



In the name of Allah, The most Merciful, The most Kind.

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***'Verily this  
brotherhood of  
yours is a single  
Brotherhood and I  
am your Lord and  
Cherisher:  
therefore serve  
Me (and no other)'  
Al-Qur'an 21:92***

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**Don't Miss the Mosque Open Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 12-6pm. Invite you Non-Muslim friends & Colleagues for lunch, discussion and literature. A good Oppurtunity to Impart Dawah.**

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## **Good Manners and Islamic Character Building Begins at Home**

It is recorded that the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said,

*"When Allah loves the people of a household, He introduces kindness among them."*

[Recorded by Ibn Abi Dunya]

In other words, they show love and mercy between one another. This is one of the means of attaining happiness in the home, for kindness is very beneficial between the spouses, and with the children, and brings results which cannot be achieved by way of harshness, as the Prophet said:

*"Allah loves kindness and rewards it in a way He does not reward for harshness or for anything else." [Muslim] He also said, "Gentleness is not found in something except that it beautifies it. And gentleness is not taken out of something, except that it disgraces it." [Muslim]*

In today's age many men think that housework is beneath them, and some of them think that it will undermine their status and position if they help their wives with household chores. However it is reported that the Prophet of Allah used to "sew his own clothes, mend his own shoes and do whatever other work men do in their homes." [Ahmed]

These were the words of his wife Aisha [ra], when she was asked to describe what she observed of the behavior of the Prophet in their home. She went on to say, "He used to serve his family, then when the time for prayer came, he would go out to pray." [Bukhari]

If we were to do likewise today, we would achieve three things:

- We would be following the example of the Prophet, and thus be obeying the Quranic injunction to do so.
- We would be helping our wives, thereby receiving their

thanks and appreciation.

- We would feel more humble, not arrogant, and this is a characteristic of those who will enter Paradise.

Some men demand food from their wives the instant they set foot in the home, paying no regard to how the wife's day has been and that the baby is screaming to be fed; they do not pick up the child or wait a little whilst for the food. Let these and the following Hadith be a reminder to them.

Showing affection towards one's wife and children is a virtue that leads to the creation of an atmosphere of happiness and friendliness in the home. Our houses are meant to be places of tranquility, and a place we are eager to return to after the hustle and bustle of a day at work. Unfortunately, some husbands turn their households into a military camp; the moment they step through the door, everyone becomes silent and all joking and merriment ends. This is contrary to the way of the Prophet (pbuh)

The ways in which he showed affection towards young children are too famous to need mentioning. He often used to show affection towards his grandchildren Hasan and Hussain. It was always a case that the children of Medina used to rejoice when he came

back from a journey – they would rush out to welcome him, as reported in the Hadith:

*"Whenever he came back from a journey, the children of his household would be taken out to meet him." He used to hug them close to him, as 'Abd-Allah ibn Jafar said: "Whenever the Prophet came back from a journey, we would be taken out to meet him. One day we met him, Hasan, Hussain and I. He carried one of us in front of him and another on his back, until we entered Medina." [Muslim]*

Compare this with the situation in some of our miserable homes where there is no joking, no affection and no mercy. Some fathers even believe that kissing their children is beneath the dignity of fatherhood; they should read the following Hadith which Abu Hurayrah (ra) narrated:

*"The Messenger of Allah kissed al-Hasan ibn 'Ali and al-Aqra ibn Haabis al-Tamimi was sitting with him. A-Aqra said: 'I have 10 children and I have never kissed any one of them.' The Messenger of Allah looked at him and said: "The one who does not show mercy will not be shown mercy." [Bukhari]*



## Dead Hearts

While thousands of people are killed all over the world, and while tens of thousands are imprisoned and tortured for speaking the truth, because of their belief and for enjoining the good and forbidding the evil, most Muslims remain remarkably silent and have no worry except for the material things of life and the forgetfulness of the Hereafter. Allah says in the Qur'an:

*"You will indeed find them, of all people, most greedy of life, even more than those who ascribe partners to Allah. Each one of them wishes he could be given a life of a thousand years. But the grant of such life will not save him even a little from due punishment. For Allah sees well all that they do"*  
Al-Qur'an 2:96

Many Muslims today have become so attached to their life that their desire is to dwell among their family, house, money and commerce. They have forgotten that matters of the Hereafter should come before matters of this life and that we must strive to follow the orders of Allah, not just those we find easy and convenient to follow. Some Muslims today claim that it is better to perform

extra prayers and extra fasting rather than enjoin the good and forbid the evil or defend the lives of weak Muslims.

The great scholar Ibn al-Qayyim said about such people: "The shaytan has misled most people by beautifying for them the performance of certain voluntary acts of worship such as voluntary prayers and fasting (which in themselves hold a great status) however they neglect other obligatory acts of worship such as enjoining the good and eradicating the evil, to the extent that they do not even make the intention of performing them whenever they are able to do so. Such people are considered by the scholars to be on the lower scale of religion. For the essence of our religion is to perform what Allah ordered us to do in its entirety."

"Anyone having some knowledge about the revelation of Allah, the guidance of the Prophet (pbuh), and the life of the companions would conclude that those who are pointed at today as the most pious people are in fact the least pious. Indeed what kind of piety is there in a person who witnesses Allah's sanctities being violated, His religion being distorted and

abandoned, the Sunnah of His Messenger shunned, and yet he remains still with a cold heart and a shut mouth?"

"Isn't the misfortune of Islam due only to those who whenever their life and food are secure, would not care about what happens to the religion? The best among them may offer a sorry face. But if they were challenged in one of the things their hearts are attached to, like their money or property, they would spare no effort or energy in protecting it or getting it back. These people, besides deserving the anger of Allah, are afflicted with the greatest calamity without even knowing it: They have a dead heart. Indeed the more alive a person's heart is, the stronger its practical effort for the sake of Allah and the more complete his support to Islam and humanity."

*"O ye who believe! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly; and follow not the footsteps of the Evil one, for he is to you an avowed enemy"*  
Al-Qur'an 2:208

*Taken from l'laam al-Muwaqi'een and as seen in Al-Jumu'ah Magazine*

Yunus Ibn Jubair said, ' We visited Jundub when he was at death's door and I asked him to advise us. He said,

"I advise you to fear Allah, and to stick to the Qur'an, because it is a light during the dark night and guidance in the daylight. So follow its teachings regardless of whatever hardship and poverty may affect you. If you are faced with a trial in your path you should rather sacrifice your property but not your religion. If the trial becomes extreme, you should rather sacrifice your property and your life but not your religion. This is because the person who is ruined is he whose religion is spoiled and he is unsuccessful who is deprived of his religion"

"You should know that there is not any poverty after entering Paradise and there is no prosperity after entering the Hellfire"  
[Adh-Dhahabi]

## UKIM Tsunami Bazaar Update

It was bright humid day in the beginning of March, the smell of barbecue was in the air, local families both Muslim and non-Muslims were out in force, the children were having fun and games, and it was all in support of the orphans of Indonesia.

Bothers and sisters with your kind assistance we were able to generate nearly £15,000 from the Tsunami Bazaar and related fundraising. Due to UKIM's established network, the money raised is delivered directly to people on the ground with no overheads incurred. May Allah (swt) accept our efforts. The Masjid would also like to thank the brothers at Al-Fitrah for their support.



## Up & Coming Events/Activities

- The Masjid is again hosting a Mosque Open day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Brothers & Sisters are requested to bring their Non-Muslim friends colleagues and family, for food, discussion and free literature.
- We are happy to announce that Dr Imran Alawiye, a graduate form Madinah University and author of many Arabic language books will be holding a Qur'an and Islamic Studies Class in English for teenagers and adults every Saturday from the 28<sup>th</sup> of May between 5-7pm. Insha'Allah this will also incorporate a youth club held after the class where pool and tennis table facilities will be available. For further details contact Br Imran on 07957 636886 or the Masjid on 020 88404140. Qur'an and Islamic Studies classes are held for Arabic speaking brothers every Wednesday after Maghrib Salah with Dr Saad Al-Athamy.

## UKIM Summer School 2005

UKIM West London Islamic Centre will once again be arranging the second summer school for Islamic studies, commencing from Monday 25th July to 31 August. "Ma'sh'Allah, last years summer school was well attended and successful, we are hopeful that this years will be even better improved and beneficial to the students, Insha'Allah", said Inam Haqani the project co-coordinator.

Last year some 35 boys and 16 girls aging 9 to 17 completed the course. All of them partook in Quranic studies, Imam Nawawi's 40 hadith, Seerah of the Prophet (pbuh), Islamic history, Islamic studies with British Muslim current affairs and physical exercise. The summer school 2004 ended with a one-day trip to Chessington amusement park followed up by a dinner/talk with the students and parents, which all the participants enjoyed.

On the basis of past experience, the education committee is confident that from a teaching, discipline, study material and management perspective the school will be effective, Insha'Allah. The timings are 9am



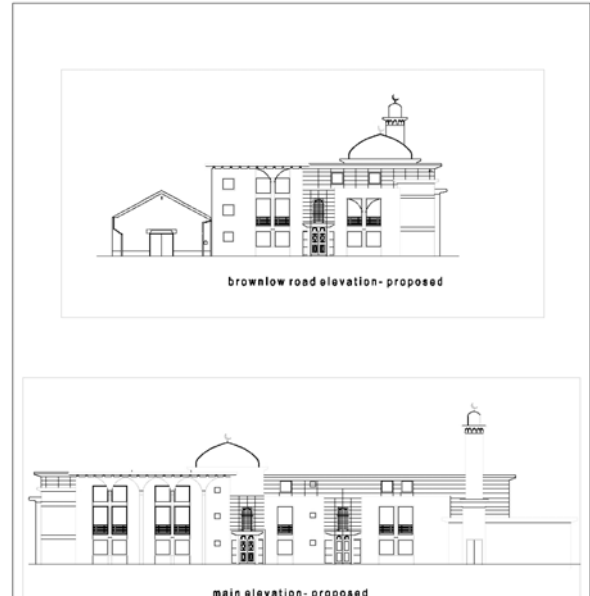
to 1:30 pm four days a week Monday to Thursday. During summer school our permanent evening school will be merged with summer school and classes will be held in the morning according to the above timings. Special class will run for the 6 to 9 age group.

Dear readers, if you are the parent of a person aged 6 to 18 your local Masjid has provided an opportunity for them to learn and enhance their understanding of Islam in an Islamic environment, therefore we strongly suggest you make them benefit from it. *'Wa ma alaina il albalagh al mubeen,'* [And our duty is only to proclaim the clear Message].

Please contact Br Inam-ul-Haq on 07949 774653 for further details.

## Proposed Masjid Re-development

Allhamdu'lillah, the Masjid administration is pleased to announce that the preliminary planning application for the new Masjid will be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The new extended building includes a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for education, library, nursery, basement wudu/funeral facility and gymnasium. Brothers & sisters who have any suggestions can forward their written comments to the Masjid Office or Bookshop. Update-The Application is still pending two years later.



# NATIONAL MOSQUE OPEN DAY

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2005

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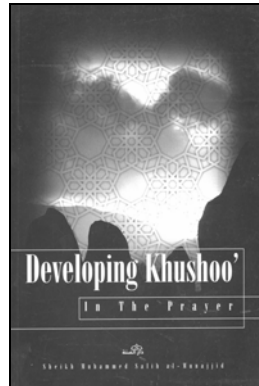
## Al-Kitab: Visit us for the Latest Books, Audio & Islamic Goods

Al-Kitab Bookshop is situated inside the West London Islamic Centre and has been operating for some 5 years. The bookshop stocks an array of Islamic books and merchandise. The Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said,

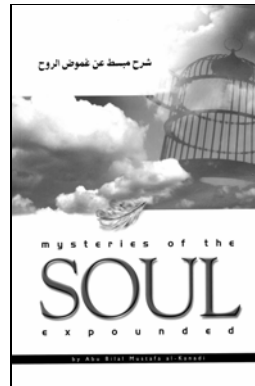
*'He who treads the path in search of knowledge, God will make that path easy, leading to Paradise for him and those people who assemble in one of the houses of God (Masjids), recite the Book of God, and learn and teach the Koran.*

*There will descend upon them tranquility, mercy will cover them, the angels will surround them, and God will mention them in the presence of those near Him. [Muslim]*

Salah is the greatest of the practical pillars of Islam, and Khushoo' (humility and

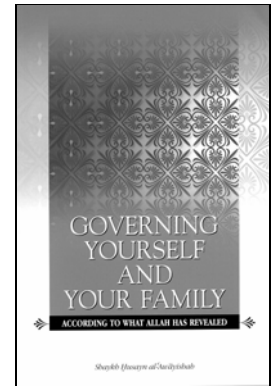


attentiveness) in prayer is required by shari'ah. One of Shaytan's most significant plots became to divert people from Salah by all possible means and to whisper to them during their prayer. Developing Khushoo' in ones prayer is therefore extremely important. The nature, essence and circumstances of the human soul fascinates all people of all



ages, faiths and walks of life. This well-written and authentic compilation explains death and what comes after it, as derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah. A superb book to learn about one of the cornerstones of faith, belief and knowledge of the Hereafter.

Governing Yourself and Your Family According to What



Allah Has Revealed: The Muslim Ummah consists of individual family units, each head of each family is responsible for his flock. The Shaykh's work outlines that our collective success depends upon on the families state and practice of Allah's Deen.

## Tadhkira: One Minute Reminders –Angel of Death

It was early in the morning at four, When death knocked upon a bedroom door, Who is there? The sleeping one cried. I'm Izrael, let me inside.

At once, the man began to shiver, As one sweating in deadly fever, He shouted to his sleeping wife, Don't let him take away my life.

Please go away, O Angel of Death! Leave me alone, I'm not ready yet. My family on me depends, Give me a chance, O please pretense!

The angel knocked again and again, Friend! I'll take your life without a pain, This your soul Allah requires, I come not with my own desire.

Bewildered, the man began to cry, O Angel I'm so afraid to die, I'll give you gold and be your slave, Don't send me to the unlit grave.

Let me in, O Friend! The Angel said, Open the door, the man held a gun in his right hand, Ready to defy the Angel's stand. I'll point my gun, towards your head, You dare come in, I'll shoot you dead.

By now the Angel was in the room, Saying, O Friend! Prepare

for you doom. Foolish man, Angels never die, Put down your gun and do not sigh.

Why are you afraid! Tell me O man, To die according to Allah's plan? Come smile at me, do not be grim, Be Happy to return to Him.

O Angel! I bow my head in shame, I had no time to take Allah's Name. From morning till dusk, I made my wealth, Not even caring for my health. Allah's command I never obeyed, Nor five times a day I ever prayed.

A Ramadan came and a Ramadan went, But no time had I to repent. The Hajj was already Fard on me, But I would not part with my money. All charities I did ignore, Taking usury more and more. Sometimes I sipped my favourite wine, With flirting women I sat to dine.

O Angel! I appeal to you, Spare my life for a year or two. The Laws of the Qur'an I will obey, I'll begin Salat this very day. My Fast and Hajj, I will complete, And keep away from self-conceit. I will refrain from usury, And give all my wealth to charity, Wine and wenches I will detest, Allah's oneness I will attest.

We Angels do what Allah demands, We cannot go against His commands. Death is ordained for everyone, Father, mother, daughter or son.

You ignored the Mua'dhin's Adhaan, Nor did you read the Holy Quran. Breaking promises all your life, Backbiting friends, and causing strife. From hoarded goods, great profits you made, And your poor workers, you underpaid. Horses and cards were your leisure, Moneymaking was your pleasure. You ate vitamins and grew more fat, With the very sick, you never gave. A pint of blood you never gave, Which could a little baby save.

O Human, you have done enough wrong, Paradise for you? I cannot tell, Undoubtedly you will dwell in hell. There is no time for you to repent, I'll take your soul for which I am sent. The ending however, is very sad, Eventually the man became mad With a cry, he jumped out of bed, And suddenly, he fell down dead.

**'He is Irresistible, (watching) from above over His worshippers, and He sets guardians over you. At length when death approaches one of you, Our angels take his soul, and they never fail in their duty'**  
Al-Qur'an 6:61

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- Qur'an & Islamic Studies in English on Saturday's 5 -7pm by Dr Imran Alawiye
- Islamic Study Circles for brothers in Arabic on Wednesday after Maghrib Salah with Dr Al-Athamy
- Islamic Study circle for brothers & sisters in Somali Sundays 1 pm
- Sisters Quranic Circle 10am-12.30pm (Monday & Saturdays)
- Keep-fit Boxing sessions on Thursday 7.30pm and Sundays 2.30pm (Brothers)
- Mother & Toddler Group Tuesday 10-12.30pm