

# *Al-Huda Islamic Center Newsletter*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### New Al-Huda Sign

May Allah reward Br. Fadel of the Maintenance Committee (PMC) and all the brothers who helped put up the new sign in front of the masjid.

### Congrats Br. Umair Javid

Brother Umair Javid has been selected to participate in the National Leadership program that takes place in Washington, D.C. each year.

### Congratulations New Parents!

Our warmest congrats to:  
Br. Shahid and family (a new daughter).  
Br. Masihudin and family (a new boy).

### Economic Project

Volunteers are needed to go to Atlanta to purchase food for the "Economic Project". For more details or if you want to help, please contact brother Yassin.

### Welcome New Family!

Please welcome Br. Mahmoud's brother and his family to the Athens community.

### Masjid membership

In response to last the general assembly meeting, the Board has decided to form a membership committee including community members to implement a plan with a fee element. Contact Brs. Shaheed and Mahbub to join.

## May Allah have mercy on the souls of Imran, Ebad & Tariq

I want to thank all of you who have been keeping our three brothers in your prayers and have been there to support their families and friends. It is unfortunate that only at times like these do we express so much love to our fellow humans and realize what our true priorities are in life.

I still have no words to express what wonderful human beings these three brothers were, but for those of you who knew them or even ever came into contact with them, I think you know and understand. But what I can tell you is that they have left for us their wonderful example. Brothers and sisters, the death of Tariq, Imran, and Ebad has reminded us that we are visitors in this world and we never know when it will be our time to return home. It is still not too late for us to change our ways. InshaAllah I hope and request from all of you - that from now until our last breaths we shall be loving and forgiving to our fellow creations, helpful to our fellow creations, respectful of our elders, loving to our families and friends, united as an ummah, mindful of our deen, in constant remembrance of our Lord and the Final Hour, and always patient with whatever trials come our way. Remember, the better person you are, the more you are tested...count these trials as a blessing.

I have a very intense love for our MSA and all the people we have come into contact with through our MSA. I ask that you pray for all of us (the families, the peers, the friends) to have sabr and for us to return to sirat al mustakeen. It is only through prayers that we will all find our peace. I also ask that you continue to pray for our fellow Muslim brothers. May Allah swt grant them forgiveness and mercy, protection from the punishment of the grave, and safe passage into the highest Heaven. What better way to show our love to them, then to pray for their akhirah?

If you need contact information for any of the families, please don't hesitate to contact me by email or at my cell: 404-543-0460. Peace be upon you all,  
Naureen Kamdar

President

MSA at UGA

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"And on the Day when He shall gather (resurrect) them together, (it will be) as if they had not stayed (in the life of this world and graves) but an hour of a day. They will recognize each other. Ruined indeed will be those who denied the meeting with Allah, and were not guided." (10:45)

Write your prayers to the families of our brothers at <http://www.uga.edu/muslim>

**Muslims Condemn Attacks**  
National and local Islamic organizations (ie. ISNA, ICNA, MSA, and Alhuda) have issued strong statements condemning the attacks on London. See some of those on the Media-Watch bulletin board.

**HADITH**

According to Hazrat Abu Hurayrah radhiallahu anhu, Rasulullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam said "When the body is placed in the grave, two angels come to it. They are dark coloured and have blue eyes. One of them is Munkar, the other Nakir. They begin by asking him about the person (sent to them). If he is a Believer, he will say, He is a slave of Allah and His Messenger. I bear witness that no one besides Allah is worthy of worship and that without doubt Muhammad sallallahu alayhi wasallam is His slave and Messenger." The angels remark 'we knew you will give this answer.' His grave will be then extended seventy arms length square. He is asked to sleep but he wants to go and report his position to his family. They inform him that once here, no one can return) he must sleep like a bride whom only her husband can awake. (Thus he remains in the grave peacefully). He will be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection by Allah.

**Ina lil Allah wa ina Ilahee  
rajioon (We belong to Allah  
and to Him is our return)**

I don't attempt nor desire to sum up the lives of the brothers we have lost and the place they had in our hearts. I wish only to convey my sentiments and to remember them in the appropriate light.

I recall telling Imran that he was only an "M" short of Imam and an Imam he was whether it be leading Salat in the SLC, the dorms or any impromptu location. Quite literally by his side was

Ebad, our resident muezzin. The two would often lead and call four times a day, from Zuhr to Isha, their friends and brothers and sisters to prayer. They lived Islam and helped others live it. There is no greater achievement than this. I recall from a khutbah, that the legacy of a man lies in the amount of people he leaves behind who shall pray for him and ask for his forgiveness. I knew at the Salat-ul-Janazzah, that these brothers had left quite a legacy, including Brother Tariq whom I regret not meeting while he was of this world.

Another aspect that I want to touch on is their blindness to color, creed, race, culture or whatever stood between them and their fellow man. I knew Imran and Ebad. Imran was our PR Chair and he lived as a PR Chair. Every day, everywhere, Imran took the time to greet and smile at his many friends. Ebad was an RA and his job was to supervise a diverse group of people, that would become his own family at UGA.

**You are all equal. Nobody has superiority over other except by piety and good action.** (Prophet's Last Sermon)

“He Who created Death and Life that He may try which of you is best in deed: and He is the Exalted in Might Oft-Forgiving” (67:2)

Allah SWT has indeed tried three brothers among us best in deed. And we should follow these deeds and remember these brothers. May God have Mercy upon them and grant them Jannat-ul-Firdaws.

Robert Karim Abdullah

### Quran 53: 43-62

With your Lord is the end [of all that exists]; and it is He alone Who causes you to laugh and to weep; and it is He alone who deals death and grants life; and it is He Who creates the two kinds, - the male and the female - out of a mere drop of sperm as it is brought forth, and it is within His power to bring about a second life; and it is He alone Who frees from want and causes to possess; and it is He Who is the Lord of Sirius; and it is He who destroyed the ancient people of Aad and Thamud, leaving no trace of them, as well as the people of Noah before them, since they all had indeed been most willful in their evil-doing and most overweening, just as He thrust into perdition those cities that were overthrown, and then covered them from sight for ever. About which, then, of your Lord's powers can you remain in doubt? This is a warning like those warnings of old: the last Hour which is so near, draws ever nearer, although none but Allah can unveil it. Do you, perchance, find this revelation strange? And do you laugh instead of weeping and divert yourselves all the while? Nay, but prostrate yourselves before Allah and worship Him alone!

### Tawba: Repentance

by: Bilal Gonen

It is advisable for one to remain fearful of Allah's wrath in order to hold back from sins and to turn to Him; however, when one falls into the pit of despair they should remain hopeful for His mercies.

Fear and hope are two of the greatest gifts of Allah that He put in man's heart. If there is a gift greater than these, it is that man should preserve

the balance between fear and hope and use them as two wings of light to reach Allah.

Hope is a gift of Allah; however, in order to preserve the balance, we can not disregard the existence of punishment and the big test we are all in. We all know the hadith that says; "If you knew what I know, you would laugh little but weep a lot."

A verse from the Qur'an: "Repent to God (24.31)" and "Turn to your Lord repentant, and submit to Him, before the chastisement comes on you: (39.54)"

God's Messenger (pbuh), declared: One who sincerely repents of his sin is as if he had never committed it.

When we look at this hadith about tawba, it makes us hopeful for clearance of sin, however when one does tawba, he/she should check his/her heart to see if their heart contradicts their actions.

If one does not feel remorse, regret, and disgust for errors committed, any resulting repentance will be no more than a lie [1].

By mentioning repentance in tawba, I think some of us can't help remembering the story of Maiz ibn Malik. Buriadah ibn Khusaib (R.A.) says a man named Maiz ibn Malik came to the Prophet (pbuh) and said: 'O Messenger of Allah! I have wronged myself and I have committed adultery. I would like to be purified.' The Prophet (pbuh) rejected his plea so he came back the next day and then again a third day. Having seen such remorse, The Prophet (pbuh) had to order the punishment. The Prophet (pbuh) said: 'He has repented with such repentance that if it were to be distributed amongst a whole nation, it would be enough for them.' [2]

Consider this: if we committed a sin, less grave than fornication, would we have the courage to confess it to our parents, an imam, or even to our best friend? I believe most of us would be too ashamed of ourselves to admit it to anyone. Therefore, I cannot comprehend what kind of guilt and remorse Maiz ibn Malik (R.A.) had in his heart that he admitted his wrongdoings to the Rasul of Allah (pbuh) in order to right them.

During times of the year like summer, when we have plenty of time for self-criticism, do we take time to repent for our mistakes? I think we forget that we are under Allah's observation every single moment, and conveniently forget that we are committing unacceptable actions.

## Children's Corner

1) What do we call the Angels who write down what we do?

- A) Israfil
- B) Kiraman Katibin
- C) Mikail
- D) Izrail

2) Pillars of Islam are also called .....

- A) Qadr ul Islam
- B) Arkanal Islam
- C) Yusuf Islam
- D) Fi Amanillah

3) A prophet is called ..... in Arabic.

- A) Nabi
- B) Rasul
- C) Wahi
- D) None of the above

4) What does Islam mean?

- A) Islam means to obey Allah (swt.) and follow His commands
- B) Islam means to obey our parents
- C) Islam means to obey our teachers and elders
- D) None of the above

5) Allah (swt.) has .....

- A) A son
- B) A partner
- C) No partner
- D) A daughter

Answers: (1) B - (2) B - (3) A - (4) A - (5) C

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Jazakum Allahu Khayrun.