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In the Name of Allah, The Beneficent, Most Merciful.

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Knowledge Is A Cure

- Shaykh 'Alee ibn Hasan al-Halabee

Many people live their lives in a state of sickness. They roam around absent-mindedly and in neglect, looking for the cure to their sicknesses, but they do not find it. And they look at one of the ways towards attaining it so that they can embark on it, but they are not able to distinguish it! However, the cure is right in front of them. The remedy is before their very eyes - indeed it is knowledge.

Imaam Adh-Dhahabee (d. 748H) said: "Whoever's heart becomes sick with doubts and false notions, then this condition will not come to an end unless he asks the people of knowledge, so that he learns from the truth that which will repel his sickness. And thus it will not affect him seriously.

The greatest of these cures is: having the (constant) need for Allah (Al-Iftiqaar) and imploring Him for help (Al-Istighaathah). So let him constantly repeat this (following) supplication and increase in saying it:

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Community News

New Masjid Update

Last Wednesday, Feb. 21, we learnt that a church on Ogden Avenue, a block east of Hwy 59 was put on sale. We convened for an emergency meeting on Thursday and, after a thorough discussion on the subject, decided to make a purchase offer.

The property consists of a 3 acre parcel of land with a 6,000 sq. ft. church building and a 90-car parking lot. The existing building, which needs significant repair work, has a 2,000 sq. ft. hall and another 1,600 sq. ft. hall with some intervening auxiliary rooms. The property is zoned B-3 which has a potential for commercial use.

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Event Update

**Monthly
Community
Get-together**

**7 pm Friday,
March 30, 2007**

**ICN Masjid
450 Olesen Rd.
Naperville, IL**

Potluck Dinner

**Speakers and
Topic to be announced**

Please don't Forget to donate for the new Center.

Knowledge Is A Cure (Contd.)

"O Allah, Lord of Jibreel, Mikaa'eel and Israafeel. The One who revealed the Torah and the Injeel, guide me concerning that which is in dispute from the truth, by Your permission. Verily, You guide whom You will to a Straight Path." [Something similar to this has been reported by Muslim (No. 770) in *Marfoo'* form. The wording in Arabic is as follows: "*Allahumma, rabba jibreel wa mikaa'eel wa israafeel. Munzil At-Tawraati wal-Injeel. Ih'dinee limaakh'tulifa feehi minal-haqq bi-idh'nik. Innaka tah'dee man tashaa ilaa siraatim mustaqeem.*"

And let him constantly renew his repentance and asking of forgiveness. And let him ask Allah to grant him certainty and well-being. For indeed - if Allah wills - his days won't come to an end except that he will be relieved - if Allah wills - from his sickness. And his *Tawheed* (doing actions only for Allah) will be made pure for him. And he will be saved from entering into the science of rhetoric (*'Ilm-ul-Kalaam*), of which - by Allah, the Most Great - if it is learned in order to prevent a sickness, there will sprout out from it many more sicknesses, which may possibly even kill him! In fact, no one has a lot of doubts and misconceptions befall him, except he who preoccupies himself with the sciences of Rhetoric (*Kalaam*) and Logic (*Hikmah*)! So the cure for these sicknesses is to throw these destructive matters away and to avoid them completely. And to apply much recitation (of the Qur'an), prayer, supplication and fear of Allah to ones self.

So I am guaranteeing for him (by this) that his *Tawheed* will become pure and that His Lord will grant him well-being.

And if he does not make use of this cure and the sickness is instead treated by another sickness, and he drowns himself with the remedies of opinions and intellectual choices, then perhaps he may be relieved and perhaps he may be destroyed! And perhaps he may even remain sick until he dies!" [End of Imaam adh-Dhahabee's statement]

Abu Ad-Dardaa reported that the Messenger of Allah (sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said:

"Indeed, the scholars are the inheritors of the prophets. And indeed, the prophets do not leave behind *deenars* nor *dirhams* as inheritance. Rather they only leave behind knowledge as inheritance. So whosoever takes hold of it (i.e. the knowledge), then he has taken hold of a large share (of the inheritance)."

Imaam Ibn Hibbaan (d. 354H) said: "In this hadeeth there is a clear proof that the scholars who bear the merit we have mentioned (previously), are the ones who teach the knowledge of the Prophet (sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) apart from the many other types of knowledge. Did you not see him (sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) say: '**The scholars are the inheritors of the prophets**'? The prophets do not leave anything behind as inheritance, except knowledge. And the knowledge of our Prophet is his Sunnah. So anyone that deprives himself from acquiring knowledge of it, then he is not from the inheritors of the prophets."

And from the beautiful phrases that have been stated, is:

"Knowledge is the inheritance of the Prophet, such has been reported in the texts, and the scholars, and they are its inheritors. The chosen one (sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam) did not leave anything behind other than his hadeeth among us, so that is his property and his as-

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Community News (Contd.)

New Masjid Update (Contd.)

We sent our purchase offer at \$2.55 million last Friday and on Feb. 28, we were informed that the seller has multiple offers on the property, and is asking a net \$2.65 million. After getting approval from the Majlis Shura, we have accepted the seller's proposal.

Please make dua keeping in mind that Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam's way was to hope for the best from Allah, and to be prepared for the unexpected. That should be our approach as well.

Please note that purchase of this or any other property for ICN is not to be considered a substitute for the Macom property that we have been working on for some years. That project will remain as is, Insha'allah.

Other ICN Community News

Faisal Khan receives CAIR's 2007 Courage Award

Faisal Rafee Khan, a resident of Naperville received the *2007 Courage Award* from the Council of American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter (CAIR-Chicago) at their Annual Event on February 11, 2007.

Faisal is a published columnist and has been an Assistant Editor of two International newspapers in Caucasus region. He worked closely with US Embassy Press Secretary on various assignments related to political, economic and social issues in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Furthermore, Faisal has experience working with UN and NGOs on matters related to healthcare and social programs for women and orphans.

Juma'a Timing Change

Please note the change in Juma'a timing with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. The new prayer schedule effective March 16 will be as follows:

1st Jamat:	Qutbah: 1:05 pm	Iqamah: 1.25 pm
2nd Jamat:	Qutbah: 2:05 pm	Iqamah: 2.25 pm

Monthly Community Get-Together

We had a good turnout at our last month's Community Potluck Dinner. Dr. Kassar did blood sugar testing for a number of patients. After Isha, he gave a presentation on Diabetes; also, Dr. Akhter Siddiqui gave a presentation on Asthma and Chronic Lung Disease. We received a lot of positive feedback on the event. Please contact Br. Ashraf Elessawy (ashraf@elessawy.com) for suggestions on topics/speakers for this monthly get-together. The next event is planned for Friday, March 30, Inshallah. Please coordinate with Br. Ashraf (630-336-0078) on what dish you will be bringing to make sure that we have a balanced combination of dishes.

Services offered by Islamic Center of Naperville

- **Daily Prayers**
- **Friday Prayers**
- **Eid Prayers**
- **Taraweeh Prayers**
- **Weekend School**
- **Full-time School
(Preschool, Pre-Kg and
Kindergarten)**
- **ICN Girls Club
(Elementary School Age)**
- **Girls Youth Halaqa**
- **Boys Youth Halaqa**
- **Monthly Community
Get-Together**
- **Annual Picnic**
- **Nikkah Services**
- **Shahadah of new
Muslims**
- **Dars after Isha**
- **Zakaat Distribution**
- **Funeral & Burial Ser-
vices**
- **Da'awah Projects**
- **Annual Prayer Calendar**

Community News (Contd)

Weekend Islamic Schools Summit

ICN Weekend School administration and staff will be attending a "Weekend Islamic Schools Summit" at Waterford Place in Elmhurst this Sunday. The Summit has been organized by CIOGC.

ICN SouthWest Center

This is a reminder that we have daily Jamat for Fajr and Isha at the ICN Southwest Center, located on Rt. 59—south of 83rd St. Please see Page 4 for Jamat timings. This facility has been provided to benefit the residents of West and Southwest Naperville—please take advantage of this resource. If you need additional information, please contact Br. Shoab Khadri (shoab.khadri@gmail.com or 708-790-7589).

Inviting Sponsorship for ICN Newsletter

We would like to offer local businesses and organizations to buy advertising space on the ICN Newsletter, which has a readership across the Islamic Community of Naperville. Printed copies are distributed at both Jamats of Friday prayer and a PDF version is e-mailed to the ICN mailing list.

Quote From The Qur'an:

O you who believe! spend (in the way of Allah) from what We have granted you before the day arrives when there will be no trade, nor friendship, nor any intercession.

Surah Al Baqarah: 253

Hadith of The Prophet (SAWS):

The Prophet (SAWS) said to Asma' Binte Abu Bakr (R) "Give in charity according to your means and do not withhold, otherwise Allah will withhold it (wealth) from you."

Sahih Muslim, Book of Zakaat)

Jamaat Timing at ICN (450 Olesen) and ICN Southwest (Route 59 — south of 83rd St.)

Starting Date	Fajr	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
1-Mar-07	5:45 AM	1:30 PM	4:00 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
4-Mar-07	5:30 AM	1:30 PM	4:15 PM	Sunset	8:00 PM
11-Mar-07	6:00 AM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	Sunset	8:30 PM
18-Mar-07	6:00 AM	1:30 PM	5:30 PM	Sunset	9:00 PM

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