

Symposium Highlight:

1. Our special translator, Mustaphawas kind enough to offer his services during the GMSA conference.
2. Tamim (the GMSA president) gave a welcoming speech.
3. One Imam gave a beautiful recitation of the quran.
4. First speaker' topic: Sheikh Nasirudeen Isshak
 - Purification of the soul -Even the knowledge gained by scholars, Allah bestowed upon them which is just a tip of an iceberg. How about those who do not have the knowledge.

When Allah created the human body, it was still a non- living thing. He breathe into the lifeless body before gradually, the body turned into a human being. The soul is the only thing Allah recognises as you. The soul is the last thing Allah recognises when we die.

Why do we fast?

Answer: Because of Taqwa.

Becareful of the product you buy and investigate who get the profit if you patronise the product. Some companies back the slaughter of the people of Palestine. Let's becareful so that our purchasing habits do not propagate undignified acts like the relinquishing of Gaza.

Reflection on Surah Ash-Shams:

"Fa alhamahaa fujoorahaa wataqwahaa"

When Allah gave man life, he gave the man the tenancy to be both evil and pious. Man has the free will to choose his path.

It was reported by his followers that anytime Rasoolullah (SAW) reads the quran and gets to Surah Ash- Shams, he takes time to pray to Allah.

You should embrace Islam with a conscious stable mind. Then allow Islam to enter your heart which should reflect in your behaviour. Ramadan is a month of mercy and blessings in abundance. We should supplicate to Allah. We should allow Islam to resonate with truthfulness.

We should have Sabr. Do not admire

yourself. Don't say you are more knowledgeable in Islamic doctrines therefore you are better than others. Learn to humble to yourself. Have the fear of Allah and serve him. Be kind to your fellow human being.

Remember that when we fast, we are told to abstain from Halal items and behaviour for the sake of Allah. We should be careful not to behave in a way that defeats this purpose.

6 things control our heart:

1. Allah - positive
2. Angels - positive
3. Soul - positive or negative
4. Mind - positive or negative
5. Dunya - positive or negative
6. Shaitan - negative

Questions:

1. What should I do in a University where there are more non Muslims than Muslims in Ramadan?

Answer: We need to be conscious not only in Ramadan but before and after Ramadan. We should suppress the desire to do wrong. Allah gave us Ramadan as a way of suppressing Halal deeds which should help us be able to suppress the bad deeds too. We should observe Ramadan thoroughly.

2. Meaning of Tazqiyah (Training our inner dimension)

Answer: Form of education which trains the mind to get wisdom and our heart to get wisdom so that our soul gets the wisdom as well.

We should do Istighfar not only with our tongue but with our heart.

3. The relationship between the mind and the soul. Is Satan the only one causing us to do wrong? Does it mean we will all do good deeds in Ramadan since Shaytan is chained and locked away by Allah?

Answer: No. Shaitan attacks you from all

sides. Also, the soul has the tendency to desire for haram even if Shaytan is locked. Temptations will always present itself.

Second Speaker: Sheikh Mohammaed Hafiz

- Why are we in this world:
Allah created us to worship him only.

We fast for the sake Allah but we also fast for our own good.

