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2018 APRIL LECTURE SCHEDULE CONDUCTED BY IMAM DR. TALAL EID

Topics of Friday Khutbah/Sermons at 1:30 pm sharp:

1. April 6th: *Child Upbringing in Islam: Parents as a Role Model*
2. April 13th: *Sincerity to Allah Should Lead to Sincerity Toward People*
3. April 20th: *Reflections Upon Al-Isrā' and Al-Mi'rāj*
4. April 27th: *Why Allah Wishes Ease for the Followers of Islam*

Topic of Sunday PowerPoint Lectures at 12:30 pm sharp:

1. April 1st: *“Life of Prophet Muhammad, P.B.U.H., in Makkah & Madinah.”* (Part 19)
A monthly series that covers the history of Islam in detail. It is helpful for those interested to learn about the standard ethical behavior of our prophet and how he, in a short time, managed to bring together a divided community and be a role model for humanity. Part 18 will cover the 10-13th year of the era before Hijrah.
2. April 8th: *“Managing Love and Disputes in Marital Relationships.”* Part two
Love is important for a marriage to be successful. When conflicts and disputes arise, love can deteriorate. But it takes two to play tug-of-war. It is often at times of struggle in a relationship that couples find that marriage is an art and a science that requires mastery, methodical adherence to technique and divine strategies that empowers the couple to master their disputes rather than letting their disputes master them. This second part interactive session will explore the Quranic and Prophetic prowess towards pragmatic application of how to keep love alive, thriving and unshakeable in the face of disagreement.
3. April 15th: *“Isrā' and Mi'rāj: The Question of Jerusalem and Palestine.”*
The 17th chapter of the holy Qur'an mentioned the event of Al-Isrā' and the 53rd chapter mentioned the event of Al-Mi'rāj (ascension into the heavens). These events are miraculous in nature and beyond scientific comprehension. They took place during the 11th year of the era before Hijrah and tied Muslims to two sacred places dedicated for worship by Prophet Abraham for his righteous followers: the sacred Masjid in Makkah and the farthest Masjid in Jerusalem, which the Qur'an also confirmed the sacredness of its neighborhood, Palestine. This informal lecture is meant to begin a fruitful and productive discussion about Jerusalem and Palestine. We will go into whether this matter involves and concerns only certain people—Palestinians, Arabs, Muslims, Israelis, Americans? Or is this matter important for anyone who is interested in finding solutions for peace and justice within this highly politicized and on-going conflict in the Middle East?
4. April 22nd: *“The Good End: Exploring the Afterlife Adventures.”* Part two
The process of death and dying in many religions and cultures is considered a powerful opportunity for spiritual liberation. Can we rely on the Qur'an and the Sunnah (Prophetic Tradition) to understand the life-changing transition of consciousness that we call death? What are the experience techniques that we do need to learn to prepare ourselves for this spiritual journey? This extraordinary lecture will help you enhance your knowledge about our continuing evolution beyond physical matter so that you are able to assist your loved ones in their end of life journey and create a sacred space that will comfort them and help them achieve a peaceful appreciation and be spiritually prepared for this inevitable transition.
5. April 29th: *“Is Religion a curse or a Blessing: Would the World be a Better Place Without Religion?”*
Religion, in principle, is to promote love and facilitate positive relations among people as well as regulate lifestyle. During the life of prophet Muhammad (S) in Medina, he was asked by a Jewish group: “which faith do you follow?,” he responded that he follows the Faith of Abraham ‘millat Ibraheem’. Throughout the history, however, many people have used religion to manipulate and control their followers. In today's modern world, the question of violence and terror committed in the name of Islam has created great confusion in the minds of Muslim youth over whether Islam helps humanity more than it hurts it, and whether Islam is even capable of helping them deal with their day to day activities. This lecture will explain as well Islam's rejection of violence and terror and its emphasis on the sacredness of human life.

Parents Seminar on Sundays from 10:45-11:30 when Sunday School is in progress: An open discussion about religion and society for adults, including college & high school students.