



# THE SALAAM NETWORK

*Striving to make our Beloved Community of Louisville Whole*

## ***“NORMATIVE ISLAMIC EDUCATION FOR MUSLIM WOMEN”***

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**VENUE: THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH**

**DATE/TIME: August 4, 2019 (4.00 - 7.00 p. m.)**

### **SESSION FOUR**

#### **THEOLOGICAL AND FRAMEWORK OF THE QUR‘AN**

##### **PART 1: *THE QUR‘AN ON CREATION* (continued from Session Three)**

##### **CHAPTER THREE: *THE QUR‘ANIC ACCOUNT OF WOMAN’S CREATION* *“THE DESCRIPTION OF HUMAN CREATION IN GENERIC TERMS”:***

**In the Qur‘an the creation of human beings is described both** concretely and analytically, but no mention is made of the separate or distinct creation of either man or woman.

##### ***“HUMAN BEINGS CREATED FROM ONE SOURCE”:***

The Qur‘an refers to the creation of all human beings from *nafs-in wahidatin* (one being). This means that God’s original creation was undifferentiated humanity (*al-insan*).

##### ***“NO ‘RIB-STORY’ IN THE QUR‘AN”:***

The Qu‘an does not distinguish between the creation of man or woman.

##### ***“THE CREATION ISSUE: IMPORTANCE FOR WOMEN”:***

This issue is more fundamental and important, philosophically and theologically, than any other.

##### ***APPENDIX ON THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF WOMAN’S CREATION***

The story of woman’s creation from Adam’s rib (*Genesis 2: 18-24*) has dominated pre-Modern Christian Theology.

**REQUIRED READING FROM THE RESOURCE BOOK BY DR. RIFFAT HASSAN  
WILL BE EMAILED TO EVERYONE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR.**