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The Arabic word 'Islam' simply means 'submission', and derives from a word meaning 'peace'. In a religious context it means complete submission to the will of God. Mohammedanism is thus a misnomer because it suggests that Muslims worship Muhammad rather than God. 'Allah' is the Arabic name for God, which is used by Arab Muslims and Christians alike.

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"If there is only one God, then why are there so many religions?"

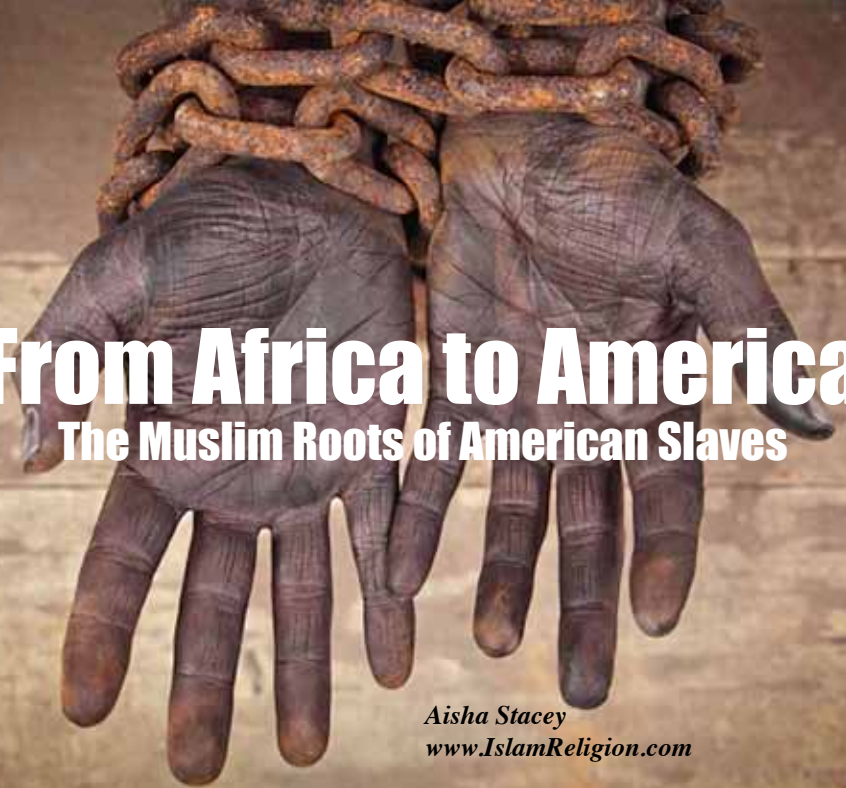
God does not force anyone to submit to Him. He has laid out a clear path and then made it known to them the two ways (Heaven or Hell). The person is always free to make his or her own choice. There is no compulsion in the way of "Islam." Whoever chooses to worship God without partners and is devoted to Him and is obeying His commands as much as possible, has grasped the firm hand hold that will never break. Whoever denies God and chooses some other way to worship or not

to believe at all, for them there is an eternal punishment that is most horrible (Hell).

All religions originated with God and then people began to add or take away from the teachings so as to take control over each other. Man made religions are an abomination before the Lord and will never be accepted. He will only accept true submission, obedience and in purity and peace to His commandments.

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From Africa to America The Muslim Roots of American Slaves



Aisha Stacey
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Most of the African slaves sent to North America came from West Africa. They were men, women and children captured and sold to slave traders, forced on to ships, and kept in appalling conditions for the long journey to the Americas. It is thought by modern historians that at the height of the slave trade, the 18th century, up to 7 million Africans had undertaken this voyage. It is also estimated that up to 30% of the enslaved in North America were Muslim.

To understand the history of Muslim slaves in North America it is necessary to know something about slavery as it previously existed in Africa and the history of Islam in Africa, particularly in West Africa. Islam first reached West Africa by way of traders from North Africa and the Middle East. They settled in the area from as early as the tenth century BCE

and thus began a slow and peaceful process brought about by trade. The journey from North Africa across the Sahara was done in stages. Goods passed through a chain of Muslim traders and were purchased finally by non-Muslims at the southern end of the route. Until the first half of the 13th century the kingdom of Ghana was a key trading partner with the Muslim North. Over the next five hundred years, assorted West African rulers and local merchants who wanted to do business with the Muslim traders adapted themselves to Islam and its customs. Islam itself had a reputation of absorbing local customs thus the transition was smooth. However the majority of West African people did not convert to Islam until well into the 18th century, which just happened to be at the height of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

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Tattoos

*Sister Huda from California asks:
I met a friend who just accepted Islam
and she has a big tattoo on her arm of
an Indian Goddess. What should she
do while she's praying?*

Sheikh Karim Answers:

This is a problem that faces a lot of the brothers and sisters who become Muslim - During their time of Jahaliya* they tattooed themselves.

Basically they placed different figures on their bodies. This is a major sin in Islam.

Now if they join in the religion, Islam, and they have a tattoo of a cross, crucifix or basically a symbol of an idol, such as sister Huda referred to, the recommendation, if they're financially and physically able to do so, is to have these tattoos removed.

If for some reason they're not able to remove these tattoos, then they can just cover them. It should remain covered at all times. Brothers who have tattoos are encouraged to not wear short sleeves. This is what is recommended until they become able to remove these tattoos.

Those with tattoos are not sinful if the act was done during the time of Jahaliya.* They're not held accountable for what happened during their days of ignorance. If they can remove it, this is highly recommended but if they cannot then they should keep it covered.

**Jahaliya - ignorance*

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Tawakkol Karman is a co-recipient of the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize, becoming the first Yemeni, the first Arab woman, and the second Muslim woman to win a Nobel Prize and the youngest Nobel Peace Laureate to date.



When asked about her Hijab by Journalists and how it is not proportionate with her level of intellect and education, she replied, "Man in The early times was almost naked, and as his intellect evolved he started wearing clothes. What I am today and what I'm wearing represents the highest level of thought and civilization that man has achieved, and is not regressive. It's the removal of clothes again that is regressive back to ancient times."

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Ask The Sheikh



A Brother at an Inter-Faith Conference asks Dr. Bilal:
Why Does Islam Insist on Using Arabic only?
Why Not the Language of the Local People?

Answers by
Dr. Bilal Philips

www.IslamicOnlineUniversity.com

Question:

I'm not a Muslim. I happened to go through an English interpretation of the Qur'an. For a long time I've been raising a simple doubt.

Take Christianity. It's being preached and followed almost all over the world. Because, I think, it's being propagated in the language of the people where it's being propagated. For example, in Mexico. Most of the Christian propagations are made in Spanish. People are allowed to worship Jesus Christ, or any worship, in the local language. Whereas Islam is insisting on the Arabic Language only.

I think that is the major impediment for people to follow Islam and to understand what is contained in Qur'an. Why can't prayer or worship be in the local languages. Quran can be translated in most all languages and made available to the people so even the common man can understand Islam and follow. Is there any solution for this? Because language can easily attract people.

Answer:

Arabic allows Muslims to worship together wherever they are.

If I went to Peking and people called the adhan, the call to prayer, in Chinese then I wouldn't know. Because the mosques in China, don't look like the mosques in India. There's not a special shape that a mosque has to take. It's just a place of worship. It could be a room. A single room.

So the adhan, the call to prayer, is done in Arabic. So if I happen to be in Peking, I would know that there was a mosque here and I would enter that mosque. And if the imam, the one who led the prayer, led the prayer in Chinese, I wouldn't know what is going on either. But since prayer is done in Arabic, I can join in his prayer.

So the Arabic becomes a unifying force for Muslims throughout the world wherever they go regardless of their languages they're able to pray together.

Furthermore, it is the language of the original revelation. And Muslims are all enjoined and encouraged to learn some Arabic to stay in contact with the words of God, of Allah, as they were revealed.

Translation gives you an idea of the meaning but the words of God themselves have their own beauty, have their own impact.

The translation of the meanings of the Quran have been done in most of the major languages of the world. We have Spanish, Tamil, Urdu, and many others.

From Africa to America - Cont'd.

Across Africa, prisoners of war were taken as slaves, and others were enslaved in payment for debt or as punishment for crime. This enslavement was usually on a small scale. Africans usually enslaved 'other' people, not their own particular ethnic, or cultural, group. This small scale slave trade was enough to supply the demand for slaves within Africa, but not enough to supply the demand from outside particularly from Europeans thus warfare and raids to get slaves and the kidnapping of individuals increased. Europeans wanted the slaves to work on the land they owned on the Caribbean islands and in the Americas. They were a more plentiful source of labor than indentured servants. It is possible that Muslims were amongst the 20 Africans brought to the settlement at Jamestown, Virginia in 1619.

For the thousands of Muslims that were captured and eventually settled in North America maintaining their religion was difficult and often impossible. Many were forcibly converted to Christianity. Any effort to practice Islam or keep their traditional names or clothing was quashed and had to be done in secret. However evidence of Muslim origins can be found throughout documented history. Handwritten verses from the Quran have been found and reveal the high levels of education attained by the authors in Africa prior to enslavement. It is known that slave masters often placed Muslim slaves as supervisors over their fellow bondsmen. In addition to this Muslim names can be found in reports of runaway slaves and among the rosters of soldiers in the American war of Independence.

In 1984 the noted scholar of antebellum black writing and history Dr. Allan D. Austin published a book called African Muslims in Antebellum America: A Sourcebook. It explores, via portraits, documents, maps, and texts, the lives of 50 Muslim Africans caught in the slave trade between 1730 and 1860. This book was updated and republished in 1997 and entitled African Muslims in Antebellum America: Transatlantic Stories and Spiritual

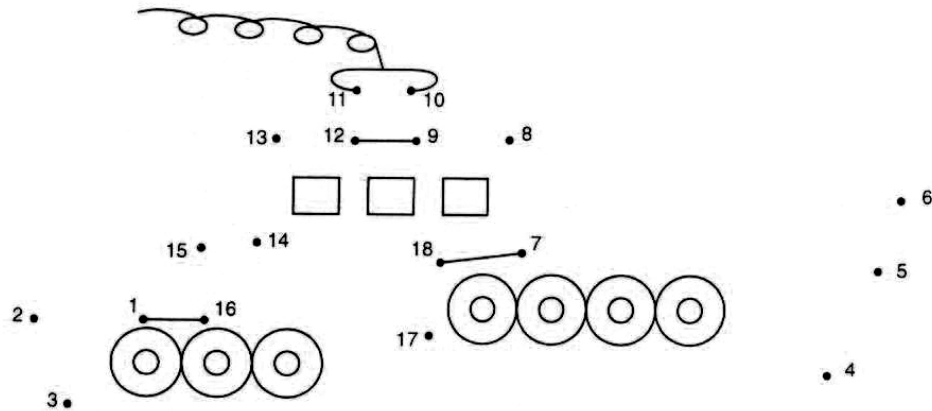
Struggles. What follows are several brief biographies or snapshots of some of the Muslims captured and enslaved in the then fledgling nation of the USA.

Job Ben Solomon was born Ayyub ibn Sulayman ibn Ibrahim around 1702 in what is now Senegal. He was from a family of religious scholars, and by age 15 was a co-Imam with his father. While on a trading expedition, Job was captured in enemy territory and sold to the British. He was then sold on to work in the tobacco fields of Maryland. He did not convert to Christianity but prayed openly and adhered to Islamic dietary guidelines. Job ran away from his plantation only to be captured and put in jail and later returned to his master. Filled with sadness he wrote a letter to his father and this letter found its way into the hands of a British philanthropist named James Oglethorpe. This man helped free Job who then started his journey home via England. On the ship journey to England Job was taught to write English and whilst in England he wrote the Quran three times from memory, and is reported to have helped with the famous George Sale translation. He called people to Islam by refuting their claims of Jesus' divinity and was also elected to the Spalding Gentlemen's Society, which may have put him in the company of Sir Isaac Newton and Alexander Pope.

The story of Yarrow Mamout has been bequeathed to us via conversations he had with the artist painting his portrait. His life in Africa is unknown but due to his good and well-mannered behavior he was freed after laying the bricks for his master's home. As a free man he bought his own home in Georgetown and was known for praying in the streets and for his sobriety.

In December of 1807, a man known as S'Quash was brought to South Carolina. He was known to be an excellent horseman and literate in Arabic. Historians point to his marriage to a Muslim slave from Sudan to indicate that he was also a Muslim.

Nabeel went to the harbor with his friends. What did they see? Join the dots. Then, color the picture.



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The Five Pillars



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Some words are across and some are down.

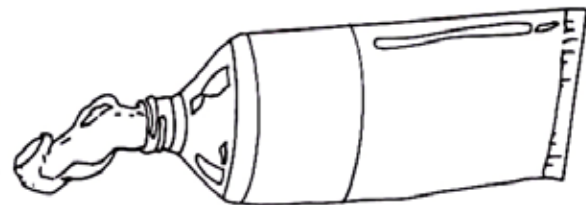
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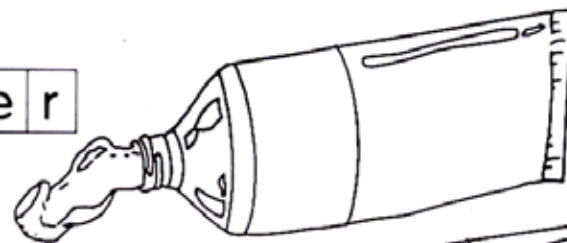


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Can you find the colors?

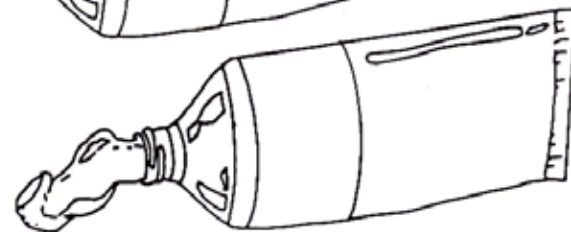
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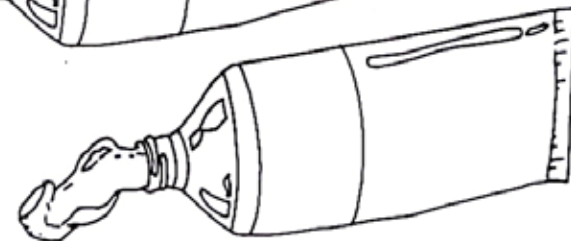
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Color the paint tubes.



1 Islam Encourages Terrorism

In the second decade of the 21st century this is probably the biggest myth about Islam. In a time when it seems that the world has gone mad with the killing of innocents it must be reiterated that the religion of Islam sets out very specific rules for war and places great value on the sanctity of life.

"...that if anyone killed a person not in retaliation of murder, or (and) to spread mischief in the land - it would be as if he killed all mankind, and if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind..." (Quran 5:32)

The killing of innocents is completely forbidden. When Prophet Muhammad sent his companions into battle he said "Go out in the name of God and do not kill any old man, infant, child or woman. Spread goodness and do good, for God loves those who do good." "Do not kill the monks in monasteries" or "Do not kill the people who are sitting in places of worship. Once after a battle the Prophet saw the corpse of a woman on the ground and said, "She was not fighting. How then was she killed?"

These rules were further emphasized by the first Caliph of the Islamic Empire, Abu Bakr. He said, "I command you ten things. Do not kill women, children, or an aged, infirm person. Do not cut down fruit-bearing trees. Do not destroy an inhabited place. Do not slaughter sheep or camels except for food. Do not burn bees and do not scatter them. Do not steal from the booty, and do not be cowardly." In addition to this Muslims are forbidden to carry out unjustifiable acts of aggression. It is never permissible to kill a person who is not hostile.

"Fight in the cause of God those who fight you, but don't transgress limits; for God loves not the transgressor..." (Quran 2:190)

2 Islam Oppresses Women

Islam holds women in highest regard in every phase of her life. As a daughter she opens the door to Paradise for her father. As a wife, she completes half the religion of her husband. When she is a mother, Paradise lies under her feet. Muslim men are required to treat women respectfully in all circumstances because Islam demands that women be treated with both honour and fairness.

In Islam women, like men, are commanded to believe in God and to worship Him. Women are equal to men in terms of reward in the Hereafter.

"And whoever does righteous deeds, whether male or female, while being a believer - those will enter Paradise and will not be wronged, (even as much as) the speck on a date seed." (Quran 4:124)

Islam gives women the right to own property and control their own finances. It gives women formal rights of inheritance and the right to education. Muslim women have the right to accept or refuse marriage proposals and are completely free from the obligation of supporting and maintaining the family thus working married women are free to contribute to the household expenses, or not, as they see fit. Islam also gives women the right to seek divorce if it becomes necessary.

Sadly it is true that some Muslim women are oppressed. Unfortunately many are not aware of their rights and fall victim to cultural aberrations that have no place in Islam. Powerful individuals, groups and governments claim to be Muslim yet fail miserably to practice the principles of Islam. If women were given their God-given rights, as set out in the religion of Islam, the global oppression of women could be crushed into oblivion. Prophet Muhammad said, "None but a noble man treats women in an honourable manner. And none but an ignoble treats women disgracefully."

3 Jihad means Holy War

The Arabic word for war is not jihad. The use of the words 'holy war' by uniformed people might have its basis in the Christian use of the term during the Holy Crusades. The term Jihad is the Arabic word that means to struggle, or to strive. It is often described as being of several levels. Firstly, an internal struggle against one's self in an effort to become closer to God. Secondly it is a struggle to build a Muslim community based on social justice and human rights. Thirdly it is a military or armed struggle.

The armed struggle can be defensive or offensive. The defensive jihad is fought when Muslim lands are invaded and the lives of people, their wealth and honour are threatened. So the Muslims fight back the invading enemy in self defence. In the offensive jihad those people are fought who oppose the establishment of Islamic rule and from Islam reaching the people. Islam is a mercy for all of mankind and came to bring people out from the worship of stones and humans to the worship of One True God, from the oppression and injustices of culture, people and nations to the equality and justice of Islam. Once Islam has been made accessible to people, there is no compulsion in accepting it - it is up to the people.

4 The Crescent Moon is the Symbol of Islam

The Muslim community lead by Prophet Muhammad did not have a symbol. Caravans and armies used flags for identification purposes but it was a solid color usually black or green. Muslims do not have a symbol representing Islam the way the cross represents Christianity or the Star of David represents Judaism.

The Crescent moon symbol has historically been associated with the Turks and before Islam it was a feature on their coins. The crescent moon and star became affiliated with the Muslim world when the Turks conquered Constantinople (Istanbul) in 1453 CE. They chose to take the city's existing flag and symbol and make it the symbol of the Ottoman Empire. Since that time the crescent has been adopted by many predominantly Muslim countries and wrongly become known as symbol of the Islamic faith.

5 Islam Began 1400 years ago

The root of the word Islam (sa-la-ma) is the same root that is shared with the Arabic word meaning peace and security - salaam. In essence, Islam means, submission to the will of God and encompasses the peace and security that comes from living life according to God's will. Thus throughout history anyone who practised monotheism by submitting to the will of God is considered a Muslim. Human beings have been practicing Islam since the creation of Adam. Throughout the ages God sent prophets and messengers to guide and teach their own people. The main message of all the prophets had always been that there is only One True God and He alone is to be worshipped. These prophets start with Adam and include Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, John the Baptist, and Jesus, peace be upon them all. God says in the Holy Quran:

"We did not send before you (O Muhammad) any messenger but We revealed to him: 'none has the right to be worshipped except I, therefore worship Me.'" (Quran 21:25)

However, the true message of these prophets was either lost or got corrupted over time. Even the most recent books, the Torah and the Gospel were adulterated and hence they lost their credibility to guide the people to the right path. Therefore 600 years after Jesus, God revived the lost message of previous prophets by sending the Prophet Muhammad with His final revelation, the Holy Quran, to all of mankind. It is now imperative for everyone to believe and follow this final message from God. God Almighty says in the Quran:

"We have not sent you (O Muhammad) but to all mankind as a giver of good news and as a warner, but most people do not know." (Quran 34:28)

"Whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers." (Quran 3:85)

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the top 5 Myths About Islam

Ever since the Muslims swept out of Arabian Peninsula to establish the Islamic Empire there have been myths and misconceptions surrounding the Islamic way of life. Nearly 1500 years ago the worship of One God changed the known world, however myths still surround Islam even though the people of the world have access to unprecedented amounts of information. In this section Sister Aisha Stacey examines 5 of the most common myths that today cause misunderstanding and intolerance.

Who Is...

Wesley
Abdur Razzaq Abu Sumayyah
Lebron

Our New Jersey Brother Wesley Abdur Razzaq Abu Sumayyah Lebron, is one of the most inspirational figures in the Islamic Society in America today. At the age of thirty-seven, he has an impressive list of accomplishments. Allah has blessed him with the ambition to strive to do what is right, and the talent and drive to make it happen. His accomplishments in the community are admirable.

Born and raised according to the Pentecostal faith, he came from a very religious family. As a teen, he begun to question his faith. He could not grasp the concept of worshipping a man who walked the earth a few thousand years ago, just as he does now.

A foster child by the name of Edgar introduced him to the Zulu nation. Brother Wesley attended Zulu Nation meetings held in New York City. During one of the meetings, he met a Muslim brother named Aziz, who invited him over for coffee and tea.

Brother Aziz began speaking to Brother Wesley about Islam and gave him the book *The Fundamentals of Tawheed* by Dr. Bilal Philips. After quite some time studying, Brother Wesley was hesitant to accept Islam. Giving the faith he was born into a second chance, he read the Bible from cover to cover. He highlighted a few verses that he had trouble accepting. Determined to find answers, he went to speak with various pastors including his family who were well-versed in the Christian faith. The discussion only confused him even more.

He describes his main concern with the Bible as the claim that Jesus is God. However, Jesus acknowledges that God is in heaven. The Bible states "O' Goodness, why thou call me good? When the only one good is in heaven.[1] Wesley defended his argument by saying "Jesus is calling upon God. You [the Pastor] are telling me to call upon Jesus. I find it more comfortable to call upon the god that Jesus called upon." [sic]

Shortly after, Brother Wesley recited the shahada, which is Islam's testimony of faith. There is no God but Allah and that the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) is his servant and final messenger. Brother Wesley accepted Islam and became Muslim.

His educational journey started in 1997 by traveling locally to many seminars and gatherings of knowledge. He then traveled to Saudi Arabia in 2001 and back to America in 2002, utilizing various resources (such as Mishkah University) to continue studying.

Islam teaches that seeking knowledge is



obligatory upon every Muslim, whether male or female. Allah gave Brother Wesley the ambition to further his education. He has a Degree in Islamic Studies, which includes courses focusing on pedagogy, khatabah, Arabic, and Psychology from an Islamic Perspective. He is currently studying to further his education in Islamic Studies.

Being fluent in English and Spanish, he's able to help others understand the message of Islam in both languages. He is currently studying Arabic to master that language as well – the language of the Quran.

As you may expect, brother Brother Wesley is quite an accomplished person, by Allah's will and mercy. Wesley started his volunteer work in 1998 at Masjidul Ansari Sunnah in Paterson, NJ. Currently he manages the on-site courses of Mishkah University in New Jersey. He's also an Islamic studies and Beginner Arabic teacher at Miftahul Uloom Academy.

To help aid the Muslims in Illinois, Governor Quinn appointed Islamic figures, brother Brother Wesley being one of them, to work in the Muslim American Advisory Council.

Brother Wesley has organized many programs to spread the awareness of Islam. "Coffee Talks", "Qiyamul layl for Youth", "Marital & Youth Seminars", "Lectures and Classes", "Entertainment Nights", "Fund Raisers" and "Interfaith Events" to name a few. All of these are Islamic -based activities to spread the awareness of Islam in a creative and entertaining way. May Allah bless him for what he has accomplished.

[1]Mark 10:18 *And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.*

Anyone interested in learning more about Islam from Brother Wesley, or to schedule a visit to his Mosque at Masjid Al-Huda in Jersey City, New Jersey can contact:

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The Prophet Muhammad's Last Sermon

This sermon was delivered on the Ninth Day of Dhul Hijjah 10 A.H. in the 'Uranah valley of Mount Arafat' (in Mecca).

After praising, and thanking Allah he said:

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and TAKE THESE WORDS TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE PRESENT HERE TODAY.

O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your LORD, and that HE will indeed reckon your deeds. ALLAH has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has Judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn 'Abd'al Muttalib (Prophet's uncle) shall henceforth be waived...

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your

women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O People, listen to me in earnest, worship ALLAH, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakat (charity). Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white; except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before ALLAH and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the QURAN and my example, the SUNNAH and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O ALLAH, that I have conveyed your message to your people".

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