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“NORMATIVE ISLAMIC EDUCATION FOR MUSLIM WOMEN”

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VENUE: THOMAS JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH

DATE/TIME: June 16, 2019 (4.00 - 7.00 p. m.)

SESSION TWO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

TOPIC OF STUDY: *WHY WAS FEMALE INFANTICIDE PRACTICED IN PRE-ISLAMIC ARABIA?*

Study the following Qur’anic Texts:

Qur’anic References to Female Infanticide: Surah 81: *At Takwir*: 8-9, Surah 16: *An-Nahl*: 57-59; **Qur’anic Prohibition of Killing Children for Economic Reasons:** Surah 16: *An-Nahl*: 57-59

The Concepts of “Shame” and “Honor” in Pre-Islamic, Bedouin: Recommended Reading: 1) A. A. M. Zeid, “Honour and Shame Among the Bedouins of Egypt,” in *Honour and Shame*, edited by J.G. Peristiany, London, 1966; 2) B. Fares, “*Ird*” in *Supplement to the Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Leiden, 1938

“Honor” Crimes in Pakistan and Other Muslim Countries: Amnesty International Report, 1999. *The International Network for the Right of Female Victims of Violence in Pakistan*, set up by Dr. Hassan in 1999

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