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CALENDAR

MONTHLY GATHERING
Saturday, February 22nd
5:30pm

HOST FAMILIES
Zafar Awan and Farkhanda Khan
Dr. Mohammad Ilyas and Amtul Ilyas

**ICNEF MANAGING
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Sunday, February 23rd
After Zuhr Prayer

“It would not be reasonable in me
if I did not serve Him
Who created me, and to Whom
ye shall (all) be brought back.”
Surah Yasin, Ayah 22

Articles News Announcements
FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER
Please submit by
Friday, February 28, 2003

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Farah Kamal, Assistant Principal of Sunday School

Whether your child currently attends Sunday School or not, you may have noticed some changes taking place in the program. The program is undergoing some significant changes. On Sunday, March 1, these changes will be presented to the community at a fun and informative Open House to be held at the Islamic Center.

Many parents and students have expressed their desire to see certain changes implemented at Sunday School; for instance, greater emphasis on reading Qur'an. The students themselves have been especially helpful, offering specific issues that they would like to explore in an Islamic context. (Thanks, guys!) Other areas cited for improvement are: commitment of teachers and administrators, standardization of learning materials, faculty's ability to relate to students and the overall level of organization.

The Open House being planned for March 1st will be a fun event for parents and students alike, giving parents and students a sneak peek into the updated curriculum, faculty, administration and the program in general. Teachers and administrators will be on hand at various booths and displays to answer any questions you may have about the Sunday School and get you excited about the changes that are being made based on your concerns.

Registration will also be done during the open house. All students will need to register for the Spring Semester, which will cover the next three months (March through May). In addition, a survey will be conducted to determine interest in a Summer Session.

There's a lot going on at ICNEF Sunday School. If you have ideas and would like to get involved in some capacity, please contact the Principal, Rahim Shah, at 538-9989, or the Assistant Principal, Farah Kamal, at 538-0350. If you simply have children whose Islamic education is a priority, please watch and listen throughout the month of February for more information about the Open House and the new Sunday School program.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) enjoins Muslims to seek knowledge:
“Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.”

CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Contribute automatically and conveniently to the Islamic Center

Islamic Center of Northeast Florida requires a diversified, sustainable, and a comprehensive fund raising method, which offers the members a convenient way to pay their membership fees and donations. The Fund Raising Committee is announcing the implementation of the Cash Management System (CMS). CMS offers a systematic and automated method for you to make your contributions. You can choose to have monthly automatic deductions made from your checking or savings account, debit or credit cards at no extra cost. You can also allocate exactly where your contribution will go; towards the General Fund (which includes membership dues), Zakat Fund or Building Construction Fund.

All you need to do is complete the Automatic Bank Account and Credit Card deduction Form, included in this newsletter, and drop it off at the Islamic Center in the "donations box." You will find the process to be professional and convenient. Your monthly automatic deduction will enable us to forecast our finances, and be efficient and effective with your contributions. Our goal is to have 100% participation from the Muslim community. As a token of our commitments, all of the Board Members and the Fund Raising Committee, are asked to sign up during the month of February.

Existing members: please take advantage of this easy, convenient, and practical way to make your most important monthly payment to the Islamic Center. Those who are not yet members please take this opportunity to become a member today!

HOW TO BECOME AN ICNEF MEMBER

Are you a member of the Islamic Center? No! Well, it's easy. Just come to the Islamic Center and pick up an application form, which can be found by the donation box. There is a yearly membership fee. There are three (3) classes of membership, Student (may be single or married with either spouse a full time student), Single, and Family. All applications for membership are processed and approved by the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings. As a member you have the responsibility to elect members to the Board of Directors every year and you can run for the Board yourself. That's it! If you have any more questions, please contact any of the board members or just drop by the Islamic Center and ask.

ARE YOU TUNING IN?

Support ICNEF Radio Announcements

For the past year, the Islamic Center with the help of Andy Johnson, a local talk show host, has been airing radio announcements to educate the Jacksonville Community about Islam. Please tune to "Down to Business with Andy Johnson" on WJGR 1320AM, weekdays from 9 AM to 12 Noon, to listen. The radio announcements are aired around 9:30AM and 10:30AM. This is a great service that Andy Johnson is doing for the Jacksonville Muslim Community. He has come under fire from friends and colleagues for supporting Muslims, yet he continues to do so. It costs \$500/month for the announcements to be aired. There are enough contributions for them to continue until the month of April, when a decision will have to be made, to continue or terminate. Please tune in and see for yourself how effective of a tool these radio announcements are. Not only is it da'wa, but also a form of self-preservation. When making your contributions, please indicate "Andy Johnson Show Fund."

JUMMA LUNCHES

Still brown-bagging your lunch? Well, you don't have to anymore, at least on Fridays! The Al-Furqan Academy will be selling lunches after Jumma Prayers. The menu will vary between gyros, pizza, and Kentucky Fried Chicken. You'll have a full stomach from delicious food and you'll be supporting AFA. It can't get any better than that!

2003 ISLAMIC CALENDAR

If you still have not been able to purchase your own 2003 Islamic Calendar, it's not too late! They only cost \$10 and all the money raised will benefit the Islamic Center and Al-Furqan Academy. This would make a great gift for your Muslim and non-Muslim friends. Please drop by the Imam's office to purchase yours.

KEEPING THE ISLAMIC CENTER CLEAN

Have you noticed a paper cup on the floor, maybe even a napkin? How about spilled drinks in the hallway or a clogged sink? Well, have you done anything about it? Did you bend down to pick up the paper cup or that napkin? Did you clean the floor where the spilt drink was or unclogged the sink? No! Why not? Isn't it our responsibility to keep our Islamic Center clean. The way we treat the Islamic Center sometimes, we wouldn't dare treat our homes. Please make an effort to keep our Islamic Center clean.

GHEEBAT AHADITH

Homa Mojadidi

The following ahadith were inadvertently left out of "The Evils of Gheebat" article from the January issue.

Sahl bin Sa'd (RA) reported: The Messenger of God the Almighty (PBUH) said, "Whosoever gives me a guarantee to safeguard what is between his jaws and what is between his legs, I shall guarantee him Jannah." [Al-Bukhari]

Abu 'Abdur-Rahman Bilal bin Al-Harith Al-Muzani (RA) reported: The Messenger of God Almighty (PBUH) said, "A man speaks a good word without knowing its worth, God Almighty records for him His Good Pleasure till the day he will meet Him; and a man utters an evil word without realizing its importance, God Almighty records for him His displeasure till the day he will meet Him." [Imam Malik and At-Tirmidhi]

Abu Hurairah (RA) reported that the Prophet (PBUH) said, "He who believes in God Almighty and the Last Day must either speak good or remain silent." [Muslim]

Ibn Umar (RA) reports that the Prophet (PBUH) said, "Do not indulge in excessive talk except when remembering God Almighty. Excessive talking without the Remembrance of God the Almighty hardens the heart; and those who are the farthest from God Almighty are those whose hearts are hard." [At-Tirmidhi]

Anas (RA) narrates that the Prophet (PBUH) said, "During the Mi'raj (the Night of Ascension), I saw a group of people who were scratching their chests and faces with their copper nails. I asked, 'Who are these people, O Jibril?' Jibril replied: 'These are the people who ate flesh of others (by backbiting) and trampled people's honor.'"

May God Almighty guide and prevent us all from the evil wreaked by idle minds and wagging tongues.

ETIQUETTES OF LIFE IN ISLAM

Excerpts from Muhammad Yusuf Islahi's book

Etiquettes in Conversation

Speak only when you must, and always talk with a purpose. Too much talk and useless conversation betrays lack of seriousness. You are accountable before God Almighty, for every word you utter. The angel of God Almighty records. "A supervisor remains vigilant to preserve on record every speech that is uttered by his tongue."

Always speak politely. Wear a smile on your face and have a sweet tone in your speech. Always speak in a moderate voice. Do not keep your voice so low as to be inaudible to the addressee, nor raise it so loud that the addressee might be overawed by your voice. The Holy Qur'an affirms: "Lo! The harshest of all voices is the voice of the ass." (31:19)

If the impudent wish to entangle you in dialogue or altercation offer them 'Salaam' politely and leave them. Those who indulge in loose talk and absurd conversation are the worst lot of the "Ummah."

Always be brief and to the point in your talk. It is unfair to prolong discussion without rhyme or reason.

Do not interrupt and interfere in others' conversation without their permission, nor intercept others' conversation in order to say something yourself. If, however, you must speak, do so with the permission of the other.

If somebody puts a question to you, listen carefully to him and make an answer after careful thought. It is simply foolish to answer the questions without due consideration. If the questions are being put to somebody else, do not be so officious as to give answers yourself.

Etiquettes of Leadership

Treat your subordinates with tenderness, affection, fairness and large-heartedness so that they may cooperate with you willingly and God Almighty, may grant your Party the favor of rendering some service to Islam. Describing the virtues of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the Holy Qur'an affirms: "It was by the mercy of God Almighty, that thou wast lenient with them (O, Muhammad), for if thou hadst been stern and fierce of heart they would have dispersed from round about thee." (3:159)

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Abu Bakr (RA)

"O People, I swear by God Almighty, that I never coveted the caliphate either by day or night, nor had I any inclination towards it. I never prayed to God Almighty openly or in secrecy to confer the office on me. I merely accepted this office lest some mischief might arise at this crucial juncture in the history of the Muslims and thereby adversely affect the interests of Islam. In fact, a big task has been assigned to me, which beyond my power to fulfill except with the help of God Almighty and your whole-hearted cooperation. I wished to see the strongest of men in my place this day. Now, it is beyond doubt that I have been elected your Amir, although I am not better than you. Help me, if I am in the right; set me right if I am in the wrong. Truth is a trust; falsehood is a treason. The weak among you will be strong with me till, God willing, his rights have been vindicated; and the strong among you shall be weak with me till, if God Almighty wills, I have taken what is due from him. Obey me as long as I obey God Almighty and His Prophet (pbuh), when I disobey Him and His Prophet (pbuh), then obey me not. And now rise for prayers; May God Almighty have mercy on you."

MUSLIM YOUTH ARE MOBILIZED

Saman Quraeshi and Muhammad Hussain

As-Salaamu-Alaikum, everyone! Exciting things are happening in the Jacksonville Muslim Community. For those of you who have not yet heard of the new organization that has been formed with the purpose of uniting the diverse Muslim youth population, we would like to introduce AMYA: American Muslim Youth Association! Initiated in Jacksonville, the American Muslim Youth Association welcomes all young people between the ages of 12 and 18 to join and participate in the exciting activities and service projects that we have planned in order to enhance our community's standing in Jacksonville. Among other things, AMYA strives to incorporate having fun while we make our mark on the community and enable the Muslim youth to be commended by all.

With the members of AMYA we will accomplish things that have been on our "to do list" for years. Some events that are planned for the month of February are to help feed the homeless, join in on the cleanup of the mosque prior to Eid, and to host a social event on the weekend following Eid. This is just our first month, but just wait till next month. So don't delay, be a part of AMYA today! As our Beloved Prophet (PBUH) said "All Muslims are like the component parts of a foundation, each strengthening the other; in such a way they must support each other."

AMYA is organized around five major functional areas, namely: Religious Affairs, Academic Affairs, Social Affairs, Community Services & Relations, and Media Relations. Recognizing the need for balance among these areas, the Advisory Council has assisted the youth in electing Directors to be responsible for each area. Here are the AMYA Officers and Directors:

Saman Quraeshi - President
Sunyia Hussain - Secretary
Sumaira Rajpoot - Editor
Bashar Murad - Treasurer
Marwa Zahra - Director: Religious Affairs
Tariq Khan - Director: Academic Affairs
Dania Al-Deen - Director: Social Affairs
Mirhan Ekkawi - Director: Community Service / Affairs
Muhammad Hussain - Director: Media Relations

If you would like to know more about AMYA's activities and want to be a proactive and energized Muslim, this is your opportunity. Email Muhammad Hussain, (omi1386@yahoo.com,) or Saman Quraeshi (SQuraeshi@aol.com) for details.

THE MAN WHO WANTED TO HELP THE BUTTERFLY

Submitted by Zan Shareef

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were Allah's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If Allah allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never "fly"!

I asked for Strength.....
And Allah gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom.....
And Allah gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity.....
And Allah gave me Brain and Brawn to work.

I asked for Courage.....
And Allah gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love.....
And Allah gave me Troubled people to help.

I asked for Favors.....
And Allah gave me Opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted ...
I received everything I needed!

"So blessed be God, the Almighty,
the best of creators!"
Surah The Believer (23) Ayah 14

ISLAM AWARENESS MONTH

Sponsored by Islam on Campus, University of Florida, Gainesville

The Muslim Student Association is a national organization comprised of the various Muslim organizations from campuses all over America and Canada. Islam on Campus is the MSA for the University of Florida in Gainesville. The following is a list of lectures organized by IOC. If you would like to attend any of the lectures or require more information, please contact Br. Marwan Shaikh, elahi@ufl.edu. Please note that these lectures will be held in Gainesville on the UF Campus.

February 17th - 21th Cultural Clothes Week!

Wednesday, Feb. 18th - "Topic TBA"

Presented by Br. Abdul Malik

Location: TBA

Time: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19th - "United Muslims of Islam"

Location: Reitz Union Colonnade

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 20th - "Topic"

Presented by Dr. Sami Al-Arian

Location: Little Hall (LIT) 109

Time: 6:30 pm

February 23th - 28th Canned Food and Clothing Drive

Tuesday, Feb. 25th - "Islam through the Poetry of Aaron Sellars"

Presented by Aaron Sellars

Location: TBA

Time: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 26th - Humanitarian Poster Demonstration

Location: Plaza of Americas

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

HONORING SR. NAJMAH SHABAZZ

Sanaa Itani

Come and honor Sister Najmah for her dedication and her countless hours at the Islamic Center on Saturday, February 22nd. May God Almighty bless her for her efforts. Ameen.

MUSLIM CORDOBA - EUROPE'S CENTER OF LEARNING

Dr. Ibrahim Sheikh (www.muslimheritage.com)

In the Middle Ages, roughly between 800 and 1200 C.E., most of Europe was in its Dark Ages. Scientifically the continent was very backward, technologically and culturally. The majority of the population was illiterate and ignorant.

Although this period of history was 'dark' for Christian Europe, the Muslim lands were, in sharp contrast, very 'illuminated'. Muslims lived in very beautifully planned cities. Most people were able to read and write. There were public hospitals, public and private libraries, colleges, universities, public baths, wonderful parks and gardens. The Muslims were advanced in mathematics, physics, astronomy, engineering, medicine, surgery, philosophy, geography, architecture, art, chemistry etc.

One such Muslim land was Islamic Spain. Whilst the rest of Europe was dark, Islamic Spain was an oasis of light. The capital city was Cordoba, a great centre of learning and culture. The University of Cordoba enjoyed the same reputation that those of Oxford and Cambridge have today. The inhabitants of Cordoba were highly educated and had a great love for knowledge. This was evident by the number of bookshops, public and private libraries which existed in the city. Just as today people like to furnish their homes with beautiful and expensive furniture, the people of Cordoba used to decorate their homes with beautiful and valuable books. The streets of Cordoba were lined on both sides with long rows of bookshops.

Caliph Hakam II (ruler 961 - 976 CE) is said to have had 400,000 books in his own private library. The books recording the names of authors and titles consisted of 44 volumes. Ibn Futays, a merchant of Cordoba, had one of the biggest private libraries. It was set in a purpose-built building and had as its librarian the Cordoban scholar Abu Abd'Allah al Hadrami (died 1006 CE). He also served as the Imam of the family mosque of Ibn Futays. There were around 70 public libraries in Cordoba during the time of Caliph Hakam II. Included in this were the great mosque libraries which were open for anyone to go to and use. Professors, students and booksellers used to flock to Cordoba, which had become the intellectual centre of the West by the tenth century C.E.

The universities of Muslim Spain served as models for subsequent universities in Europe. Two early universities which are believed to have been directly influenced were those of Valencia in Spain (founded by King Alfonso VIII of Castile in 1208 C.E.) and the University of Naples (built by Emperor Frederick II in 1224 C.E.).

ICNEF NEWSLETTER

Sameen Piracha

For the past eight (8) years, Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, has been tirelessly putting out an issue of the ICNEF Newsletter every month. It is not an easy task, as I have learned in the past couple of months, especially when you have a medical practice, are active in your community, have a family, and not to mention the many other commitments that we all have. Dr. Ahmad had the vision of using the newsletter as a source of sharing our successes, our failures, our joys, and our sorrows as a community. He was doing this on his own, until Br. Khadim Hussain started editing the newsletter. May God Almighty reward their efforts.

Only recently did I start taking an interest in the newsletter. Before I took this valuable resource for granted. I confess, I was among the people who had things to say about how the newsletter could be better if only this or if only that. One day, when I was mentioning one of my ideas to my mom, she suggested I do something about it rather than talk her ear off! So, I did just that.

With the publishing of the 9th Volume of the newsletter, I have been entrusted with the responsibility of putting out an issue every month. I have a great group of people on the Newsletter Team to work with, not to mention my Associate Editors, however, we still need input and feedback from the ICNEF community. Let us know when we do something good, especially when we do something bad (but don't be too harsh on us). Share your joys, as well as your sorrows. Maybe you know really funny jokes, don't hold back, share them with the community. Maybe you love to write prose and/or poetry, why not share your work with your Muslim community. I can go on and on, but I don't think you'd want me to, so I will come right to the point. The Newsletter Team and I invite you, the reader, to become more active. Share your ideas, comments, and suggestions. Many of us may not be thinking about the fact that the newsletter is also a record of our history as a community. Long after we have moved on, these newsletters will provide the future generation of Muslims with a glimpse of who we once were.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have a business? Would you like to advertise your business to over 800 homes? If you are interested, please contact Br. Khadim Hussain, khadimhussain@yahoo.com, or Sr. Sameen Piracha, sameenpiracha@hotmail.com, for rates.

“God is the Light of the heavens and earth.” (24:35)
 “Is there any Reward for Good—other than Good?” (55:60)

ISLAMIC QUIZ

Take the following quiz to see how well you know the Angels in Islam. Please email your answers to ICNEFnews@yahoo.com. The top five (5) scorers will be printed in the March Newsletter, along with the answers.

1. What are the duties of Angel Jibreel (Gabriel)?
 - A. Intermediary of God Almighty to the Prophets
 - B. Angel of Death
 - C. Brings sustenance and rain
 - D. In charge of Hell
 - E. Will blow the horn on the day of Resurrection
 - F. In charge of Paradise
2. What are the duties of Angel Mikaeel (Michael)?
 - A. Intermediary of God Almighty to the Prophets
 - B. Angel of Death
 - C. Brings sustenance and rain
 - D. In charge of Hell
 - E. Will blow the horn on the day of Resurrection
 - F. In charge of Paradise
3. What are the duties of Angel Israfeel?
 - A. Intermediary of God Almighty to the Prophets
 - B. Angel of Death
 - C. Brings sustenance and rain
 - D. In charge of Hell
 - E. Will blow the horn on the day of Resurrection
 - F. In charge of Paradise
4. What are the duties of Angel Ridwan?
 - A. Intermediary of God Almighty to the Prophets
 - B. Angel of Death
 - C. Brings sustenance and rain
 - D. In charge of Hell
 - E. Will blow the horn on the day of Resurrection
 - F. In charge of Paradise
5. What are the duties of Angel Zabania?
 - A. Intermediary of God Almighty to the Prophets
 - B. Angel of Death
 - C. Brings sustenance and rain
 - D. In charge of Hell
 - E. Will blow the horn on the day of Resurrection
 - F. In charge of Paradise
6. What are the Angels who protect everyone called?
 - A. Katabah
 - B. Hafaza
 - C. Malak
 - D. Hamalaatul' Arsh

Good luck! Answers will be provided in the March Newsletter. Please don't forget to include your name, your school, and what grade you are in, when submitting your answers.



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INTERVIEW WITH BROTHER SHAKUR BOLDEN
President, Islamic Center of Northeast Florida

Br. Shakur Bolden has been recently re-elected as the President of ICNEF for the year 2003. He is a graduate of the University of Miami with a BBA in Accounting (1973). He has been employed by BellSouth Telecommunications for 29 1/2 years. He is the Florida Area Manager for Broadband Capacity Management. His wife's name is Na'ilah Jihad. He has two sons (Hashim, 24 and Amir, 16) and two daughters (Tahirah, 18 and Faridah, 14). He is originally from Miami, Florida, where he accepted Islam in 1976. He was recently elected to serve on the Board of NCCJ (National Conference for Community and Justice) and is a Charter Member of the North Florida Hate Crimes Coalition.

Newsletter Staff: How long have you served on the ICNEF Board?

Br. Shakur: I was asked to consider being a Board member in 1992.

Newsletter Staff: What have you been able to accomplish since joining the Board?

Br. Shakur: It's something I haven't focused on. I have worked with other dedicated brothers and sisters in our community to establish a full-time school and a consistent Sunday School program. Where needed, I've tried to bridge the gap of misunderstanding that many non-Muslims have about Islam and Muslims.

Newsletter Staff: How do you feel about being re-elected as the President of ICNEF?

Br. Shakur: Well, I wasn't seeking to be re-elected, but since the community wished me to serve as the President again, I accepted. God willing, I will try my best to serve my community in this particular role.

Newsletter Staff: What is your vision for ICNEF and the community?

Br. Shakur: My vision is that we continue to be a diverse community, inclusive of all who share our belief in God the Almighty and His Messenger (PBUH). I don't believe that we are as inclusive as we should be. We recognize diversity but we don't take the next step, which is inclusion. We are not a self-sufficient community. We need to strive to become self-sufficient in at least meeting the basic needs of those in our community who need assistance.

Newsletter Staff: What is your long-term goal for this community?

Br. Shakur: think we need to develop a strategic or fundamental plan to chart our direction, with input from the community, for the next 20 years.

Newsletter Staff: What areas of improvement should the community currently focus on?

Br. Shakur: Diversifying the Board, being more proactive than reactive, implementing useful feedback from the community, aligning the goals and objectives of the community with those of the Board, concentrating on the education of our youth.

"If your Lord had so willed, He would have made humankind one people, but they will not cease to differ..." (11:118-119)

"O mankind, we have created you from a male and female, and then rendered you nations and tribes so that you might know one another. Indeed, the most honorable among you in the sight of God Almighty, is he who is the most pious. God Almighty is Knower, Aware." (49:13)

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ADVANTAGES OF AYAT AL-KURSI

Verse 255 of Surah Baqra (Chapter The Cow)

“God! There is no god but Him, the Living, the Eternal. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. His is what is in the heavens and what is in the earth. Who can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is before them and what lies behind them, and they can grasp on that part of His knowledge which He will. His Throne embraces the Heavens and the earth, and it tires Him not to uphold them both. His is the High, the Tremendous.”

The benefits of Ayat Al-Kursi are:

- One who recites Ayat Al-Kursi every morning will be in the protection, safety of God Almighty until the night
- If one ties this to one's wealth or children, they will be safe from Satan
- For those of our dear ones who have passed away, recitation of Ayat Al-Kursi and giving it as hadiya to them, gives them light (noor) in the grave
- Frequent recitation makes one's own death easy
- When leaving home, if one recites it once, God Almighty sends a group of Angels to come and protect you. If recited twice, two (2) groups of Angels are assigned. If recited three (3) times, God Almighty tells the Angels not to worry as the Almighty Himself takes care of you
- One who recites it after every prayer, their salaah will be accepted, they will remain in the safety of God Almighty and He will protect them