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YMWA ferns in the making?

YMWA Youth Ambassador Aakifa Chida, a cute pre-teen, achieved much more than the "Push play, get active and feel great" message on 21 October in Push Play month. As part of the YMWA Youth Ambassador Programme, Aakifa stepped up to make basketball a reality for the young girls who needed a women-only environment and took this up as her first project. Creation of a finely crafted poster, distribution and display to friends and schools, facilitation and even the serving of scrumptious cookies and thirst-quenching drinks on the day, were just some of the many credits attributed to yet another successful YMWA Youth Ambassador achievement.

The YMWA Sports Day, in the form of a ladies' basketball tournament, served the purpose of having a fun interactive day with friends and family regardless of ethnicity and religion through sport, boasting a total of over 18 ethnic groups participating in the event. The project was chosen after gauging interest within the community and having discussed it in detail at the YMWA Youth Ambassador workshop.

The day of the tournament dawned with rain and chilly winds but, despite the gloomy weather, spirits were still high. The sound of laughter echoed across the centre as the girls raced through the doors of the Lynfield Recreational Gym escaping the rain for shelter. Light-hearted conversation and anticipation filled the air as they organised themselves into their respective teams.

The basketball tournament started at 11.30 with the sharp piercing call of a whistle bringing conversations to a halt. Eight team matches were announced as the participants, pumped with adrenaline, got ready looking bright in their matching team colours. In preparation for the tournament, team names were selected a week before by the players themselves: Oreo Dunkers, Tall and Proud, Ball Busters, UMNO Auckland, Hooplims, Dream Team, Babes in Pink and Happy Feet.

Our timekeepers got their watches ready and the players were off! We had the luxury of having two spacious courts at our disposal, so two games were played simultaneously. The games were intense with players shouting out



***Babes in Pink
champions***

encouragement to their team mates under the guidance of our two friendly referees.

Each team player showed her unique strength in some shape or form throughout the day. Our secret scouts kept their eyes peeled ready to decide who would win one of our fantastic spot prizes at the end of the day.

Short breaks were maintained before the next set of four teams played against each other. Before we knew it, we had our four semi-finalists facing off for a spot in the final showdown. Team UMNO Auckland and Babes in Pink came out successful. The tension mounted and excitement was in the air as the final teams played against each other for the winning prize. High fives were exchanged each time a goal went through the hoop with the audience cheering their favourite team.

We finally presented engraved trophies to the deserving winning team Babes in Pink, UMNO Auckland coming a close second and Tall and Proud taking third place. Thank-you speeches were made to girls who helped set up the courts to allow for the participants to play without their hijabs and additional spot prizes were presented. Delicious chocolate chip cookies and fruit juice boxes were distributed to everyone during the prize-giving.

The day ended at 2 pm with participants having fun taking photos with their team mates and friends, proudly displaying their prizes. It was an unforgettable day and overall, the tournament was a huge success. All participants enjoyed themselves immensely and, with plenty of positive feedback received, we intend to hold more girls-only events in the future, insha Allah.



Virtue – a charity everyone can afford

The Quran (57:7) commands us, "You shall believe in God [alone] and His Messenger! And you shall spend [charitably] out of that [wealth] over which He has made you trustees. Then [as to] those of you who have thus believed and spent, [know that] for them there is a great reward [awaiting in the Hereafter]."

sadaqah

What is the truth about sadaqah? Sadaqah is a great pillar of real belief. It is obligatory for every Muslim to give charity to help the needy. It confirms one's devotion and service to Allah (swt). Yet most of us automatically think of giving money when it comes to charity. It can be hard to part with even a dollar when you are trying to scrape together enough to put food on the table.

not just money

But sadaqah is not just financial charity. It can be given through our efforts, a kind word or even a smile, as the Prophet (saw) has famously taught.

Abu Musa Al Ashari recounts that the Messenger of Allah (saw) once said, "There is a sadaqah due on every Muslim. If he cannot give because he has no money, let him work. Then he can support himself and give charity. If he is unable to work, then let him help someone in need of his help. If he cannot do this, then let him enjoin good. If he cannot do that, then he should do no evil nor harm others. [Even] this shall be written for him as sadaqah" (Ahmad).

When you are eking out a hand-to-mouth existence, charity may be the furthest thing from your mind. Yet continuous, simple acts of generosity can have lasting effects. The rewards of giving and sharing with others benefit us greatly in this life and the next.

Here are four kinds of sadaqah with a reward that money cannot buy you.

smile

Firstly, a simple smile. Have you ever noticed how contagious an ordinary smile can be? When you meet a friendly smiling face, you cannot help but surrender a smile of your own. The Prophet (saw) said that even a smile to your brother is sadaqah. According to the Prophet, having a good attitude is an important characteristic that pleases Allah (swt). "The most beloved to me and the closest to me on the Day of Resurrection will be those of you who have the best attitude (towards others)".



Secondly, give sincere advice to another. Good advice could be anything from helping someone to secure employment to providing them ways of becoming more disciplined and organised in daily life. Caring enough about others to make sure they make wise decisions that will truly benefit them, is a rare gift.

sincere advice

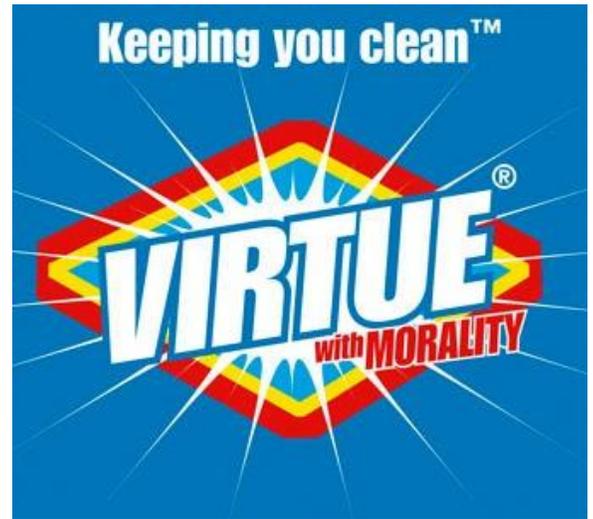
Thirdly, spend your time to help others in need. Feeding the homeless, organising a clothing drive, visiting the sick and housebound, inviting neighbours and family members into your home for a meal – all are great ways to give sadaqah.

helping others

Fourthly, praying for others. "The quickest prayer to be answered is one's supplication for his brother in his absence" (Bukhari). Keeping others in our sincere dua requires selflessness, the very kernel of brotherhood and community.

praying for others

Virtue is the ultimate goal. Giving sadaqah is one of the many ways we show our belief in Allah (swt). You give the best of what you have, whether it is money, advice, time, or a kind word. Even if you have less than what you had in years past, if you have a home, loving family and friends, and can meet your basic necessities, thank Allah and continue to share your wealth through actions and deeds with others. Recognising our responsibility to those who are truly less fortunate is the ties of a living faith that bind our community.



This is virtue and how wonderful its stunning vitality and the breath-taking dynamism of its incalculable reward. Surah Al Insan captures this:

"As to the virtuous, they shall, [in the Hereafter] drink from a chalice [of wine], tinged with a mixture of camphor, [flowing from] a spring from which the [worthy] servants of God [alone] shall drink – and which they [themselves] shall cause to gush, [at their command] in fountains. [Such is for those] who fulfill their vows, and who fear a day whose evil [is on the wing], flying far and wide. Thus they feed with food – despite their own desire for it – the indigent and the orphan, and the captive [of war, saying] We feed you purely for the sake of God. We desire no reward from you nor thankfulness. Indeed, we have fear of our Lord [and His punishment], on a day [Hereafter, when faces shall be overspread] with frowns and intense gloom. So God will shield them against the evil of that day and will confer upon them radiance and great gladness. And He will reward them for their patience with a garden [of Paradise] and [clothing of] silk. They shall recline therein on [canopied] couches. They see therein neither [blazing] sun nor [bitter] cold. Moreover, so very near above [them] are its [boughs of] shade – their fruit clusters lowered close in easy reach. Passed round among them are vessels of silver and cups bright as crystal, crystal-clear made of silver – that they measure out with perfect measure. They are given to drink of a chalice [of wine tinged with] a mixture of ginger [from] a fountain therein that is named Salsabil. Going round [serving] them are immortal youths. If you see them, you shall think them [to be] strewn pearls. And wherever you so look, there shall you see pure delight and a great kingdom. Enrobing [the heavenly inhabitants] shall be green raiments of sarcenet and rich brocade. And they shall be adorned therein with bracelets of silver. Thus, their Lord shall give them to drink a pure drink. [It shall be said]: Indeed, all this is for you in reward! For your [lifetime of] striving has been generously accepted." (76:5-22)

Beyond World War III

The Muslim world is in a state of turmoil. The events unfolding are indicative of the oncoming destruction of the Muslim population.

Muslims are variously branded as fundamentalists, orthodox, extremists, terrorists, Islamists and recently as following Islamism and not Islam. Muslims in Palestine who are democratically elected by the people are unable to govern for the people. On the one side, Palestine Hamas is slandered as a terrorist organisation and on the other side the Hezbollah in Lebanon are not called liberation fighters but are classified as terrorists.

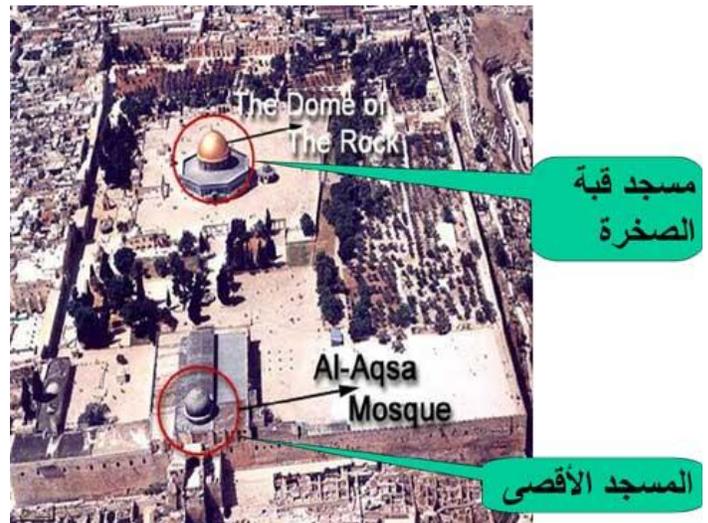
The Jewish and Christian mass media are rushing to divide the Muslim world into Shia and Sunni camps, and the unfortunate Muslims are brainwashed by the mass media into believing that they are not Muslims. This belief leads to fighting and killing each other when what is needed is the unity of the Muslim world.

There are indications that we are approaching the advent of Imam Mahdi, Dajjal and Jesus (Isa, as). Never before was Jerusalem flourishing as it is now. It has now become the centre of focus all over the world. In contrast Madinah has become a desolate city, having no political significance except for Muslims who go on hajj and visit the Holy Prophet's masjid and the University of Madinah.

Our Holy Prophet (saw) said that at this point of time there will be "malhama" meaning great wars. There had been wars before but Jerusalem was not booming and Madinah was not desolate at the same time. According to sahih hadith, when these two situations happen together, there will be great wars and, at this point in history, it is going to be World War III.

Muadh ibn Jabal narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, "The flourishing state of Jerusalem will be when Yathrib (Madinah) will be desolate; the desolate state of Yathrib will be when the great war comes; the outbreak of the great war will be (followed by) the conquest of Constantinople (Istanbul); and the conquest of Constantinople will be (followed by) Dajjal's (the Antichrist's) coming forth (ie appearing or emerging)." He (the Prophet) then tapped with his hand the thigh or the shoulder of the one to whom he was talking and said, "This is certainly true like you are (sitting) here (he meant Muadh ibn Jabal)" (Sunan Abi Daud).

This World War III will be followed by the conquest of Istanbul, which is under the control of NATO. Our Holy Prophet (saw) praised the commander and the army that will conquer Istanbul: "Verily you shall conquer Constantinople. What a wonderful leader will her leader be, and what a wonderful army will that army be!" (Musnad, Imam Ahmad).



Masjid Al-Sakhrah and Masjid Al-Aqsa, Jerusalem

**Imam Mahdi,
Dajjal, Jesus**

**Jerusalem
flourishing,
Madinah desolate**

**conquest of
Istanbul**

*previous
conquest of
Istanbul*

The conquest of Constantinople in 1453 when the Ottoman Turks, under the command of the young Sultan Muhammad (Mehmet) Fatih, conquered Constantinople is not the conquest prophesied by the Holy Prophet because that conquest did not take place when Jerusalem was booming and Madinah was desolate.

Contrary to Islamic principle, Sultan himself, as soon as he entered the city, ordered that the great Byzantine Cathedral of Hagia Sophia, which had been constructed 1000 years earlier by the Emperor Justinian, be converted into a masjid. This is in contrast to the time of Khalifah Umar bin Al-Khattab (ra), when the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Sophronius, refused to hand over the city to anyone other than the khalifah himself. So the khalifah had to travel from Madinah to Jerusalem to accept the keys to the city. While he was being escorted on a tour of the holy churches of Jerusalem, the time for salat arrived and the patriarch graciously invited Umar to perform his salat in the Church of the Resurrection. Umar (ra) declined because he feared that it might constitute grounds for Muslims to subsequently convert the church into a masjid. The Ottoman conversion of Hagia Sophia to a masjid was not an ordinary event. This was the greatest and most magnificent church in the entire Christian world. It had retained that position for 1000 years. Therefore, the conquest of Istanbul at the time of Sultan Fatih cannot be construed as the event prophesied by our Holy Prophet (saw).

*Russia
China*

There are events that are speedily taking shape in Pakistan, Egypt, Syria and Iran. The NATO alliance is taking position to gradually bring these countries under their control after having destabilised Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.

Russia and China have abandoned their defensive positions and are becoming more and more assertive in the affairs of the world. Russia has stationed 11 warships in Syria. Russia has signed a technological cooperation treaty with China under which it will be transferring modern technology to China. Thus the old foes have now become friends.

NATO

Iran, instead of bending its knees, is standing straight and tall in the face of political and economic isolation. Israel is making arrangements for a pre-emptive strike on the nuclear installations of Iran, either together with the USA or unilaterally. When this happens, NATO and allied countries such as Saudi Arabia, India, Bahrain and Qatar will rush to the aid of Israel. Imagine if Russia and China rush to support Iran at this juncture. The world will be facing a catastrophic nuclear war.

When World War III happens, Istanbul will be taken out of the control of NATO and Dajjal will appear. This will pave the way for him to rule the world from Jerusalem. He will then surround Imam Mahdi in Damascus which will be the prelude to the descending of Jesus (as) from the heavens on the wings of two angels. Jesus will then kill Dajjal and will rule the world from Jerusalem.

This is the warning from the Quran to those countries which have aligned themselves with the Jews and Christians who themselves have aligned together: "O you who have believed, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are [in fact] allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you – then indeed, he is [one] of them. Indeed, Allah guides not the wrongdoing people" (Surat Al-Maidah 5: 51).

Muslim unity

As the prophesy is now to be fulfilled, it is high time for Muslim countries to rescind their alliance with the powers of the Jews and Christians, and form an alliance among themselves lest they will be branded as one of them.

Etiquette at a funeral

adab

As Muslims, we learn the importance of good manners and courteous behaviour, or *adab*. One occasion where this is especially vital is at a funeral (*janaza*). It is a particularly difficult time for the family of the deceased person. They are coming to terms with the loss of their loved one, sometimes only a few hours ago. We must show them courtesy, respect and empathy.

ghusul

The process of a Muslim funeral starts with the *janaza ghusl*, the ritual washing of the body in preparation for shrouding it prior to burial. Every Muslim knows not to discuss what they see when they are assisting with *ghusl*, but other issues around the etiquette of a funeral are more subtle.

photography

For example, while no Muslim would ever take photographs of the *ghusl* process, what about photographing the burial and the prayers beside the grave? In fact, this is permissible and can be a beneficial action. Most Muslims in New Zealand are immigrants and many therefore have family members living overseas. The Islamic requirement for prompt burial often means that these relatives cannot get to New Zealand in time for the burial. They may have very little idea of what life is like for Muslims in New Zealand, which is not an Islamic state. For them to see photographs demonstrating that a proper Islamic burial took place for their loved one can be very reassuring.

So, the next time you see someone taking photographs at a funeral, do not gesticulate angrily at them to stop. Reflect instead on why you are there, and offer a prayer for the deceased person and their family.

It would be better, however, to get a non-Muslim friend to take any photographs required because it is a solemn occasion on which any Muslim in attendance should be focussing on the afterlife and prayer rather than focussing a camera. Furthermore, if you are the photographer or receive such photographs, it would probably be a good idea to delete them after the photographs have fulfilled their legitimate purpose.

loud speech

It is good *adab* to refrain from speaking too much about worldly matters at a funeral. It is the wrong occasion for such talk. Instead of chatting loudly with the brother or sister standing next to you about work or the traffic or the weather, make a quiet prayer for the deceased person that they may have their sins forgiven and go to Jannah, insha Allah.



Some of the Muslim burial plots at Auckland's Manukau Memorial Gardens

inappropriate questions

Refrain, too, from asking intrusive questions about the deceased person – and in particular do not question their Islam. Never ask others attending the funeral, "Was he a Muslim?" This has happened at the funerals of converts, and is an unnecessary and rude question. On one occasion this question was immediately followed by, "I mean, was he a praying Muslim? Did he go to the mosque?" Whichever way one expresses such questions, it is highly

laughter

inappropriate to question the faith of another person. It implicitly casts doubt on their faith, which is always wrong.

Another inappropriate action seen at some funerals is laughter, mainly among boys attending. Any adult near them should promptly tell them to stop and remind them sternly – but not too loudly – why they are there.

Try to make allowances for the cultures of other people you encounter at funerals. The world of Allah (swt) is vast and His people may have many cultural differences as long as they fall within what is permitted by the Quran and the sunnah. Understanding this helps us to live together in peace.

If a granddaughter wishes to see the face of her beloved grandmother one last time, graciously allow her to do so. Be polite and helpful to sisters who wish to stand at the graveside for a while after the burial has been completed – in some Muslim countries such as Malaysia it is part of their culture to do so. Give other people the same respect you would wish for yourself. People dress differently, look different to us, and in some ways behave differently too. This is all fine as long as it does not contradict Islamic sharia or adab. We are all Muslims and we will all return to Allah in the end, insha Allah taala.

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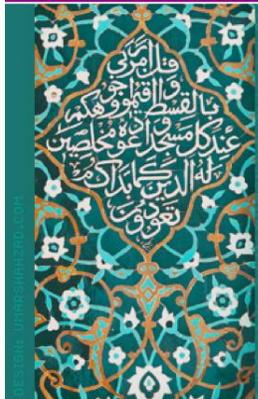
Working Together Group

The Janazah Service of the Working Together Group offer their Muslim burial services free, apart from costs such as cemetery costs which are passed on to the family of the deceased. The recently launched Janaza Waqf service aims to provide janaza services including the burial plot to Muslim families in Auckland for a small monthly fee.

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Homosexual “marriage” – not our future

This article touches on two further aspects of the debate about homosexual “marriage”: the statistics about support of homosexual “marriage”, and the question of homosexual adoption.

Statistics

From what we read in the media, you may be getting the idea that approval of homosexual “marriage” is sweeping the globe. In fact, only 11 countries (Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, Sweden) allow homosexual couples to “marry” nationwide. Homosexual “marriages” are also performed and recognised in Mexico City (but not the rest of Mexico), and parts of the United States (only six of the 50 states). Some jurisdictions that do not perform homosexual “marriages” but recognise those that have been performed elsewhere include Israel, Aruba, Curaçao and Saint Maarten (three small islands in the Caribbean), parts of the United States, Mexico, and Uruguay.

While this may seem like a long list, it is not. The populations of these countries amount to about 250 million, which is only 4% of the world population. Also, these figures represent the total populations – of both heterosexual and homosexual people – in those countries. The homosexual populations in those countries is therefore much less.

There are a little over 200 countries in the world. The precise figure cannot be given, as the status of many countries and areas is disputed. The 11 countries that allow homosexual “marriage” therefore represent only 5% of the total number.

It is also important to look at the lack of geographical spread of these countries. They are culturally western countries, highly concentrated in Western Europe and North America, with the continents of Africa (with the exception of South Africa), and Central and South America (with the exception of Argentina) largely excluded. The largest continent on earth is Asia, with the majority of the world population – over 4 billion out of a world population of 7 billion. Not a single country in Asia allows homosexual “marriage”.

So, tolerance of homosexual “marriage” is still very much a small minority opinion worldwide.

The purpose of marriage

The real question behind much of the issue of homosexual “marriage” is the purpose of marriage. In Islam (and most other religions), there are two purposes: firstly, the recognition, in an Islamic context (ie by an Islamic wedding ceremony conducted by a qadi), that the bride and groom are committed to spending their lives together, and secondly, the potential for children. The rest of this article concentrates on the second.

The details of human reproduction are obvious to all adults. Suffice it to state the obvious, that both male and female reproductive organs are required. It is also obvious that this is precisely what is lacking in homosexual relationships; it is an incompatibility of sexual categories. It is also obvious that this is the reason that homosexuals have to rely on either adopting children or having a surrogate parent for whatever is missing (egg, womb or sperm). It is worrying that both these processes have been legalised in many countries.

This is a totally different matter from heterosexual couples adopting children. This is done usually because the couple cannot have children of their own, for medical reasons. It is not an incompatibility of sexual categories – there is a

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man and a woman with the appropriate reproductive organs. Instead, it is a malfunction of those reproductive organs. Such heterosexual couples can therefore undergo fertility treatment, to try to correct the malfunction of reproductive organs. Fertility treatment is nonsensical for homosexuals, because of the incompatibility of reproductive organs.

One highly publicised instance of homosexuals adopting a child is Sir Elton John and his "partner" David Furnish. They "married" in 2005 in the UK, and tried to adopt a baby boy from Ukraine. However, the Ukrainian authorities blocked the move, on two grounds. Firstly, John is too old; there is a regulation that a parent must be no more than 45 years older than an adopted child (John was 62 at the time). Secondly, and more importantly perhaps, the Ukrainian authorities pointed out that "he is not married". Ukraine, like all other countries in eastern Europe, does not recognise homosexual "marriages".

A son was conceived using a donor egg and was born via a surrogate mother (womb) in California. John and Furnish now intend to have another child. "Furnish explained, 'We could go back to the same egg donor, so biologically there would certainly be a connection between brother and brother, or brother and sister.' And he confirmed that he and Sir Elton would probably again both donate sperm to fertilise the egg, 'so we don't know which one of us is the father'."¹

It seems therefore that the intended child will not know (i) who his/her biological mother is that donated the egg, (ii) who the surrogate mother is that donated the womb, or (iii) which of John or Furnish is his/her biological father that donated the sperm. This third factor seems to be true of the existing son, whose full name is Zachary Jackson Levon Furnish-John (note the double-barrelled surname).

John and Furnish's decision to create a child has been criticised by many commentators, who argue that this seems like selfish egotistical behaviour on their part, rather than taking into account the needs – and, some would say, the human rights – of the child. It seems like a basic human right for every child to have a mother and a father, apart from in exceptional circumstances (death, divorce, etc). Even John seems to agree with this: "It's going to be heartbreaking for him to grow up and realise he hasn't got a mummy."

Similar sentiments have been expressed by overtly homosexual British actor Rupert Everett², who is quoted as saying, "I can't think of anything worse than being brought up by two gay dads." His homosexuality has led to disappointment from his mother, who "thinks children need a father and a mother and I agree with her."

John said he is also worried about when Zachary goes to preschool and other children ask him why he doesn't have a mom. He said that he and Furnish would like to have another child so Zachary doesn't have go through it alone. "Gwen Landolt of REAL Women of Canada [agrees], 'If he's concerned about it then why on earth is he adopting the child knowing the child is going to have a difficult life with much more complications than a child' with heterosexual



"not married"

**whose egg?
whose womb?
whose sperm?**

human rights

open hostility

consequences

Allah's natural order

parents? Interestingly when similar observations to John's are made by non-homosexuals they are often met by overt hostility."³

Many research reports on adoption of children by homosexuals have concluded that there are no harmful psychological effects. "However, according to a report⁴ published in 2005 by HazteOir, Spanish Forum for the Family, and the Institute for Family Policy, most of these studies have been done by homosexual activists, using small selective populations and reports from parents instead of children. The report, entitled 'Report on Infantile Development in Same-Sex Couples', contradicts the other studies. It says that among children raised by same-sex couples there are significant increases in low self-esteem, stress, sexual identity confusion, an increase in mental illness, drug use, promiscuity, STD's [sexually transmitted diseases], and homosexual behaviour."³

Likewise, a report by University of Texas professor Mark Regnerus "has been hailed as a 'gold standard' study because of its use of a large, random sample with responses from children instead of parents. Areas Regnerus examined include rates of employment, voting, suicide, fidelity in relationships, and sexual abuse. The study's findings show that children with heterosexual parents fare better, in a number of areas than those with homosexual parents."³

Conclusion

Gwen Landolt of REAL Women of Canada summarised the root problem thus: parenting by homosexual couples is "looking to the so-called rights of the adult not the best interests of the child. A child needs a mother and a father and that's the only way they can learn about the gender differences in which the whole world functions."³

The phrase "gender differences in which the whole world functions" seems to sum up the Islamic perspective too. Allah (swt) created humans in two sexes, male and female, for a purpose. In various places in the Quran, many of them to do with Adam (as) and Eve (Hawa, ra), He states the natural order, eg "It is He Who created you from a single person, and made his mate of like nature, in order that he might dwell with her in love" (7:189).

In short, everyone's parents are a heterosexual man and woman, and this is the natural order of things, ordained by Allah (swt).

1 Sara Nathan 'It will break my son's heart to realise he hasn't got a mother, says Elton as he reveals he'd like Zachary to have a sibling' Mail Online 15 July 2012 www.dailymail.co.uk

2 "'Children need a father and mother" - Rupert Everett' New Zealand Herald 17 September 2012 www.nzherald.co.nz

3 Katie Craine 'Elton John says it's 'heartbreaking' that son will grow up without a mom' LifeSiteNews 19 July 2012 www.lifesitenews.com

4 'Experts worldwide find gay adoption harmful for children' LifeSiteNews 31 May 2005 www.lifesitenews.com

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Quran 114: 1-6

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8 & 9 December

Quran 51: 56-60

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Quran 51: 56-60

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FEATURE: Hijab

DOCUMENTARY: The truth of the life of this world part 2

22 & 23 December

Quran: 4: 170-173

LECTURE: Jesus the son of Mary by Yahya Ibrahim

DOCUMENTARY: Jesus will return part 1

29 & 30 December

Quran: 16: 125, 3: 104-105

LECTURE: The final message by Bilal Assad

DOCUMENTARY: Jesus will return part 2



Yvonne Ridley

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"Salah is a pillar of the religion (Islam). He who establishes it, establishes religion; and he who destroys it, destroys religion." (hadith)

Auckland prayer timetable for December 2012

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Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr 1	Asr 2	Maghrib	Isha
1	4:05	5:54	1:10	5:01	6:14	8:25	10:06
2	4:05	5:53	1:10	5:01	6:15	8:26	10:08
3	4:04	5:53	1:10	5:02	6:16	8:27	10:09
4	4:04	5:53	1:10	5:02	6:16	8:27	10:09
5	4:04	5:53	1:11	5:03	6:17	8:28	10:11
6	4:03	5:53	1:12	5:03	6:17	8:29	10:12
7	4:03	5:53	1:12	5:04	6:18	8:30	10:13
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Asr 2: Hanafi school (double shadow length)

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- ✓ Central location
- ✓ Plenty of free parking
- ✓ Facilities for ladies
- ✓ Bayaan (religious talk) before jumuah prayers
- ✓ All bayaan and khutbah in English

NB We are only open for Friday prayers – not for the five daily prayers.

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Swt, saw, as, ra

swt : subhanahu wa ta'ala "Glory to Him, the Exalted" (when mentioning Allah)

saw : salallahu alaihi wassalam "May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him" (when mentioning Muhammad)

as: alaihis salam "Peace be on him" (when mentioning other prophets)

ra : radi allahu anhu/ha/hum "May Allah be pleased with him/her/them" (when mentioning members of Muhammad's family, companions, etc)