



# The Bond

Keeping the Kingston Muslim Community Together

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*O you who believe! Fear Allah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always, and die not except in a state of Islam (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allah. And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Quran), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allah's Favour on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.,) clear to you, that you may be guided. (Qur'an 3:102-3)*

## President's Message

My fellow Muslim Kingstonians,

The past few weeks were not the easiest on all of us. Apparent differences of opinion have surfaced and that is normal and actually expected in any community. However, these differences should not infringe on the unity of our community. The ISK has always striven not only to achieve unity among Muslims in Kingston but that this has been its most important priority. Alhamdulillah, this was felt by the great majority of our Muslim brothers and sisters. This was especially the case during the phase when the Islamic Centre was being built. Everyone felt that they were close to one another and unity of the community did help us make many contributions. We have built our reputation in Kingston based on this very important priority. We would like to continue to be a unified community and to be seen as such within and outside the Muslim Community.

The Executive Committee (EC) has been elected to serve the Kingston Muslim Community. The EC has no other agenda. The EC has been and will always be mindful of Allah (SWT) and are doing their best to serve the community to please Allah (SWT). Likewise, the Imam of the ISK is working

hard to serve this community and should be treated with respect and dignity. As well, there are many individuals in the community (brothers and Sisters) that have been serving this community with sincerity and dedication for many years working on Islamic, educational, social, management, logistic and other activities. Before we point fingers or try to marginalize what they do, we should first think who is going to run the open house, Kingston History Month activities, the Annual Bazaar, fund raising dinners, the ICK and its maintenance, ISK finances, etc. Indeed, these members of our community deserve our respect and all the help they can get. Let's all come together for the betterment of our community.

Let us all pray for a unified, harmonious and collaborating community now and (God willing) for the future.

Hossam Hassanein, President, ISK

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## Khutbah of the Month

### Air of mercy, love and brotherhood

Allah created humans with differences, and this is the law of creation. On the outside, we all have different languages, different colors, and different cultures. However on the inside, humans were created with many degrees of knowledge, intellect, and comprehension of concepts. This is all a sign of Allah's all-encompassing power to do whatever He wills:

***And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colors. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge*** (Ar-Room 30/22).

Humans shall differ. Some people think that we should never differ at all, and all disagreements should be avoided. Nay, this is an incorrect assumption. The Qur'an and Sunnah show clearly that when a mistake is made it should be corrected. Indeed, helping others to do what is right (sincere naseeha) is a requirement of the deen. But this is not the issue. The real issue is ***how a Muslim should confront these differences of opinions, and what should be our relationship with someone of a different opinion.*** Islam showed us how to differ with one another.

Allah ta'ala commanded us to call and advise people in this Deen of Al-Islam. Many Muslims set off on this mission blindfolded, not realizing that the map is already in the Qur'an. In fact, in the very same verse where Allah commanded us to call and advise people in this Deen, Allah also taught us how to do it. Let us read the following verse carefully:

***Invite [fi'l Amr – Allah is commanding] to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction and argue with them in a way that is best*** (An-Nahl 16/25).

There is no need to philosophize or talk in flower gardens. It is right there, plain and simple for anyone who would take heed. There, in that aayah, are the three ingredients to apply when we disagree with someone. The same Allah that taught us to debate the truth also

taught us how to do it: **1. with hikmah, 2. good instruction, and 3. to argue in a way that is best.**

We must understand that there are two dimensions to hikmah. First, there is the hikmah of knowledge (hikmah ilmiyyah). And second, there is the hikmah of action (hikmah amaliyyah). Some people may have hikmah of knowledge. However, we see that when they try correcting others, and advise them, they lack the hikmah of action. This causes many people to reject the hikmah of knowledge.

To show hikmah when we differ requires the following:

**1. Sincerity:** If we differ, our intentions should be that we are differing in the sincere hope of coming away with the truth. Our intentions should be sincerely for the sake of Allah. We should not differ just to release some hate or envy in our heart. Nor, should we differ to embarrass someone like we may have been embarrassed.

**2. Kindness and Gentleness:** To have hikmah when differing means we should rarely depart from an atmosphere of kindness and gentleness; we should seldom allow ourselves to become angry and raise our voices. Fir'own was one of the vilest persons that lived. On the other hand, Musa alayhis sallam was one of the noblest. Look at how Allah told Musa alayhis sallam to advise Fir'own: ***Go, both of you, to Fir'own. Indeed, he has transgressed. And speak to him with gentle speech, perhaps he may remember or fear [Allah].*** (Ta ha 20:43 & 44)

A man once entered upon the khalifah and chastised him for some policies he had taken. The khalifah replied, "By Allah, Fir'own was more evil than me. And by Allah, Musa alayhis sallam was more pious than you. Yet, Allah commanded him to 'speak with gentle speech; perhaps he may remember or fear (Allah).'"

**3. Take Your Time and Clarify:** To have hikmah when dealing with others is to be patient and clarify things before snapping to conclusions. As Allah says in the [following] verse: ***O you who have believed, when you go forth (to fight) in the cause of Allah, investigate, and do not say to one who gives you [a greeting of peace], "You are not a believer," aspiring for the goods of worldly life; for with Allah are many acquisitions. You [yourselves] were like that before; then Allah conferred His favor [i.e. guidance] upon you, so investigate. Indeed, Allah is***

**aware with what you do, acquainted** (An-Nisaa' 4/94).

I shall end with this shining example of how to act with other Muslims from our role model, Abu Bakr radi Allahu anhu: Abu Bakr radi Allahu anhu once disputed with another companion about a tree. During the dispute Abu Bakr said something that he rather would not have said. He did not curse, he did not attack anyone's honor, and he did not poke a fault in anyone. All he said was something that may have hurt the other companion's feelings. Immediately, Abu Bakr, understanding the mistake, ordered him, "Say it back to me!" The companion said, "I shall not say it back." "Say it back to me," said Abu Bakr, "or I shall complain to the Messenger of Allah sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam." The companion refused to say it back and went on his way. Abu Bakr went to RasulAllah sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam and related what had happened and what he said. RasulAllah sal Allaahu alayhi wa salaam called that companion and asked him. "Did Abu Bakr say so and so to you?" He said, "Yes." He asked, "What did you reply?" He said, "I did not reply it back to him." RasulAllah sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam said, "Good, do not reply it back to him (do not hurt Abu Bakr). Rather say, 'May Allah forgive you O Abu Bakr.'" The Companion turned to Abu Bakr and said, "May Allah forgive you O Abu Bakr! May Allah forgive you O Abu Bakr!" Abu Bakr cried as he walked away.

Let us develop a resolve to revive this air RasulAllah sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam and his companions breathed: an air of mercy, love and brotherhood.

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## ICK News and Activities

### Women's Second Meeting Update

Alhamdulillah, we had our 2nd ladies meeting on June 14th. It went very well. This meeting was for socialisation as well as education about a very important aspect of life. The topic we discussed was about funeral regulations.

We all unavoidably pass through this life and extend into grave before our final destination in the hereafter. Death is certain, and every human being will face it

and taste it. Every moment of life brings us closer to our certain death.

Allah (SWT) says in (Sura al Imran185) .

'Everyone shall taste death. And only on the day of resurrection shall you be paid your wages in full, and whoever is removed away from the fire and admitted to paradise, he indeed is successful. The life of this world is only the enjoyment of deception.

No human being is spared the agony of death, not even the prophets and messengers of Allah (SWT). At our appointed time, death will reach us regardless of where we are. Allah (SWT) says in Surah An-Nassa:

"Where ever you may be death will overtake you, even if you are in fortresses built of strong and high".

Even if we try to run away from death it will meet us head on. Then let us be truthful and sincere to ourselves. This life is but a test, so let us live it with this knowledge, and take from it what we need for our next life. By the grace of Allah (SWT), Islam has provided a complete set of instructions for the dyeing individuals, those who are present at the time of death, as well as those who are responsible for burying the deceased. This regulation should be common knowledge among Muslims since death is certain.

I have provided the following information for the sisters who were not able to attend the meeting. They might benefit from this.

### Who Should Wash The Dead Body?

1. The body should be washed with the sincere intention of pleasing Allah (SWT) and to obtain forgiveness for one's own sins. It is necessary that those who take the responsibility for washing the dead body must:

- 1) Be close relatives or associates. The Companions of the Prophet (SAW) who washed his body were Ali who was the main person doing the washing ,whereas the helpers were 'Abbas, Fadi and Qathm who were turning his body around, whilst Shaqran (the Messenger's freed slave) and Osamah poured out water and Aws leant the Prophet (SAW)him against his chest.

- 2) A man can wash his wife's dead body and similarly, a woman can wash her husband's dead body. Hazrat Ali (RAA) washed the body of Hazrat Fatima(RAA) and Hazrat Abu Bakr's (RAA) body was washed by Hazrat Asma (RAA). (Al-Muwatta)

**2. Know the etiquette of washing a dead body, due to possessing knowledge in matters of religion.**

**The Prophet (SAW) said:** *"Only that person should wash the dead body, who is closest to him and has (religious) knowledge; if the closest relative is not learned in religion, then the person who you consider learned in religion and is pious should wash the dead body (even if he is not a relative)."* (Musnad Ahm^d)

**3. Not disclose any defect or undesirable thing noticed on the dead body; this information has to be kept confidential. The Prophet (SAW)**

**said:** *"Whoever washes the dead body of a Muslim and fulfills his trust by not disclosing his (the dead body's) secrets, he will be cleansed of his sins as if he was born that very day."* (Musnad Ahmed)

**Method of Washing:**

1. The person washing the body should first raise the head gently and put the body in a semi-seated position. Next, the abdomen and the areas surrounding it should be pressed gently, in order to facilitate the expulsion of any waste matter which is at the point of being emitted. A lot of water must be used to wash away the exudations.
  2. The person washing the body must now tie a piece of cloth on his hand or wear a small cotton pouch or gloves and wash the private parts; whatever impurities are still left on the body must also be cleaned. This cloth or glove should then be discarded.
  3. After tying another clean cloth or wearing fresh gloves, the person washing the body should make the niyyat (intention) of washing on behalf of the deceased and then say Bismillah. (In the name of Allah)
  4. If the deceased is a woman, the hair should be loosened before the washing.
  5. Starting from the right side, ablution should be performed on the deceased in the normal manner, but without inserting water in the mouth and nostrils.
    6. Clean cotton wool buds should be inserted in the ears and nostrils, so that during the ablution, the water will not go into them. This cotton wool can be removed when the washing is completed.
    7. Using soap suds or shampoo the hair and the beard should be washed by gently running the fingers through it.
    8. The entire washing should be done by putting the hands under the covering sheet. It is preferable that the hands of the person washing the body should be covered with the small pieces of cloth or cotton pouches. Care must be taken that no one should see the sarf (the part of the body that is required to be covered in the presence of others) and neither should it be touched more than necessary. Hazrat Ali (RAA) reported the Prophet (SAW) as saying: *"Oh Ali, do not unveil your thigh and do not look at the thigh of the living and the dead."* (Abu Dawood)
    9. The front side of the body should be washed first, starting from the right side of the neck up to the right foot; then by turning the body slightly to the left, the right side at the back is to be washed. The same procedure should be repeated for the left side of the front of the body and then by turning it slightly to the right the entire left side at the back is to be washed.
    10. The entire procedure of washing should be repeated for an odd (3,5 or more) number of times;
    11. In the final wash it is masnoon (prescribed) to use camphor in the water, and if this is not available, perfume can be mixed in it. (Reference Bukhari & Muslim)
    12. For a female, after washing the hair, it should be made into three braids or sections and placed behind her back; the hair can also be combed.
- Hazrat Um Atiyya (RAA) relates that: "One of the daughters of the Prophet (SAW) expired and he came to us and said: 'Wash her with sidr(water) for an odd number of times, i.e three, five or more, if you think it necessary, and in the last, put camphor**

or (some camphor on her), and when you finish, notify me.' So when we finished we informed him. He gave his waist sheet to us to shroud her). We entwined the hair (of the deceased girl) in three braids and made them fall at her back." ( Sahih Bukhari)

In certain circumstances where it is not possible to wash the dead body, then it may be given a tayammum (dry ablution). (Sunan Abu Dawood) (This situation will arise when the dead body has been severely burnt, decayed due to immersion in water or any chemical, or death has resulted from some skin disease where washing it will result in further decomposition.)

This presentation was given by Sister Sahar, Mohammad Ali, and Sister Ulfat Jalahuddin. It provided us with rules and regulations regarding funeral rights in accordance with authentic Islamic teaching.

We were informed about how to wash and shroud the body of a deceased person, and some funeral rules in Canada. We ask Allah most high to grant us with authentic and beneficial knowledge, and to bestow upon us the understanding of his deen. We should ask him to give us the strength and the support to remember him, praise him, and to perfect our worship. Inshallah the next meeting will be the July 19th (details will be announced later).

Chand Saleem  
Women Representative of the ISK

## LIBRARY CORNER

The Library Committee is planning a very exciting program during the summer holidays. Watch for the advertisement.

Just a reminder to all ICK Library users:

1- Please fill-in the "Borrower's Card", found inside each book, BEFORE you drop it in the "Book Return" Box. That way we can have a better, more efficient and much faster service.

2- As usual, when borrowing a book, please don't forget to fill-in the black registry book with the info. **To make our books available to more members, please return any other over due books you might find at home.**

Your cooperation in this matter will be very much appreciated indeed.

The following is an example of the "Borrower's Card":

<b>Islamic Society of Kingston Library</b>
<b>Borrower's Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>

## ISK Calendar of Events 2009

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| 1.  | <b>ISK Annual Picnic:</b>       | <b>July 25, 2009</b>   |
| 2.  | <b>Ramadan:</b>                 | <b>First Taraweeh August 21, 2009</b>  |
| 3.  | <b>Students Welcome Dinner:</b> | <b>September 12, 2009 at ICK</b>   |
| 4.  | <b>Community Iftars at ICK:</b> | <b>Saturday August 22, 2009<br/>August 29, September 5, 2009<br/>September 12, 2009<br/>September 19, 2009</b> |
| 5.  | <b>Eid-ul-Fitr:</b>             | <b>Sunday September 20, 2009</b>   |
| 6.  | <b>Eid Dinner:</b>              | <b>Saturday September 26, 2009</b>   |
| 7.  | <b>Day of Arafat:</b>           | <b>November 26, 2009 (Tentative)</b>   |
| 8.  | <b>Eid-ul-Adha:</b>             | <b>November 27, 2009 (Tentative)</b>   |
| 9.  | <b>Islamic History Month:</b>   | <b>October 2009</b>  |
| 10. | <b>International Bazaar:</b>    | <b>November 21, 2009</b>   |
| 11. | <b>GCF Meeting:</b>             | <b>December 13, 2009.</b>  |

## Prayer Times at ICK

Dates	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
June 15-21	4:55	1:25	6:40	Sunset +5	10:55
Jun 22-28	4:55	1:25	6:40		10:55
Jun 29-Jul 5	5:00	1:25	6:40		10:55
Jul 6-12	5:05	1:25	6:40		10:55
Jul 13-19	5:10	1:25	6:40		10:45
Jul 20-26	5:15	1:25	6:35		10:35
Jul 27-Aug 2	5:20	1:25	6:30		10:25
Aug 3-9	5:30	1:25	6:25		10:15
Aug 10-16	5:35	1:25	6:20		10:00
Aug 17-21	5:45	1:25	6:15		9:45

### Notes:

- **Jum'a khutba starts at 1:25 p.m.**
- Dates shown are Monday- Sunday for that week.
- Times shown are for **Iqamah**, *Adhan will be called 10 minutes earlier.*
- During community events, Asr may be prayed earlier according to the time published on the Monthly calendar.

### Important Dates

The Bond's next submission deadline:

**Friday, August 7, 2009**

The Bond's next publication date (Insha Allah):

**Friday, August 14, 2009  
(Ramadhan issue)**

***There will no issue published in July.***

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