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Sports Meet 2007 Recap

The first Sports Meet held in the Seattle area for Muslims, with individual and team competitions in Basketball and Table Tennis, was held on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse in Redmond, with the grace and blessings of Allah. Jointly organized by ICOE and ICOR, the event had community members from around the Puget Sound competing for prizes and camaraderie.

The Table Tennis tournament had 9 players, divided into 2 groups in an initial Robin Round. The winners from the Robin Round groups proceeded into the Semi-Finals, and so forth.

Iftikhar and Noor won from Group A, and Omar and Sahl from Group B. Iftikhar played Sahl, his son, in the Semis winning 3-2. Omar beat Noor 3-1. The final between Iftikhar and Noor turned out into an interesting competition, but Iftikhar ended up winning 3-1. For the third place, Sahl beat Noor 3-1. The TT Tourney was dominated by Br. Iftikhar's family, capturing both first and third spots!

The Youth Basketball games were dominated by teams from the north and south of Seattle. The first game saw the Lynnwood Muslims in reds crushing We're Taking Over in whites 73-63. Next up, Like Mike in blacks lost to We're Taking Over in whites 50-49, in a very close game. Brother Cherry brought down the house with 5 fouls, for Like Mike.

The Lynnwood Muslims then proceeded to defeat Like Mike 52-48. Adam excelled with 8 points for the winners, and Jamal scored 6 for Like Mike. The final match-up saw Lynnwood Muslims in reds outclassing We're Taking Over 54-57, albeit in a close game. Again, Adam scored the most points for the reds, with King excelling for the whites. The Lynnwood Muslims were the clear winners, having won all of their games.

The kids teams comprised of Kent 1 in blacks and Kent 2 in whites. Kent 1 won the first game 37-30. Kent 2 won the next 44-29, with Mohammad Amin scoring 10 points.

Many thanks to Brothers Arshad, Saeed, Sarhan and others for their efforts in organizing the tournament. We look forward to next year's sports meet!

Board Announcement

ICOE is pleased to announced the addition of the following brothers to the Masjid Board:

Br. Amro Youssef for Fundraising,

Br. Faisal Rana for Dawah,

Br. Mohammed Saleh for IT/Website,

Br. Sajjad Akhter for Facilities.

These brothers were nominated by ICOE Musallis, and have assumed their responsibilities effective immediately.

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The Aqeedah of a Muslim

By Sheikh Amin Abu Anas

It is only logical that the most important part of anything is its foundation. The same holds true for Islam, with its foundation being the Aqeedah.

Aqeedah is a Muslim's conviction on the core issues of Islam. It can mean the difference between having a sound belief or a disguised disbelief. This topic assumes special significance, especially in today's environment, given the proliferation of the wrong Aqeedah from various groups claiming to be truly Muslim. They never spare any means or persistence in attracting people to their deviant paths. Together with widespread religious illiteracy, sectarian rigidity and the rise of Fitna, these deviant ideologies can corrode at the foundation of one's belief. The Prophet (PBUH) foretold about those people, describing them as callers on the gates of hellfire pretending to be Muslim. As in the hadeeth narrated by Hozifah, an honorable companion, after an alternation of eras of evil and good, there will come an era of evil, to which the aforementioned people belong. Whoever follows them will be thrown into the hellfire.

The only way to be safe is to follow the Prophet's (SAW) advice and stick to the congregation of Muslims, or at least avoid such groups if the congregation is not found until death reaches one in this state. In order for Muslims to have a clear criteria distinguishing the correct Aqeedah from the false one, we will touch upon a few tenets of Aqeedah to make sure they are of utmost clarity to Muslims.

Aqeedah starts by the belief in the oneness of Allah and the unseen heavenly revelations to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He does not beget nor is He begotten. Allah is everywhere by His knowledge and not necessarily by His physical self. He is present on His Throne in a manner that only he knows and that which we cannot imagine.

He has no beginning and no end, and nothing is hard for Him. Unlike any creation He does not need to be sustained, and He is the sole sustainer. He takes life without fear and returns it without difficulty. Allah is only known to us through His attributes - Nothing is like Him and He is the truly hearing and the truly seeing. These attributes embody the absolute good and they never change.

His destiny takes its course and everything happens according to His will. There is no will for His creation except through His will. Nothing rejects His decree and no one can

prevent it. Whoever questions Allah's actions has rejected His will. He does not share his destiny even with His closest Prophets. Claiming to know it is a clear sign of disbelief for us humans. We cannot deny the revealed knowledge or claim to know what has been withheld from us by Allah.

Allah took the covenant from Adam's progeny to worship only Him, and He knows their future deeds and what they will do. He knows who among them will dwell in Paradise and who will suffer his share in the hellfire.

Muhammed (PBUH) is His slave and Messenger to mankind and Ginn. He is the last of His Prophets and their master. He is the beloved of Allah SWT. All claims to Prophet-hood after him are false and misguided. His ascension in the heavens on the night of Mirraaj is truth and not a dream. He was awake and physically taken to Jerusalem before being physical taken up to heaven, by Allah's will. All of this, and he was back in part of the night. The Prophet SAW also gave us clear signs of the reality of the Journey, as in the description of Aqsa and arrival of the caravan.

The Prophet's SAW intercession on the Day of Judgment is also the truth. The Quran is the literal word of Allah revealed to Prophet Muhammad SAW. Believers accept Quran as their way of life and salvation; and Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) as their guide in understanding it. Whoever denies the Quran as the word of God has lost his faith. Seeing Allah is truth, a pleasure only granted to the believers in Paradise. Some faces on that day are radiant; towards their Lord they are looking.

Islam is the universal religion of Allah, in heavens and on earth, as he said:

"For Allah the true religion is Islam,"

And,

"For you I'm content with Islam as a religion."

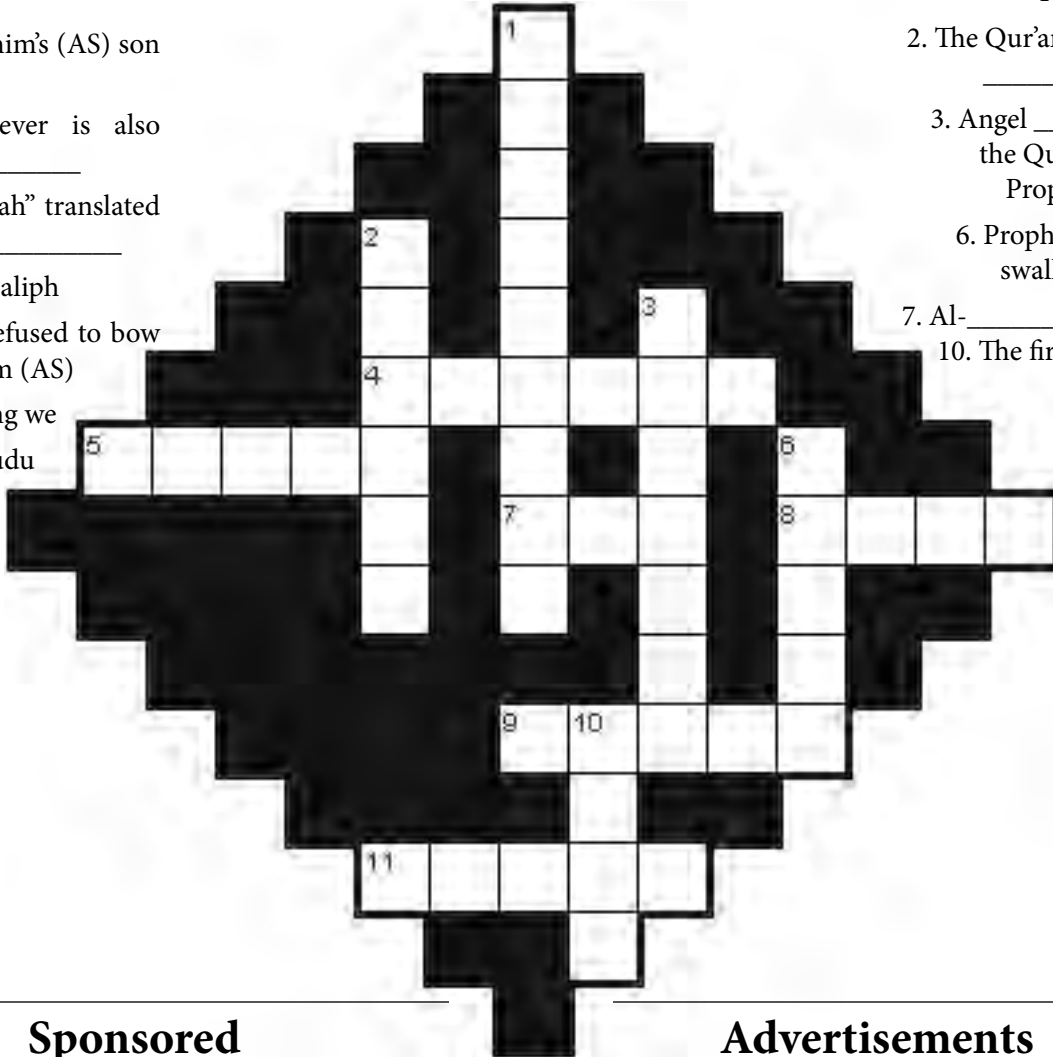
Islam is the proper way of life as revealed by Allah to all of his Prophets throughout time. The religion of Allah doesn't reside in the hearts of believers, except through submission. These are a few clear aspects of the Aqeedah. Whoever differs from them has clearly strayed.

Let us study them with our families and stick to them in order to remain on the right path, as shown to us by the Prophet SAW. We ask Allah to strengthen our belief, to protect us from Fitna and to guide the misguided among the Muslims.

Kids Crossword Corner

Across

- 4. Prophet Ibrahim's (AS) son was _____
- 5. A non-believer is also known as a _____
- 7. "Light of Allah" translated into Arabic is _____
- 8. The Second Caliph _____
- 9. _____ refused to bow to Prophet Adam (AS)
- 11. The first thing we wash during Wudu _____



Down

- 1. _____ Day
- 2. The Qur'an is comprised of _____ equal parts
- 3. Angel _____ brought the Qur'an down to the Prophet Muhammad
- 6. Prophet _____ was swallowed by a whale
- 7. Al-_____ Al Mukarramah
- 10. The first battle between the Muslims and the Quraish _____

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- Daily Jama'ah Prayers; five times a day; please visit <http://www.eastsidemosque.com/> for daily schedule
- Weekly Juma'ah prayers; 1:20 p.m.; every Friday at ICOE; and at the Bellevue Senior Center, 4063 148th Ave NE
- Class for New Muslim Brothers; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Sundays; to register, email: dawah@eastsidemosque.com
- Qur'an Tafsir Session; After Maghrib; Fridays
- Weekend Deen Intensive Fiqh Course: *Foundation of Islamic Knowledge*; by Shaikh Mushtaq Ahmad; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Sept 1st and Sept 2nd
- * All programs by Imam Fazal Hasan, and at the Bellevue Mosque unless otherwise stated

TAJWEED ACADEMY

- Tajweed classes; level 1; After Asr; Tuesdays
- Tajweed classes; levels 1, 3, 4, 5, 6; After Asr; Wednesdays
- Tajweed classes; level 2; After Asr; Sundays

SELECTED WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

- Qur'an memorization; 10:30 a.m. - Noon; Sundays
- Learn Arabic via Urdu; by Mufti Abdul Mujeeb; Noon - 1:30 p.m., Wed; 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Sat
- Nur Ul Muslimeen Youth Group/ICOE's Mother/Daughter Retreat 2007; Aug 30 - Sept 2; Camp Sealh, Vashon Island; visit: www.eastsidemosque.com for details

SELECTED CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Qur'an Tahfeez School; by Sheikh Fazal; 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.
- Childrens' class in Bosnian; by Sheikh Abdullah; 3:30 p.m.; Sundays
- For more programs, visit: www.eastsidemosque.com

Qur'an Memorization Event at ICOE

When: 10:30 a.m., August 11 2007

Where: Bellevue Masjid

Organized by the Noor-ul-Muslimeen Youth Group which consists of Muslim girls from the Bellevue and Redmond area.

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- Daily Jama'ah Prayers; five times a day; please visit <http://www.redmondmosque.org/> for daily schedule
- Weekly Juma'ah prayers; 1:20 p.m.; Fridays; Old Redmond Schoolhouse, 16600 NE 80th Street
- Short Dars; After Maghrib; Daily
- Kids Qur'an and Arabic Class; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- Qur'an Memorization for Men; After Maghrib; Tuesdays
- Qur'an Recitation for Adults; After Maghrib; Wednesdays
- Friday Potluck Dinner and Halaqah; 7:30 p.m.; Fridays; Old Redmond Schoolhouse, 16600 NE 80th Street; Rm 107-108
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