25	5:23	6:37	12:12	3:19	5:47	7:02
26	5:21	6:35	12:12	3:20	5:48	7:03
27	5:20	6:34	12:12	3:20	5:49	7:04
28	5:18	6:32	12:12	3:21	5:51	7:05

Community News & Events continued

- Groceries.** Gridley Meats is planning to deliver groceries in the Springfield area this Saturday morning. Let them know if you want to order.
- MWA.** Muslim Women's Alliance will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Oak Brooks Hills Resort. Contact **Sr. Nia** for details.
- Constitution.** The ISOGS constitution establishes the following types of duties:
 - Article VI.3.2. All members of the Executive Board shall be Active Members of the ISOGS and shall be elected pursuant to the By-laws.
 - Article XI.1.A. The ISOGS shall have at least one (1) General Body meeting every year.
 - Article XI.2.B. The Executive Board shall have a minimum of six (6) meetings during the term of its office.
 - Article XIV.2.A. The Secretary shall keep records and minutes of all proceedings of the meetings of the ISOGS or the Executive Board. Minutes of the General Body meetings shall be adopted by the Executive Board and distributed by the Secretary to the Active Members.
 - Article XIV.3.B. The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget of the ISOGS in consultation with the members of the Board, in accordance with Article XVI on Finances.
 - Article XVI.2. All expenditures of the ISOGS shall be budgeted annually and shall be approved by the Executive Board within thirty (30) days of the start of the year.
 - Article XVI.5. Disbursements over \$500 require the approval of the Executive Board. Tasks or projects involving disbursements over \$5,000 shall require the approval of the General Body. Disbursements up to \$500 shall be made by the President, which shall be ratified by the Executive Board at the next meeting.