

MUSLIM SCIENTIST/AUTHOR DELIVERS SPEECH

PART III

By Muhammad Abdullah

This is part III of a speech given by Dr. Ahmad H. Sakr, consultant of the Islamic Center of San Gabriel, California.

"How to protect yourself? It is to practice what Allah (God) has requested from you. Either we are Muslims or we say: 'Well, I am in America and I cannot practice Islam. So if you have problems practicing Islam in America, then go back to Pakistan! Go back to Egypt! Go back to Timbuktu! Who told you you can't practice Islam? Go back! Who told you to stay in America?'"

The more you make excuses, the more the Satan, the Jinn will say: "You have more excuses!"

"It is not only in America, but you are in Nevada, I am in Las Vegas and I cannot practice Islam!"

Who told you you have to stay in Las Vegas? The wives will say that my husband attracted me and he told me to come and stay. Tell him: "No honey! Let's get out of it!"

As long as you cannot practice Islam in Las Vegas, tell your sweetheart: "This is Hell for me and I will be in Hell and you will be in Hell. Let's get out of Las Vegas! Or, let us stay in Las Vegas, and I want you to stay in Las Vegas because you are 'pioneers', and I said at Jumah prayer that 'pioneers will be close to Allah (God) on the Day of Judgement.' You will be close to Allah (God) on the Day of Judgement because you assumed the position as first generation."

Now, there are so many life insurances; people around you who give you life insurance. Maybe I should offer another life insurance for people who would like to make a good business.

You want to talk life insurance; your life insurance that you offer me is not for me when I die, it is for someone else who will benefit after I die. I want to see

GIVE ME A CHANGE MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

La Toryla Evans, a 1992 graduate of Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been awarded a scholarship to Oral Roberts University by Give Me A Chance Ministry, an organization which offers special assistance to minority students.

A member of the National Honor Society and holding other high honors for achievement, Evans is enrolling in a course of study at Oral Roberts University leading to a medical degree which she plans to use in service to disadvantaged people.

La Toryla is not new to concern for others; she has worked

someone who is in the business of life insurance to make a new dimension of life insurance, and Muhammad (God's Peace be Upon Him), gave us three types of life insurance for you personally when you die that will go with you and not with someone else, and Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) (PBUH), through Abu Huraira who relates: "When a child of Adam dies, nothing is going to go with you." You mean to tell me if I become a medical doctor, a Ph.D, you become a millionaire, that everything is finished? Only God knows how they (society) will benefit from you.

But how about you, when you will have to stay in the grave until the Day of Judgement for millions of years and your soul will come from (Barzakh), the temporary storage place for the soul, until it is determined whether it will be penalized or rewarded. You will be screaming, and you will be crying, and you will be shouting, "Oh God!" "Oh God!" "Ya Allah!" "Ya Allah!" Too late! Too late! Because you are going to die! You are going away! You are going to leave this planet! You are going to the Day of Judgement! Prepare yourself!"

Muhammad (PBUH) informed us that when you die, nothing but one of the three everlasting investments in insurance will go with you. Number one, (Sadaqa Jariya). What is Sadaqa Jariya? It is perpetual charity. What is it? Masjid (House of worship), number one! What is it? Madressah (Islamic School), number one! A full-time school is as important as a Masjid in America for our boys and girls.

You know, a Masjid in America has become like a church, because we go to the Masjid only on Friday, huh? And those

as a volunteer at a local community health center, an apartment youth activities center, a tutoring program, the Afro-American Society and her local church.

Give Me A Chance Ministry is a Tulsa based educational ministry founded and directed by Bill Owens. Over 750 minority students have been assisted with their college education through GMAC Ministry, since its founding in 1988.

Minority or inner city students who wish to attend college need not be restricted by financial or academic limitations. Give Me A Chance Ministry welcomes

who go in-between, only God knows. And those who are making excuses, only God knows how many we are.

But, Sadaqa Jariya is a hospital too; is a clinic. It is a T.V. station and a radio station. It is anything that you leave and after you die, people are going to benefit from you.

Think of it, how many of us have already pitched in the dollar to build a Sadaqa Jariya in this part of the world so that when you die one thousand years from today, people are going to say; "Mashallah" (God is well pleased), that may Allah (God) bless those pioneers who established this Masjid, this Madressah, this hospital this T.V. station, this radio station and anything available that benefit Muslims and non-Muslims at the same time.

But you tell me that, "I am saving my money now, but I am planning on going back to Pakistan." Suppose you die and you don't go back to Pakistan? You die before you go back to Egypt, to Syria; before you go back to any part of the world? So what did you achieve? Zilch! Zero! The money is waiting behind for somebody else to benefit from it. So, you are lost!

Therefore, Sadaqa Jariya becomes a priority and every Masjid in the world is "My Masjid." Every Masjid is your Masjid personally. Whenever you go anywhere you should say; This is my Masjid! I should help! Otherwise, go to the Muslim World and you will see thousand of Masjids. How in the world did the Muslims build these many Masjids; millions of Masjids?

Whether in India, Pakistan or South Africa, there are thousands of Masjids there! Let alone, the Arab World! Let alone, Turkey! Let alone Indonesia, Malaysia! Wherever you go!

Many of these Muslims are not highly educated at all. Very few of them had enough money at all, but they built all of the Masjids. The earlier Muslims who immigrated from Arabia to India and other places, they did not have, Mashallah, Ph.D's and degrees as engineers and so forth. They didn't even have money. They maybe only had one thousand dollars. One thousand! When the Imam raised his hands in the Masjid on Friday, he probably said; "O Allah give us a thousand dollars. Help us raise a thousand dollars. They probably could not envision a million dollars during the early years of the Islamic movement. But Mashallah, (It pleased God) that

they built so many Masjids, Madressahs, Universities, hospitals etc. You and I are the beneficiaries of their "Sadaqa Jariya."

You know, in India, Pakistan and in some parts of the Arab World, there is what is called Musafiqani. What is Musafiqani? There were no hotels or motels near the Masjid, so there were houses built near the Masjid for Muslims who were traveling, such as when Ibn Batuta use to travel from place to place. Whenever a traveler arrived in the Muslim city, there are enough places for them to stay until they continued their journey. We don't have any Musafiqanis here. We don't have any houses for Mus-

lim students who attend the universities, so therefore they have to stay in the university dormitories to be spoiled there. "Sadaqa Jariya" is number one! That is a good life insurance that you can have and you encourage people to take it before it is too late.

Every place is "my place" and I am responsible to help. Every Masjid is my Masjid. It is not like some Christians believe, "No! I help my church! I do not help any other church!"

That is a Christian attitude. That is not a Muslim attitude. The Muslim attitude is that, "I will help each and every Masjid or Islamic center or school, beyond what is expected."

LOCAL MINISTRY CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Davy and Ann Peoples, and the congregation of Genesis II Christian Center, will celebrate the ministry's first anniversary on Sunday, August 16, 1992.

Reverend M. Earl Johnson of Santa Cruz, California will be the guest speaker in the 11:00 a.m. morning service. There will be a special praise service at 2:30 p.m. Reverend Johnson serves as the Assistant District Superintendent

of the Northern California and Nevada District Council of the Assemblies of God. He is a highly regarded communicator who has traveled around the world sharing his inspirational and timely message.

The public is invited to this special day of celebration! The church is located at 2075 N. Lamb Boulevard at Lake Mead. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 438-0333.

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