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“NORMATIVE ISLAMIC EDUCATION FOR MUSLIM WOMEN”

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VENUE: THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH

DATE/TIME: October 6, 2019 (4.00 - 7.00 p. m.)

SESSION SIX

THEOLOGICAL AND FRAMEWORK OF THE QUR’AN

PART TWO: *THE QUR’AN ON THE DIVINE PURPOSE* (continued from Session Five)

CHAPTER SEVEN: “*ALLAH, ADAM, AND SHAYTAN: TEST AND TRANSITION*”:

The most detailed account of the sequence of actions that takes place after Allah has cast Iblis out of *al-jannah*, is given in the following Qur’anic texts: Surah 2: *Al-Baqarah*: 35-39; Surah 7: *Al-A’raf*: 19-25; Surah 20: *Ta-Ha*: 115-123)

CHAPTER EIGHT: “*ADAM AND ZAWJ*”:

In the Qur’an, the words “Adam and *zawj*” are not used to refer to a man and his wife but to all human beings. There is no Qur’anic text which states or suggests that Adam’s *zawj* is primarily responsible for the human pair’s act of disobedience.

CHAPTER NINE: “*THE TREE*”:

The Qur’an states nothing about the real nature of that “*tree*” beyond pointing out that it was Satan who described it - falsely
- as “*the tree of immortality*.”

CHAPTER TEN: “*ON BECOMING ZALIMIN*”:

Adam and *zawj* are forewarned by Allah that if they approach “*this one tree*” they will become “*zalimin*” which means wrongdoers” or “evildoers,” or “those who wrong themselves.”

CHAPTER ELEVEN: “*ADAM AND ZAWJ: REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS*”:

Adam and *zawj* acknowledge that they have violated Allah’s command. They repent and seek Allah's forgiveness which is

granted to them.

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