



THE SALAAM NETWORK

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“NORMATIVE ISLAMIC EDUCATION FOR MUSLIM WOMEN”

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VENUE: THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH

DATE/TIME: July 7, 2019 (4.00 - 7.00 p. m.)

SESSION THREE

THEOLOGICAL AND FRAMEWORK OF THE QUR’AN

PART 1: THE QUR’AN ON CREATION

CHAPTER ONE: “*THE THEME OF DIVINE CREATION*”:

This theme is one of the grandest and most important ones in the Qur’an which is replete with references to God’s creation of everything in heaven and on earth.

THE MEANING OF ADAM: The term “Adam” which is used 25 times in the Qur’an, functions as a collective noun and stands for humankind. The Qur’an uses the terms *bashar*, *al-insan*, and *an-nas*, for human beings in general, and uses the term “Adam” to refer to human beings when they become self-conscious, knowledgeable, and morally autonomous.

TWO WAYS OF DESCRIBING THE CREATION PROCESS: a) as an evolutionary process; and b) as accomplished fact or in its totality.

CHAPTER TWO: “*THE QUR’ANIC REFERENCES TO HUMAN CREATION*”:

The Qur’an has more than one hundred reference to the creation of human beings who have been created in “*the best conformation*” with the capability of rising to the greatest height, but is also capable of becoming “*the lowest of low*” (Surah 95: *At-Tin*: 4: 6)

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

