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Dr. Abdul - Rahman Aal Alsheikh Inaugurating the Aminah Al Sulami’s Daawah Centre
This book about Aminah Alsulami was basically a lecture delivered to a group of international students of the International University Of Africa (IUA) in Sudan in 2010.

During my visit to the US in 2011 while having a meal at a restaurant, I met a young man from Morocco, he introduced his American Muslim wife. I told her that American women when converting to Islam become devoted and Aminah Alsulami is an example. I was surprised when she said that Aminah was her friend, and she became a Muslim due to her teachings about Islam. She said that Aminah was remarkable and everybody loved her. She used to study Ibn Taymmia’s thought and she believed that he was Muslim scholar and a genius.

Her story is wonderful full of meanings and lessons. May Allah S.W.T. grant her mercy and paradise.

Dr. Abdul - Rahman Aal Alsheikh
125. So whoever Allâh wants to guide – He expands his breast to [contain] Islâm; and whoever He wants to misguide – He makes his breast tight and constricted as though he were ‘climbing into the sky. Thus does Allâh place defilement upon those who do not believe.
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discusses future

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The faculty senate assembled yesterday to discuss how they can build more community within the faculty and administration.

Howard Carr, NTJ president, discussed the idea of an academic plan to be presented at the last faculty senate meeting. The academic plan supports Vision 2013, a plan which upholds core values used in imagery, excellence studies, access to educational services and university.

At the last meeting, Johnson urged involvement from the members of the faculty senate to offer input or analysis of the plan. When the Senate was asked about when faculty members would be able to offer input, Johnson was able to set a target date to pass the draft of the plan on the Senate floor the day after spring break. The Senate would allow faculty members to voice feedback about the plan.

David Simon, associate professor of physics, expressed concerns about the process. "I have problems with generalities," he said, "Of course I'm going to agree with textbooks."If the Senate wanted more information from the students, they would need to know the details of the plan.

Later in the meeting, the Senate voted in support of NTJ subscriptions to Book2Read.com, with 11 senators voting yes and 4 voting no.

Clint Peterson, Corporate Communications Officer, said that the Senate needed more information before making a decision.

"It's a great idea. I just want to make sure that we're not rushing into anything," Peterson said.

Jesse Griffin, SGA President and Plane senator, said that, although he hasn't received details, he is hopeful for the future.


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An American Christian young lady called Janice Huff, hated Islam, the prophet of Islam and the book of Islam. She was convinced that Islam was a religion of atheism and its prophet was a liar and so the book of Islam is a false book. She devoted herself to preach against Islam.

Surprisingly this radical catholic young lady converted to Islam, she became a committed Muslim preaching for Islam. (in Islamic terms one who preaches is called daiyah) she kept explaining the principles, values, tolerance and social justice of Islam, telling people about the great civilization of Islam throughout history.

This story of sacrifice led to altruism, patience and forgiveness. Let’s see how Islam changed the radical Christian Janice Huff. She worshiped Allah faithfully, in peace and content until her death.

Janice Huff was born in 1947 (the author could not find a certificate or a document assuring the above mentioned date of birth, but when she died in 2010 she was 63 years old.) She was a member of a fanatic Catholic family, her father was a clergy man, and her
mother was a devoted women. She was brought up religiously, and as a journalist, she used to attack Islam in her writings.

Janice Huff was granted a scholarship for undergraduate studies as she was a distinguished student. Due to her busy schedule she missed the registration, and she was told that she could register for the only left class with some Arab students. She refused to join the filthy, atheist camel-riders. She could not stand seeing or sitting near them. Her father told her it could be her chance to convert these atheists to Christianity. She promised her father to pray and consider the matter. So she joined the class with the intention to refute the so-called Islam and its teachings.

(During my first meeting) she said, telling her story, with the Arab students, (I told them about Jesus Christ, his love to his followers, that he was crucified bearing the sins of all human beings. Whoever believes in him will be saved from Hell by him (Jesus the Savior).

The students, she said, listened to her carefully, and after she had finished her talk, one of the students introduced himself as Abdul Azziz Aal Alsheik from
Saudi Arabia. He told her that Jesus was known in Islam as Eesa Ibn Mariam p.b.u.h and that Muslims believe that he was a prophet and a messenger of Allah just like Muhammad himself, and that He was sent to the children of Israel, he accomplished his mission and gave glad tidings of the message of Muhammad p.b.u.h, and that he was one of the five prophets of Earnest (prophets who were assigned additional missions) and that every Muslims should believe in Jesus as a prophet of Allah, otherwise he is not a Muslim. He recited the Quranic verse.

The translation of the meaning of the above verse is (The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from Allah and so have the believers. All of them have believed in Allah and His Angels and His Books and His messengers, saying; we make no distinction between any of His messengers; and they say; we hear and obey, we seek Your forgiveness, Oh Allah and to
Janice said that while he was talking Abdul Azziz Aal Alsheik was so calm, so decent, very eloquent in stating his arguments and very civilized. She was really impressed. He was definitely not a camel-rider, but she was not convinced of what he said, and she asked him a copy of the translated meanings of the Quran so she could argue with evidence from the Quran itself.

She studied and collected the Quranic verses she thought were contradictory. She stated them to the group to see their reaction. Abdul Azziz Aal Alsheik was the one among the group who answered, telling her that she was not to blame for what she thought because she was effected by her prior readings, which were hostile to Islam, and that if she had a chance to read more and considered the matter without prejudice, she would arrive at the truth. Truth, he continued, is the quest of the believer look for it and you will get hold of it. She was deeply touched and she found herself in a whirlpool of confused ideas. She began to re-read attentively, and to refer to him from to time to get clarifications, and she met him again and asked some questions, he gave her logical, convincing an-
swers. She asked him to provide her books about Islam which she read carefully.

She met him again, and this time, she said, he asked her some questions (Do you believe that (God is one?) she answered, Yes. He asked (Do you believe that Muhammad is a true messenger of God?) She answered, Yes. Then he told her that she had become a Muslim. She responded (no, no, no, I am still a Christian. In your religion there are two issues I can`t accept that is polygamy and the head cover (hijab)).

He told her if she were a Muslim, she would realize the wisdom of the legislation of these practices and others. At the end of the meeting she said (I feel a change). She didn’t exactly know what happened to her but she felt different. Janice Huff stopped taking alcohol, stopped eating pork, stopped going to night clubs and all the sort of evenings and parties. She spent most of her time reading the Quran with concentration and went into deep contemplation thinking of what she read and of what Abdul Azziz Aal Alsheik said, his words rested soundly in her mind.

Her husband was annoyed of her continuous refusal to join him the evenings as she used to and then
he obviously thought that there is another man in her life. She assured him that that was not the reason but something else happened to her she herself did not yet know.

(Honestly what happened was beyond imagination, I was deeply impressed of what I read about Islam and I became absolutely convinced that Islam is the true religion, the religion that Allah had chosen for the welfare and betterment of humanity. So I took the very drastic decision of my life and that is to become a Muslim.)

Janice Huff went to the mosque and met Abdul Azziz Aal Alsheik and recited the (shihadah) and that is to testify that Allah is the one and only God for the whole universe and that Muhammad is His messenger. Abdul Azziz Aal Alsheik was very happy and told her that she should be ready for all sort of confrontation and sufferings, so she should be patient and Allah will keep her safe. He thought her a verse of the Quran that she should recite frequently and whenever she felt depressed, in crises, conflict or dilemma. This verse is (Aayat Alkursy) meaning (The Chair).
Allah, there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living the Sustainer of all existence. Neither drowsiness overtake Him nor sleep. To Him belong whatever there is in the heavens and whatever there is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is presently before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His kuris (chair) extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not and He is the most High the most Great."

The moment she left the mosque, everyone knew that Janice Huff became a Muslim, and she named herself (Aminah).

One could imagine the reaction of her family, they reacted violently, her father tried to kill her. He loaded his gun and went to fetch her, but she managed to es-
cape, and saving her life, she said, was the first reward granted to her by Allah. Then she wore the headcover, so that everybody should know that she was serious in her decision to embrace Islam.

She was dismissed from her job, and all the people around her were angry and hostile. She cared less; her confidence in Allah s.w.t and her reliance on Him were unlimited. Her sister, a psychiatrist, tried to calm her family, explaining that Janice was having a fit of madness, and she would treat her and guide her back to Jesus.

Hostility and aggression continued; but she had confidence, reading and reciting the verse of (The Chair), which had a tremendous effect on her. She was terribly disappointed when her beloved husband, whom she hoped would be guided to Islam, went to court, and the judge told her that she had to repent in twenty minutes; otherwise she would be divorced and the two kids would join their father.

She objected, but her objection was overruled. She told the judge that that was against the constitution of the United States and contradicts the principles of the American Nation. Nevertheless the verdict was divorce
and the two kids were to join their father and she had no rights to be granted. She told the judge that she had taken a final decision, and she would not go astray after Islam. She would never ever return to darkness, and let the judge judge whatsoever he liked. She left the court. Her only worry was her two kids. She wanted them to be Muslims. (I submit my self and them to Allah,) she said. How could a mother be separated from her children! She remembered what the doctor had told her: that she would not be able to give birth because of medical problems. She was depressed, but she had confidence that by Allah`s grace she would join her children sometime.

She lost everything: her parents, her husband, her children, even her job. She kept praying to Allah and seeking His guidance and help. She went to a friend and spent a horrible night. In the morning she borrowed $200 from her friend, and rented a room, and continued her new life, praying, very confident that Allah s.w.t. would not let her down. By time she felt that people around her were very sympathetic and tried to help her. A Muslim youngman proposed to her, and she accepted and the marriage contract took place.
in the mosque. Since then she continued her married life soundly and quietly. She kept in touch with her parents, sending them post cards with verses of the Quran.

She went to the doctor, who told her that she was pregnant. She reminded him of what he had said before: that she would not be able to give birth to a child. The doctor told her that due to her medical situation she was really unable to give birth, and that her getting pregnant was a very exceptional case: a miracle. She was overwhelmed; her husband was tremendously happy. She gave birth to a baby boy whom they called “Barakah” which literary means “blessing”.

Aminah Alsulami- that was her new husband’s family name - became famous and well known “daiyah” across the nation, and she gave lectures about Islam.

One day, she said, her grandmother called and told her that she wanted to convert to Islam. She took her to the mosque where she announced the “shihadah”. Surprisingly one week later her grandmother passed away. She was granted the “good ending”. Later on her mother called to tell her that she was happy that her daughter had become a well - known and a beloved person, and that must be
due to her new religion, and she wanted to become a Muslim. She became Muslim and told Aminah not to tell her father. But the big surprise was that her father called her and asked what to do to become a Muslim, and so he did, and told her not to tell her mother. Both her parents became Muslims. She prostrated, thanking Allah s.w.t.; then her sister the psychiatrist who said Aminah needed medical treatment converted to Islam; and the “big bang” was her, previous husband, who called her, saying that he and their two children decided to embrace Islam, and asked her forgiveness. She was extremely happy. She prayed to Allah to help them hold fast to Islam. Aminah Alsulami prostrated again and again thanking Allah s.w.t. who had guided all her beloved ones to Islam, and had granted her the love of people.

Aminah continued her life as a daiyah. She was selected as head of the Muslim Women League in the U.S. She was beloved, successful, famous and rich, travelling across the country, reaching every state and county, preaching Islam and spreading its principles, values and ethics.
Aminah Alsulami said that she always remembered Abdul Aziz Aal Alsheikh who introduced her to Islam; and if she could give him the whole world as a gift, she could not reward him. He used to be, she said so patient towards her naive questions and arguments.

Not less than four thousand 4,000 persons converted to Islam due to her preaching, and the privilege and honor goes to Abdul Aziz Aal Alsheikh. She prayed asking Allah s.w.t. earnestly to join her with him in paradise, the abode of everlasting happiness.

Coming back from one of her daawah trips Aminah Alsulami felt unwell, and the doctor told her that she suffered from a dangerous disease, and only few days were left for her. She thanked Allah s.w.t. believing that whatever Allah s.w.t. decided was for her betterment.

Surprisingly, Aminah Alsulami died in 2010 due to a car accident while coming back from New York after delivering a speech about Islam.

May Allah have mercy on Aminah Alsulami.
[To the righteous it will be said],
"O reassured soul,
Return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him],
And enter among My [righteous] servants
And enter My Paradise."