



# Newsletter

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## Narrated Abu Huraira:

While the Prophet (ﷺ) was saying something in a gathering, a Bedouin came and asked him, "When would the Hour (Doomsday) take place?" Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) continued his talk, so some people said that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) had heard the question, but did not like what that Bedouin had asked. Some of them said that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) had not heard it. When the Prophet (ﷺ) finished his speech, he said, "Where is the questioner, who inquired about the Hour (Doomsday)?" The Bedouin said, "I am here, O Allah's Apostle." Then the Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When honesty is lost, then wait for the Hour (Doomsday)." The Bedouin said, "How will that be lost?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "When the power or authority comes in the hands of unfit persons, then wait for the Hour (Doomsday)." (Bukhari)

Day اليوم	Feb شباط	Hijri هجري	Fajr الفجر	Sunrise الشروق	Zuhr الظهر	Asr-Shaf العصر / شافعي	Asr-Hanafi العصر / حنفي	Maghrib المغرب	Isha العشاء
MON	1	22/4	5:45	7:04	12:06	2:45	3:26	5:07	6:27
TUE	2	23/4	5:44	7:03	12:06	2:46	3:27	5:08	6:28
WED	3	24/4	5:43	7:02	12:06	2:47	3:28	5:10	6:29
THU	4	25/4	5:42	7:01	12:06	2:48	3:29	5:11	6:30
FRI	5	26/4	5:41	7:00	12:06	2:49	3:31	5:12	6:31
SAT	6	27/4	5:40	6:59	12:06	2:50	3:32	5:14	6:32
SUN	7	28/4	5:39	6:58	12:06	2:51	3:33	5:15	6:33
MON	8	29/4	5:38	6:56	12:06	2:53	3:34	5:16	6:35
TUE	9	30/4	5:37	6:55	12:07	2:54	3:36	5:17	6:36
WED	10	1/5	5:36	6:54	12:07	2:55	3:37	5:19	6:37
THU	11	2/5	5:35	6:53	12:07	2:56	3:38	5:20	6:38
FRI	12	3/5	5:34	6:51	12:07	2:57	3:39	5:21	6:39
SAT	13	4/5	5:34	6:51	12:07	2:57	3:39	5:21	6:39
SUN	14	5/5	5:31	6:49	12:06	2:59	3:42	5:24	6:41
MON	15	6/5	5:30	6:47	12:06	2:59	3:43	5:25	6:43
TUE	16	7/5	5:29	6:46	12:06	3:00	3:44	5:26	6:44
WED	17	8/5	5:28	6:45	12:06	3:01	3:45	5:28	6:45
THU	18	9/5	5:26	6:43	12:06	3:02	3:46	5:29	6:46
FRI	19	10/5	5:25	6:42	12:06	3:03	3:47	5:30	6:47
SAT	20	11/5	5:24	6:41	12:06	3:04	3:48	5:31	6:48
SUN	21	12/5	5:22	6:39	12:06	3:05	3:50	5:32	6:50
MON	22	13/5	5:21	6:38	12:06	3:06	3:51	5:34	6:51
TUE	23	14/5	5:20	6:36	12:06	3:07	3:52	5:35	6:52
WED	24	15/5	5:18	6:35	12:06	3:08	3:53	5:36	6:53
THU	25	16/5	5:17	6:33	12:05	3:09	3:54	5:37	6:54
FRI	26	17/5	5:15	6:32	12:05	3:09	3:55	5:39	6:55
SAT	27	18/5	5:14	6:30	12:05	3:10	3:56	5:40	6:56
SUN	28	19/5	5:14	6:30	12:05	3:10	3:56	5:40	6:56
MON	29	20/5	5:11	6:27	12:05	3:12	3:58	5:42	6:59

Fajr: Half hour after athan | Jumuah: 1:00 pm | Isha Iqama: 8:00 pm



## LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

*Assalamu Alaikum,*

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of building our Islamic institutions through which we prepare our children to face ignorance, hate, and spread the great message of our faith of Islam by being examples of outstanding citizens spreading compassion, mercy, not only here in our country but throughout the world. In the environment we live in today, when the Muslim community is constantly being attacked by Islamophobes and unfair coverage by a biased and ignorant media this becomes an urgent goal. Today we ask you to support the future of our next generation and complete the task of building the center that will nurture our children and help secure for them a brighter and more prosperous tomorrow - a future full of hope in which they will carry the light of Islam across our land, through their shining examples of kindness, manners and a successful professional life.

Insha'Allah, by completing the construction of this center we take one more step towards this goal. There is no greater reward than building the house of Allah SWT and enabling our community to secure the proper place for our children in this society as responsible citizens. As Allah-fearing and civically engaged active participants in the affairs of their country and spreading of justice, our future generation to be get an everlasting reward, in this life and in the hereafter.

Alhamdulillah, the construction of our center is in progress. All outside work has been completed including the majority of the parking lot, permeable pavers were installed as required by the building ordinance, all fire proofing, electrical, HVAC units have all been installed, insulation and fire sprinklers, and fire proofing sprays have all been completed. Drywall installation is underway, we are attempting to complete the Masjid part before Ramadan with Allah SWT help and your help. Additional funds are needed to continue construction beyond that point, our average monthly bill is about half a million dollars. I am hoping that you will help during our upcoming **fundraising dinner March 6th**. Our goal to have a commitment of at least a million dollars in order for us to be able to complete this blessed project.

We have asked you many times in the past to donate your hard earned money and you have always responded positively, and now is no exception. I know it is not easy, but this is the true jihad with your wealth, to pay when you are in need and from what is dear to you.

Insha'Allah, we will all be honored with contributing to the building of a house of Allah and hope that we all participate in this **upcoming fundraising dinner Sunday March 6th at Drury Lane** and renew our commitment.

Wassalam Alaikum

A. Hamadeh, MD President, MECCA



## Who are we?

The entire world is waiting to see,  
Just what this Ummah might be,  
But can we tell them who we could be,  
When we ourselves cannot see...  
Who we are.

Are we the proverbial raisin withering in the sun?  
Are we the stinking sore,  
Festering, waiting to run?  
Are we unto the world a sagging, heavy load,  
Are we the suicide bomber,  
Ready to explode?

Who are we?  
Are we the bygone glories that did not last?  
Are we the shattered fragments of today's bomb blast?  
Are we the empty sermons filled with bombast?  
Are we the road not taken,  
Leading back to the past?

Are we the jaws that bite, the claws that catch?  
Are we foolishly left holding shattered dreams  
And battered lands with which to go galumphing back?  
Are we rabid wolves part of the pack?  
Is the only word we know -attack?!  
Are we the feast of the nations, or a bedtime snack?

Are we the white man's burden or the black man's bane?  
Are we pimping the pleasure principle or pawning pain?  
Are we tripping on the acid in the rain,  
Or keeping our heads and making things plain?  
Are we buckling and breaking under the strain  
As we are demonized over and over and over again...

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Just what this Ummah might be,  
But can we tell them who we could be,  
When we ourselves cannot see...  
Who we are.

*-Imam Zaid Shakir  
Courtesy of Zaytuna College Blog*

# GROW YOUR GRATITUDE AND WEALTH

By: Mohamad Rachid



*Alhamdulillah, the completion of the construction of the Mecca Center is very near. This is a great blessing from Allah upon us, we should be grateful to Him so that He will shower us with more blessings and gifts (14:7). Indeed, everything we have is because of Allah's grace, "and whatever of blessings and good things you have, it is from Allah. Then, when harm touches you, unto Him you cry aloud for help" (16:53). Here are some ways to express our gratitude to Allah.*

## Spending for the sake of Allah

Spending from our wealth in the cause of Allah is one of the best ways to show our gratitude and grow our wealth. In fact it is considered a great Jihad in numerous verses in the Quran, such as: "that you believe in Allah and His Messenger and that you strive hard in the Cause of Allah with your wealth and your lives, that will be better for you, if you but know! (61:11) Here are some facts for those who spend in the way of Allah:

**First**, it saves them from the Hellfire:

"And spend in the Cause of Allah and do not throw yourselves into destruction (by not spending your wealth in the Cause of Allah), and do good. Truly, Allah loves Al-Muhsinûn (the good-doers)" (2:195).

**Second**, it confirms their Iman:

"Indeed the Mosques of Allah shall be built only by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, perform As-Salat and give Zakah and fear none but Allah. It is they who are expected to be on true guidance" (9:18).

**Third**, it must be done all the time; in good times and in bad times, and in secret and in public; it is a basic characteristic of every Muslim:

"Those who spend (in Allah's Cause) in prosperity and in adversity, who repress anger, and who pardon men; verily, Allah loves Al-Muhsinûn (the good-doers)" (3:134).

"Those who spend their wealth (in Allah's Cause) by night and day, in secret and in public, they shall have their reward with their Lord. On them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve" (2:274).

**Fourth**, rewards will be multiplied 700 times:

"The likeness of those who spend their wealth in the Way of Allah, is as the likeness of a grain (of corn); it grows seven ears, and each ear has a hundred grains. Allah gives manifold increase to whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower" (2:261)

**Fifth**, whatever is spent will be totally returned to spenders by Allah:

"Say: Truly, my Lord enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His slaves, and (also) restricts (it) for him, and **whatever you spend of anything (in Allah's Cause), He will replace it.** And He is the Best of providers" (34:39)

**Sixth**, it all came from Allah in the first place:

"O you who believe! Spend of that with which We have provided for you, before a Day comes when there will be no bargaining, nor friendship, nor intercession. And it is the disbelievers who are the Zâlimûn (wrongdoers)" (2:254)

**And seventh**, spending to build Masjids is Sadaqa Jariya (continuous charity); rewards will amass as long as the Masjid is there to serve people. This is definitely an extra incentive for people to donate generously and show their gratitude to Allah..

## Conclusion:

Brothers and sisters, we have to remember that carrying this Deen out is the responsibility of both men and women. Allah says in the Quran:

The believers, men and women, are Auliya' (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another; they enjoin (on the people) Al-Ma'ruf (all that Islam orders one to do), and forbid (people) from Al-Munkar (all that Islam has forbidden); they perform As-Salat and give the Zakah, and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah will have His Mercy on them. Surely Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. (Tauba 9:71)

At the end, any show of gratitude we undertake will be for ourselves. Allah the Most High does not need our money, prayer, fasting...etc. Those are ways for us to collect more rewards and inherit paradise by the grace of Allah.



# MECCA COMMUNITY INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES

Many members of the Mecca community have been engaged in visits and dialogue with our neighbors of other faiths. Yes, there are some Americans who have shown anti-Islam sentiments, but there are a lot more Americans who have stood with Muslims. We say to them: thank you for your solidarity and support.





# The Mecca Center

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

*Most of the parking lot is done*

Carpenters are doing the final framing

Work is underway on bathrooms after initial inspection is done

Drywalls in basement, first and second floor on exterior walls is underway

Plumber installed all gas piping to units on roof and electrician is wiring the units.

All spray insulations on outside walls are complete

The light poles were delivered to the site and will be installed soon, weather permitting

Heating contractor still installing ducts





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