



ISOGS Newsletter

April 2017

Friday Khuthbas

March 3, 2017

Dr. Ahmer Siddiqui

The Qur'an contains Duas that are both pertinent and powerful. For example:

- We should pray to Allah (swt) to help us, protect us, guide us, forgive us, save us from punishment, give us *Jannat*, have mercy on our soul, etc.
- Allah (swt) says that if you think about Him, He will think about you. If you walk towards Him, He will come towards you at a faster speed.
- There is always hope for all of us regardless of the circumstances. In its most basic form, the word hope means trust, as in trust Allah (swt).
- Allah (swt) says people are going to commit sins. In fact, if there were people who did not commit sins, Allah (swt) would create another group of people who would sin and ask for Allah's (swt) forgiveness so that Allah (swt) could show them His mercy.

March 10, 2017

Sheikh Hassan Mahmoud

On the Last Day, Allah (swt) will call people on the right side and they will be bestowed with gardens under which rivers will flow.

- Those who did not do good deeds, on the other hand, will face punishment.
- Among the worst sufferers will be the liars. These are people who practiced lying until they became better and better and lying became a part of their way of life.

March 17, 2017

Sheikh Hassan Mahmoud

When a person approaches the end of his life, he will ask Allah (swt) for more time so that he can donate from what Allah (swt) has given him. However, Allah (swt) will not grant anyone more time.

- Once an old man asked the Prophet (saw) if he could give away all his money as charity. The Prophet (saw) said that he should not do that.
- He then asked if he could give away one-half of his money in charity, but the Prophet (saw) again said no.
- Finally the Prophet agreed that the most he could give away to charity was one-third of his money.

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Community News & Events

1. **Condolences.** **Br. Aziz Rahman's** father **Br. Anwarur Rahman** passed away this month in Cleveland. Br. Anwar taught Physics in Hyderabad for 30 years where he retired as the Chairman of the Physics Department. Also, he taught Physics in Iran for 10 years and learned to speak. In addition, he spent time in Germany and at MIT where he worked on global warming in the 1980s. He also lived in Springfield and was at Jummah prayers. May Allah (swt) grant him Jannat-ul- Firdous.
2. **Baby.** Congratulations to **Sheikh Hassan Mahmoud** and his wife who were blessed with a baby boy. May Allah (swt) bless them all.
3. **An-Nur.** **Sheikh Hassan Mahmoud** asked all individuals who use the masjid to donate for the community center. He added that there have been additional expenditures to obtain approval of the community center that also require donations.
4. **CAIR.** **Br. Ali Nizamuddin** said that Br. Ahmed Rehab, the Executive Director of the Chicago office of the Council on American Islamic Relations, will present a lecture entitled "*Muslims in America: Challenges and Opportunities in the Trump Administration*" on Thursday, April 13 from 6 to 9:30 pm in the Brookens Auditorium. He will discuss civil rights challenges of American Muslims and immigration, and will conclude with suggestions on how US institutions of higher education can welcome Muslim students and scholars. Join us.
5. **IMAD.** This year the Illinois Muslim Action Day (IMAD) will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Contact **Sr. Nia Hassan** for further details.
6. **Logo.** Thank you to **Br. Idris Qadeem** for designing the ISOGS logo that is used at the top left of this newsletter. May Allah (swt) reward him and his family.
7. **Security Cameras.** ISOGS President **Ali Nizamuddin** and Board Member **Mansoor Qureshi** have made arrangements to install security cameras at the masjid. It is important to our masjid to have security; therefore, there will also be a policeman each jummah.

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March 24, 2017

Professor Ali Nizamuddin

The Prophet (saw) said that religion should be kept to be easy. He said that when you are teaching a new person, avoid teaching them too many of the rituals too soon. For example, when a person said to the Prophet (saw) that he had a hard time praying Fajr on time, the Prophet (saw) replied that he should pray it when he woke up. When the companions objected, the Prophet (saw) said that if the man performed the other four prayers on time, his heart would not allow him to pray Fajr late.

- The word Da'wa is related to the word Du'a, which is one of the purposes of Da'wa.
- Before the Prophet (saw) would send people to perform Da'wa, he would tell them to be gentle, because if they were not gentle, who would want to hear them? You must be at your best behavior always to have anyone else follow you or join you.
- The Prophet (saw) would ask those who were doing Da'wa to invite non-Muslims to accept Islam, and if they did, then to accept the Prophet (saw) as a Messenger of Allah. And if they accepted both, then only tell them to give *zakaat* to the poor.
- Jesus/Isa (as) would use a word similar to the word Allah when referring to Allah. Thus, we can share this with others to help them understand that there are similarities between Christianity and Islam.
- When the Prophet (saw) was circling the Kabah, a man who disliked him began joining his group. This man had a desire to cause the Prophet (saw) physical harm. The third time he joined the group, the Prophet (saw) asked what he was mumbling. The man angrily told the Prophet (saw) that he was deep in worship. The Prophet (saw) turned towards the man with a big smile and put his hand on the man's heart. This beautiful gesture made the man's heart melt and he converted to Islam.

Qur'an

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Rabbanaghfir Lee Wa Liwaalidayya Wa Lil-Mu'mineena Yawma Yaqaomul H'isaab

"Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) the believers on the Day when the reckoning will be established."

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8. **Membership.** If you have not already paid your membership dues, please do so by June 30 in order to become an Active Member (i.e., as noted in earlier newsletters, if you wanted to run for election this December, you needed to have become an Active Member by March 30). Membership dues are used to pay for the operations of the masjid.
9. **Waste Collection.** ISOGS President **Ali Nizamuddin** said that on March 3, 2017, just before *jummah* prayers, the owner of Lake Area Waste hauler was invited for a meal at the masjid. He was given an introduction to Islam before the meal.
10. **Groceries.** Gridley Meats will be delivering groceries directly to your home from the Chicago area. Contact Br. Sayer Abbed at gridleymeats@gmail.com to place an order.

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