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America has declared war (**Jihaad**) on Iraq. The cries of the masses around the world, from Australia through Asia, around the Middle East, all over Europe, across to Canada and into the Caribbean are for Peace (**Islam**). The placards everywhere say the same thing: - *Paix*-Peace (**Islam**) in France, *Frieden*-Peace (**Islam**) in Germany, *Pace*-Peace (**Islam**) in Italy, *Paz*-Peace (**Islam**) in Spain, *Fred*-Peace (**Islam**) in Sweden, *Salaam*-Peace (**Islam**) in Pakistan, *Shanti*-Peace (**Islam**) in India., Peace (**Islam**) in England and in America. The unitary voice of the

International Community is the same “ **Yes to Peace (Islam)** **No to War (Jihaad)** ”.

What is the justification for this war? Is it terrorism? Indonesia has been the victim of alleged “terrorist “ attacks. Is this a justification for Indonesia to wage war against Iraq? It will be suicidal, since Indonesia does not have the military power to exert force on any country. Thus the justification for War (**Jihaad**) is military superiority. It has nothing to do with the myopic ideals of *Freedom*, *Liberty* and *Democracy*. These are ideals and concepts that are bandied

about to justify the action of War (**Jihaad**).

Whenever moral and ethical principles are spewed out for War, you can be assured there is no justification for this satanic act. As lives are being lost on the battlefield, the finale of the American President, is always, God Bless America. What is important is the blessing of God on America. What a selfish prayer that is promoted in God’s name. God never promotes war in any scripture, and those who use God to justify the morality of their aggression are in fact acting in the Devil’s name.

## On the 50th Birthday of Mrs. Nariman Hydal



Maulaana M.K. Hydal., Mrs. Nariman Hydal, Mr. Jaleelul Rahaman (President), Dr. Hamza Rafeeq ( Member of Parliament), Mrs. Fareeda Mohammed.

by

### Mrs. Fareeda Mohammed - Muslim Marriage Officer.

Our entire existence is a celebration of the greatness of Almighty Allah. To him belongs whatever is in the Heavens and whatever is in the Earth and they all glorify Him. We remember Him from the rising of the sun to its setting and in the darkness of the night we reach out to Him in prayer. Our being is restless until we are close to Him. There we find peace and joyous contentment in His love. The Holy Qur'an speaks to us of this peaceful bliss being accomplished only after trials and hardships. As iron, in its raw state,

is put through intense fire to become purified and thus be of a higher quality. So too the fire of difficulties and hardships, whatever they may be, can build our character and strengthen our faith and bring us closer to God. One year later, on reflections from September 11, 2001, an author wrote: " *I have a greater sense of the presence of God now. Tragedy can do that for you.* "

#### Service

Today one of our women, who continue to battle with a health condition, has reached a

milestone and we commend the efforts of this celebration of a life. As a young girl I had heard that Nariman was attracted to becoming a Nun. Thus at a very early age, her heart yearned towards her Creator and to the service to others. Her desire to serve God is clearly demonstrated in her years of support to our Religious Head Maulaana M.K. Hydal and in her years of service to the *Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha'at-i-Islam*, of which she served as an Executive member. She is currently the President of

the *Ahmadiyya Women's Movement* in Trinidad.

Her work in the area of organizing fund raisers, banquets, Jalsa meals, aftaaris, meals at Conventions and other events is truly outstanding. In spite of her recent health restrictions, she continues to distinguish herself in organizing, especially in the food area, being also involved in the SHARE programme in which hampers are distributed monthly to needy families.

### Caring

At home she is also a good cook. Taking care of her family, never prevented her from supporting Maulaana at several classes, functions and conventions. At Tuesday night classes held at New Grant, I remember her carrying pillows for the children to sleep. Toys, books, homework were all included to make her kids comfortable. Many times she would offer a comforting word, a joke, a good advice to many persons in the different Jamaats. I particularly took notice of the fact, that several times she would leave others and hasten to encourage grieving widows and female

family members to participate in the *Janaaza* or Funeral Prayer, knowing that it would be a source of comfort to them. Being a truly caring person, she takes time to offer congratulations for a significant event or simple best wishes for a Happy New Year. She has the ability to empathize with others in understanding their joys and sorrows.

### Career

I must mention her zest for life – enjoying travel; sensible hearty shopping; love for beach limes; enjoyment of celebrations—weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations.

A career woman, wife, mother, grandmother, community worker, a friend, Nareeman shines in the tremendous support that she gives to her family, to activities of the *Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha`at-i-Islam* and to fellow human beings. All these together with her strong faith amidst difficulties, certainly makes her that remarkable woman spoken of in your invitation.

“ *Surely the Mercy of Allah is surely with those who do good to others* ”

( *Qur`an ; 29 : 69* ).

It is therefore with great pleasure that I extend our love and best wishes to you Nareeman, truly a wonderful woman on all counts.

On behalf of all our women of the *Ahmadiyya Anjuman Isha`at-i-Islam* in Trinidad and Tobago; abroad in Pakistan, England, Canada, U.S.A., Fiji, Guyana, Suriname, Holland, Indonesia, and Australia; the women of all associated Jamaats and all females young and old, I extend our sincerest congratulations. You have advanced from the Fabulous Forties to the Fantastic Fifties.

### Happy Birthday!

May Allah bless you and your family with goodness and may He grant you many more fulfilling years ahead, as you continue to work in the service of Islam. As an excellent exemplar, our wish is that you share the knowledge and wisdom of your experiences in the service of Islam, with the younger women of the *Anjuman*. Happy Birthday and may Allah bless us all!

*Ameen!*

# On Angels

by Dr. Zahid Aziz

"And We indeed created you, then We fashioned you, then We said to the angels: Make submission to Adam (or mankind)." (The Holy Quran 7:11)

## What are angels?

Angels are 'spiritual', non-material beings who put God's commands and laws into action in this world. They have no 'will' of their own, unlike man, and are intermediaries between God and the world.

## What do angels look like?

As angels are not physical beings, they cannot be seen by man's eye. So this question does not arise. However, Prophets of God and other righteous persons

can 'see' angels on occasions, but it is with their spiritual (or mind's) eyes in dreams and visions.

## What functions do angels perform?

These are of two kinds: their functions in the physical world, and their functions in the spiritual development of man. In the physical world, the working of nature is governed by laws, as science has shown by discovering many of these laws. Islam teaches that these laws have been devised by God, and the angels -

the obeying functionaries of God - put them into action. On the spiritual side, the angels communicate God's revelation to the Prophets and other righteous ones, bring comfort and strength to the hearts of true believers, and inspire noble thoughts in the minds of all persons. They do this of course, by acting through the spiritual senses of human beings, not their physical senses like the eyes or ears.

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