

Al-Huda Islamic Center Newsletter

Issue 4

COMMUNITY NEWS

Committee Updates

PR Committee: The committee has put up 2 bulletin boards at the front and back of the masjid with brochures and pamphlets which will serve inshaAllah as great resources for visitors in the community. Feel free to distribute or take these and let the committee know if you would like them to order more.

Media Watch Committee: Their bulletin board is located at the brother's entrance containing both local and international Muslim news. We encourage you to post articles on this board for everyone to read. InshaAllah this effort will keep us informed of the media and how we can help erase the ignorance of some reporters writing about our deen.

Sisters Committee

The newly-formed Sisters' committee's first major project is to organize the annual Open House for this year.

Congratulations New Parents!

MashaAllah, Brother Mubarak and sister Aminah have been blessed with a daughter named Lina.

refers to the message which was revealed to Muhammad (peace be upon him) by Allah (swt), the One Creator, and a 'Muslim' is the one who believes in this message.

In sharp contrast to Christianity, Judaism, and other religions, *Islam* is not merely a religion. Rather, it is a unique and comprehensive ideology that guides the life of the human being. Like any other ideology, *Islam* consists of a creed (doctrine), and a system of rules and regulations. Unlike other ideologies, however, it is not man-made.

The creed of *Islam* (*Aqeedah*) provides the correct and comprehensive answer to the fundamental questions regarding the existence of man, life and universe. It addresses the issue of the human being's purpose in life and integrates it into the grand scheme of existence, i.e. what came before this life and what will come after it.

Thus, the *Islamic* creed settles the core problem (man's greatest problem) in every person's life and solves it in a manner that agrees with man's nature, convinces his mind, and fills his heart with tranquility. Islam is built upon one basis, the *Aqeedah*, which states there is behind man, life and the universe a creator who created all of them and created everything: He is Allah (swt). This Creator created everything out of nothing. His existence is indispensable and He is not created - otherwise, He wouldn't be a Creator. The fact that He is a Creator makes it necessary that He is not created and that His existence is indispensable, because all things depend for their existence on Him and He does not depend on anything. The *Islamic* creed serves as the guiding principle for humanity, by which it must conduct its affairs.

The *Islamic* system provides a comprehensive law governing the affairs of the human beings. It establishes in an absolutely correct manner,

- 1) The relationship between the human being and his Creator, Allah (swt).

Islam: A Complete Way of Life

Part 1: Islam as an Ideology

By: Said Hilal

The word "*Islam*" in Arabic means submission and peace. As a term, '*Islam*'

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- 2) The personal affairs of individuals, and
- 3) The social, political, economic, and international relationships that exist in the society.

The system has its own method that provides the means for its implementation, thereby transferring it from 'theory' to 'practice'. It is an integral part of the ideology and distinguishes it from a philosophy, which provides hypothetical ideas but no practical means of implementing them.

Thus, *Islam* consists of a creed, and system. What distinguishes *Islam* from the ideologies of Capitalism and Communism is that *Islam* is built on the correct idea, established through rational and enlightened thought. In contrast, the other ideologies in the world failed to build a comprehensive and rational outlook to the life of the human being and the world in which he exists.

Next Month: Part II: Islam Compared to Other Ideologies

HADITH

Narrated Anas: The Prophet said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith: 1. The one to whom Allah and His Apostle becomes dearer than anything else. 2. Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake. 3. Who hates to revert to Atheism (disbelief) as he hates to be thrown into the fire." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith #15)

Upcoming Events in Atlanta

- **Youth Retreat Camp July 28-31 2005, Fort Yargo State Park**

Al-Farooq Masjid of Atlanta along with other metro-Atlanta Islamic organizations and masjid have been hosting an annual Muslim youth retreat camp for nearly ten years. This year's summer camp will be held at Georgia's Fort Yargo State Park on July

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28-31, and it is open to boys and girls ages 12 and up. The cost is \$95/camper and after July 7th the cost is \$145/camper.

Fill out the registration form online from the Alfarooq Masjid website <http://www.alfarooqmasjid.org>. Call brother Bashir at 404-483-6999 for your concerns and questions.

- **Masjid Al-Momineen Fundraising Dinner**

When: June 11, 2005 at 7 pm

Where: Clarkston High School Cafeteria

Address: 618 N Indian Creek Dr. Clarkston, GA

Guest Speaker: Imam Sirraj Wahhaj

Tickets: \$20

For tickets, contact naano83@yahoo.com

Please go out and support our fellow brothers and sisters in their efforts!

Sunday Seminar at Alhuda

The seminar on Sunday June 6, 2005 was titled "Aqeeda" given by brother Said Hilal. For those who missed it, in summary: Brother Said reminded us of our Aqeeda or Islamic creed. The believers in one God (Muslims, Christians, Jews) differ in their understanding of their faiths, thus it may be said that the followers of the three monotheist religions differ in their 'Aqeeda'.



The first part of the Islamic Aqeeda is our *Iman*, which is to believe in the following

articles of faith: Allah, His Angles, His Books, His Messengers, The Resurrection in the Day of Judgment (being both physical and spiritual), and Destiny (fate). The second is the declaration of our faith: "I testify that there is no God but Allah, And Mohammad is His Messenger". The two testimonies are inseparable, the first declares the faith, and the second implies its application (beliefs, obedience and worship as practiced by the Messenger PBUH).

Next Sunday, June 19, Br. Sameer Tarabelsi will be giving a lecture.

Getting Involved in the Community

By: Saif Altalib

Allah (swt) said in the Qur'an: "Ye are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah." (003.110). One of the biggest issues facing our Ummah today is apathy and consequently, a lack of action. Somewhere, somehow, many of us become convinced that community-building is someone else's job, and that all we need to be concerned about is positioning ourselves to enjoy the fruits of their labors. The reality is that if we are not a part of finding and working towards a solution, we are a part of the problem. Satan and our nafs have a crafty way of convincing us that it is not our responsibility to be involved in the community, or that our hands are full dealing with personal responsibilities and issues, or we couldn't make a difference anyway, or that we've done our share.

Dr. Wayne Dyer, author of *Pulling Your Own Strings*, and several other self-help books, says, "Action is the single most effective antidote to depression, anxiety, stress, fear, worry, guilt, and of course, immobility. It is virtually impossible to be depressed and active at the same time." So volunteer your time for the sake of Allah first and then for your health second.

Questions to consider when looking to volunteer: ***Do you have the time?, what cause do you want to support?***

what skills can you offer or learn?, Where would you like to volunteer?

Once you have chosen a volunteer agency, learn as much as you can about that agency. Then contact the agency and ask about available opportunities. Arrange for an interview or sign up for a volunteer position. Ask for a brochure. Visit the actual location if you interview with them. Ask about the agency's requirements of volunteers. Attend the agency's orientation and required training. These will help you better understand the agency, its clients and your role as a volunteer.

To search for volunteer opportunities to help the Athens-Clarke County area community use the following WWW resources:

<http://www.uga.edu/volunteeruga/agencies.htm>

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/volunteers>
http://www.volunteer211.com/find_volunteer.htm

You know our community has many needs. It is time that each of us earnestly looks into how we can best respond to those needs. It is time that we silence Satan's tempting whisper that threatens us with being too busy or having no time to contribute to our community and its needs. Giving ones self to the community will require sacrifice. InshaAllah the Public Relations committee is working to organize volunteer opportunities for us and inshaAllah you will join us when the time calls.

If you would like to participate in current volunteer projects of the Huda Islamic Center in the Athens community please e-mail altalib@gmail.com with your name, phone number and skills.

"Aceh Relief Fund" Lecture by Dr. Mazalan Kamis

"In the morning of December 26th, 2004 in South-East Asia, the Indian Ocean had opened its maw; swallowing islands and people, and taking away lives that neither

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expected nor acknowledged what they were seeing." - ARF



Our Athens community had a unique opportunity on Saturday June 05, 2005 to be informed by the Aceh Relief Fund (ARF) Director, Dr. Mazalan Kamis, about his first hand volunteer work and assistance to the people of Aceh, Indonesia. Dr. Mazalan has been able to meet and help numerous local Acehnese NGOs, school administrators, village heads, and individual victims of the tsunami.

Aceh Relief Fund (ARF) is a direct front in response to the catastrophe in South-East Asia with the aim to fund volunteers in their quest of providing emergency relief to the victims of the tsunami in Aceh. "ARF is about people - people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of thousands of victims of the tsunami in Aceh, especially those who are most vulnerable, namely children and women." Headquartered in Ithaca New, York, ARF is fortunate to have networks of active volunteers in Aceh and in the United States. Go to <http://www.acehrelief.org/donate.html> to learn more and help the people of Aceh for the sake of Allah.

Surah Ghafir, Ayah 60

And your Lord says: Call upon Me, I will answer you; surely those who are too proud for My service shall soon enter hell abased.

MSA CORNER

Check out the new MSA website located at <http://www.uga.edu/muslim>. Please help build our MSA Online community by posting messages at the bulletin board and giving us feedback and suggestions about our Islamic awareness activities on campus.

Children's Corner

Unscramble the names of some of the Prophets of Allah swt below:

1. USUYF _____
2. DMAA _____
3. SAUM _____
4. HAMMUMD _____
5. BIRHAMI _____
6. LTU _____
7. DIRIS _____
8. WDDAU _____
9. SUUYN _____
10. SAI _____
11. HYYAH _____

Want to write a piece for the newsletter?
Please email it to nkamdar@uga.edu
Jazakum Allahu Khayrun.

Answers: Yusuf - Adam - Musa - Muhammad - Ibrahim - Lut - Idris - Dawud - Yunus - Isa - Yahya.



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