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## Dar-us-Sunnah (DUS) Masjid and Community Center Newsletter

**ANNUAL SEERAT PROGRAM ON 15TH DECEMBER 2012 @ DUS, EVANSTON, IL!!!**

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUTDOOR PROGRAM HELD ON 07/07/2012 @ TWIGG'S PARK**



Brother Mohiuddin taking care of registration



Brother Faisal giving his key note address



Guests getting ready to grab some lunch



Children taking turns in the jumping jack



Frog jump race gets underway



Brother Javed and volunteers busy with set up



Boys getting busy at the cookie race



Girls trying to grab a cookie in their race

There are forty two hadiths collected by Imam Nawawi from the Authentic Sunnah books of Imams Bukhari, Muslim and Tirmithi.

Many scholars collected their own forties in various topics, but Nawawi's forties stick out as the most famous and comprehensive of Islamic pillar teaching! Nawawi said that he chose every hadith after doing the prayer of Istikharah (asking Allah the guided choice after performing 2 rakaahs). Every hadith, according to other scholars, represents an essential part of Islam.

Why specifically forty? A hadith states that "anyone of my nation memorizes forty hadiths will be resurrected afterlife along with the scholars or martyrs".

These Hadiths are absolutely essential first for the kids to memorize along with the last juz of Quran. Our youth need to be exposed to and get closely connected with the prophet's authentic teachings.

Imam Nawawi, in brief, is Yahya bin Sharafuddin, born in Nawa, south of Syria (631-676H), memorized Quran at 14, did his Hajj at 19 and became over his 45 years of life the most prominent scholar of Hadith and Fiqh (Shafii Mathhab). Never took a salary for his teaching job, never married, never compromised with rulers and lived a simple life according to Quran and Sunnah. May the mercy of Allah be on him and us. Amen!

#### DON'T HIT, WHERE IT HURTS - MUHAMMAD SAIDUZZAMAN

The head butting incident of 2006 world cup final soccer game by French player Zinedine Zidane against Marco Materazzi of Italy had allegedly caused France the World Cup Championship. Zidane told French newspaper El Pais. "But if I say 'Sorry,' 'I would also be admitting that what he did was normal. And for me it was not normal". When he was asked to apologize after the game Zidane replied "But to him I can't. Never, never," Zidane added. "It would be to dishonor me. ... I'd rather die." Of course, as of this day many in the west did not understand the point Zidane tried to make and mostly called arrogant for his refusal to apologize, which eventually ended his professional career as a soccer player and Europe lost one of its rising star. In order to provoke arguably this most irrational reaction,

Materazzi might have not pulled the raw nerve of Zidane the same as he would have done to anyone else by using vulgar slang against his mother who had been very ill and had been hospitalized at the time. The very same level of provocation might have not produced similar reaction from someone of a different background. It was indeed the core socio-religious value system in which Zidane was born and brought up in that caused him to feel so strongly that he was willing to sacrifice his life to protect his honor. Conversely, it is also simply the failure of Marco Materazzi to understand Zidane's value system? If we are to leave possibilities of planned instigation and provocation, it can be termed as a simple case of cultural clash with a devastating result.

Let us now analyze the recent killing of U.S ambassador and three other service personnel in Libya and all the hoopla by the Muslims around the world in reaction to a U.S made film that defamed and desecrated Muhammad (PBUH) — who is regarded as the last messenger and a divine guidance to mankind. If either side showed mutual restraint and respect for each others life, liberty, and religion, then perhaps it would never had taken lives of these individuals and bring about these catastrophic damages to property and social law and order. Rarely, can we roll out malice that is disguised under the excuse of constitutional guarantee and ambiguous religious interpretation. The freedom of expression clause may have many constitutional loopholes that allows one to squeak insults on matters that are held dearly by many. The same can be said to be true for improperly interpreting obscure religious scriptures and traditions which may potentially leave the room open for reactionary measures that are just detrimental to society at large.

The culture of restraint, tolerance, acceptance and mutual respect is often taught by most major religions and is used as a fundamental building block for civil society. We should all be cognizant of the consequences and the benefits of mutual and peaceful coexistence.



Iman, a very important concept that refers to faith in God, has six components, belief in God, the angels, the revealed books, the messengers, the Resurrection, the events of Qiyamah, and pre-destination by God of all things, both the (seemingly) good and the (seemingly) bad. Those who can follow these are traditionally called Imandar, and have peace of mind all the time, during the good and bad times.

A few days ago, I was feeling very sad for several reasons, and I called my brother for some advice. He replied, “Don’t worry. Everything is going perfectly. The problem for you is that the situation is not in your favor. If it is in your favor you would not complain, so just wait and see, with patience.”

I realized that he was correct. If the situation was in my favor, I would have no complaints. I thought about the timing of life, both the good and the bad. During the good times, we have to do more Shukr (thankfulness), and during bad times, we have to do more Sabr (patience). Certain verses in the holy Quran, 2:153, 155-156, speak about tests in life: that God will test us in this life with loss, fear, hunger and calamities. He is also so merciful that He showed us the ways to overcome these tests. God asked the believers to seek help with patience and prayer. “O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient. And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient, who, when disaster strikes them, say, Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return. Truly we belong to God and to God we shall return.” These verses are so powerful, Subhanallah!

Our life is full of tests and trials. Oh God, we are very insignificant and powerless. Please God, with Your mercy, help us and relieve us. If we are blessed with something, then it is our duty to try to remove burdens from someone else, and ask God for forgiveness.

I was talking to my kids about a recent incident—a movie, in which our beloved prophet (PBUH) was insulted, which caused so

many problems and unrest throughout the whole world. As Muslims, we all have to protest against the insult and ask for a solution, but not in a violent way. There is no place for violence in Islam.

We have to lead our life based on The Quran, the final revelation from God and The Sunnah. Sunnah is what our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, did, or approved. He is nothing but a walking Quran and mercy to mankind, and the last messenger of God. As a human, his status is at the highest level. So when we utter or hear his name we have to say, peace be upon him (PBUH). His character is crystal clear. He couldn’t read or write, but no human being was his teacher, not even his own parents. God was his only teacher, Subhanallah! We have to love him more than we love ourselves. His wives are our mothers. On that day while I was reading the book, “The Wives of the Prophet (PBUH)”, I realized that they are the most fortunate and honored women in this world.

The Quran is the perfection of religion providing solution to every problem, every conflict, and every indecision — we can only find the solutions if we are believers. Of course it is not easy. But as my cousin recently told me, “I have so many problems, I am only surviving because of Iman. Otherwise I would be totally crazy.” Oh God, protect and strengthen our Iman.

If a Muslim ever finds doubt in their religion, he or she must learn more about it, to resolve the doubt. Unfortunately, the producer of the movie has no knowledge about the true characteristics of the Prophet (PBUH), and I hope that he gets some Hidayah (guidance) from God to learn about the life of the Prophet (PBUH). As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in her speech after the incident, “This video is disgusting and reprehensible. It appears to have a deeply cynical purpose—to denigrate a great religion and to provoke rage.” Truly, Islam is a great religion and we cannot blame Islam for any wrong deeds, but rather the person who is abusing the religion.

Lastly, I ask forgiveness from God and ask for His Favor and Guidance in our life. Ameen!

### THE MIDDLE PATH - SAJID AHMED

Moderation is something that is needed for our faith because it is used in almost every single part of Islam and in our daily lives. Every aspect of our religion has some basis in moderation. Moderation is defined as “the quality of keeping within reasonable or proper limits; not extreme, excessive, or intense”. So how does everything in Islam connect to this moderation? An example from a Saheeh Hadith of the Prophet (S) tells us very clearly. Anas bin Malik narrated:

A group of three men came to the houses of the wives of the Prophet asking how the Prophet worshipped (Allah), and when they were informed about that, they considered their worship insufficient and said, “Where are we from the Prophet as his past and future sins have been forgiven.” Then one of them said, “I will offer prayer throughout the night forever.” The other said, “I will fast throughout the year and will not break my fast.” The third said, “I will keep away from women and will not marry forever.” Allah’s Apostle came to them and said, “Are you the same people who said so-and-so? By Allah, I am more submissive to Allah and more afraid of Him than you; yet I fast and break my fast, I do sleep and I also marry women. So he who does not follow my tradition in religion, is not from me (not one of my followers).”

This Hadith basically means the best way to please Allah (SWT) is to be moderate in all that we do, whether it’s something in religion or otherwise, and follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (S), as it is the best path to follow.

Allah (SWT) also tells us (through Luqman’s conversation with his sons) in Surah Luqman, “And be moderate in your pace and lower your voice; indeed, the most disagreeable of sounds is the voice of donkeys.” [31:19]

Luqman told his sons to walk moderately: don’t walk too fast, but don’t walk too slow. Luqman also tells his sons to lower their voices: don’t talk too loud. This is also shown in a hadith telling of when Abu Bakr and Omar (R) were reading Quran, Abu Bakr (R) was reading very softly and Omar (R) too loudly. The Prophet (S) told Abu Bakr to read a little louder, and Omar to read a little softer—yet another example of moderation in all of one’s actions.

Basically, moderation is a quality that cannot be removed from any aspect of one’s life. It is required to live a fulfilling, rewarding and productive life.

# Dar-us-Sunnah Masjid & Community Center

## Upcoming events:

2012/10/06: Tafseer ul Quran and Dars e Hadith Program (Bangla) @ 06:00 PM  
2012/10/20: History of Islam Program and Story Time for Children (English) @ 06:00 PM  
2012/10/26: Eid-ul-Adha Prayer @ 09:00 AM and 10:30 AM [subject to moon sighting]  
2012/10/27: Annual Humanitarian Day @ 10:00 AM  
2012/11/03: Tafseer ul Quran and Dars e Hadith Program (Bangla) @ 06:00 PM  
2012/11/17: History of Islam Program and Story Time for Children (English) @ 06:00 PM  
2012/12/01: Tafseer ul Quran and Dars e Hadith Program (Bangla) @ 06:00 PM  
2012/12/15: Annual Seerat Program @ 4:00 PM

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10/1/2012	6:00 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	5:00 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
10/7/2012	6:15 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	4:45 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
10/21/2012	6:15 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
10/28/2012	6:20 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
11/1/2012	6:20 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	4:30 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
11/4/2012	6:00 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	3:15 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
11/18/2012	6:00 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	3:00 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
12/1/2010	6:00 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	3:00 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
12/2/2010	6:15 AM	1:30 PM	1:15 PM	3:00 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM

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