In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

## Muslim Center of New York

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Newsletter

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## Dear respected Brothers/Sisters

I hope that you are doing well and enjoying the blessings of Allah on you and all your families "Due to the COVID pandemic there is a shortage of funds at the Muslim Center of New York located at Germanium Avenue, in Flushing. We are thus unable to support the activities of the Masjid. We are hoping to get your assistance in this matter, particularly to find sources to support these activities. We can provide any further details as required".

MUSLIM CENTER OF NEW YORK

The Muslim Center of New York is one of the oldest centers in the NYS established since 1975. This center has been serving more than 800 families and offering many beautiful services.

- A Hifz school since 1998 and produced more than 118 Huffaz that Now is serving the **Deen** of Allah and working in different fields as doctors, accountants Imams and so
- B A unique elementary junior high school for the last 23 years
- C Daily Quranic School since 1980

Weekly **Tafseer** session for the last 35 years and much more services for the community as daily prayers, **Jumaa** prayer, Eid prayers, Ramadan activities and a lot more (please visit our website for more details **muslimcenter.org**)

We have been struggling a lot to keep the Masjid open and all our schools

(NB. Our schools are still opened and never stopped providing online classes to everyone regardless their financial situation)

We need your help and your support to keep serving this Muslim community and not to deprive any Muslim children from a good Islamic and academic education

(Please feel free to call us if you have any concerns or questions)

May Allah keep you safe and healthy and enable you to serve the Deen of Allah

Abdelghani Benyahya

Director/Imam

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

Islamic History and Figh of Ibadaat

Every Friday after Isha

**Tafseer Study Session** 

Sunday 1:15 PM to 2:00 PM

**Full Time Hifz Class** 

Monday to Friday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

**Junior High School** 

KG to 8th Grade

718-460-2127 ext 109 & 111

Muslim Center Book Service 917-704-9851

**Funeral Services** 

Islamic Burial 718-296-4089 Paak Funeral 718-418-7225 Muslim Funeral Services

718-757-2670 Al-Rayaan Muslim Funeral 718-708-7925

Nikah Khuan

Muslim Center of New York 718-460-2127 ext 119 & 118 Hafiz Yusuf Mulla

347-944-8743

YM: Youth Program

Every Friday after Asr (Halagah, Games, Debate.... Etc

If you Don Deeds Of Charity Openly, It Is Well; But If You Bestow It Upon The Needy IN Secretly, It Will Be Even Better For You,

Al Quran 2:271

Please turn over

## The Teaching Methods of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) By Zin Eddine Dadach

The first Quranic verse sent to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) by Allah (SWT) through Angel Gabriel started with "Read!"(Quran; 96:1-5)1.

"Indeed, Allah conferred a great favor on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from among themselves, reciting to them His verses (the Quran) and purifying them and instructing them the Book (Quran) and wisdom (Sunnah), while before that they had been in manifest error." (Quran: 3:164)<sup>1</sup>.

To be able to fully transmit his message, **Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) first addressed the hearts to become the beloved one in order to inspire his followers to listen to his message**. Secondly, in order to maximize the effects of his message that could permanently transform the behavior of people, **he used a type of speech that made his followers think during his educational methods, mainly based on active learning and analogies**<sup>4-5</sup>.

Here are some of the strategies of his teaching methods:

- (1) The Prophet (PBUH) would often repeat his lesson three times to the same people
- (2) He utilized analogies to enhance the imagination and curiosity of the listeners. For example, the Prophet (PBUH) asked his companions, "What would be the situation of someone who has a river at his door and every day, five times a day, he comes out and he takes a bath in that river? At the end of the day would he have any dirt on himself?" They responded, "There would be no dirt on him, O RasulAllah." Then the Prophet said, "Similarly there are the five prayers cleansing the person in this way."
- (3) As the Prophet (PBUH) used analogy to explain a topic verbally, **he also used illustration to make a point graphically**. In this context, the Prophet drew a straight line through the sand and then drew lines to the right and lines to the left of the first line. Then while the people were looking attentively at the drawing, he recited the Quranic verse "And verily, this ( Allah' commandments) is My Straight Path, so follow it, and follow not (other) paths, for they will separate you away from His Path" (Quran; 6:153)
- (4) On other occasions, he illustrated his point using his hand as once he said, "I and the one who takes care of the orphans are in paradise, like this (as he was speaking, he interlaced his fingers)."
- (5) His teachings were also based on living experiences as opportunity to instruct. For example, The Prophet (PBUH) once was with some companions to prepare food. He asked them to slaughter a sheep. One companion said he would do that, another said he would skin it, and a third said he would cook it. Then the Messenger of Allah (SWT) replied, "I will collect wood for the fire." They said, "No, we will do that work for you." The Prophet (PBUH) answered, "I know that you can do it for me, but Allah (SWT) hates to see a servant of his privileged above others." And the Prophet went and collected firewood.
- (6) The Prophet at times would readdress a question to a subject that is more significant and instructive. Once a Bedouin asked the Prophet (PBUH): "When is the hour?" [The Day of Judgment] The Prophet (PBUH) said, "What have you prepared for that final hour?" The Bedouin said, "I haven't prepared a lot of salah (good deeds) and I haven't prepared a lot of zakah (charity) but I am preparing one thing which is my love for Allah (SWT) and His messenger." The Prophet (PBUH) replied: "You will be with who you love."