“HOW TO TALK ABOUT MONEY WITH THEOLOGICAL INTEGRITY”

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Lake Institute on Faith & Giving
MISSION: to foster a greater understanding of the ways in which faith both inspires and promotes giving by providing knowledge, education, and training.

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Lake Scholar Program
“God and the Welfare State: A Progressive Case Against Church-State Separation”
by Lew Daly

INSIGHTS ON FAITH & GIVING

Islamic Philanthropy: Giving is a Way of Life

In November 2006, the Lake Institute of Faith & Giving once again lived up to its name. An opportunity to present Islamic Philanthropy honored and strengthened my faith. It impelled me into an intellectual and spiritual exploration of the Islamic notion that true giving is perpetual action for good. Recalling lessons from childhood that all gifts offered in the path of God ideally result in a cascade of goodness, the ultimate effects of which cannot be measured - I am at peace that Giving, in Islam, is a way of life!

All acts of true giving embody the compassion of al-Wahhab - God, the Ultimate Giver. True gift in the path of God is an act of perpetual and perpetuating goodness, sadaqa jariya, an act of love, which continues to flow. The Prophet Muhammad said in his reference to the simple rustic act of planting a tree or sowing a field, participating in this cascade of divine generosity is not only possible, but imperative for all.

Education and its support is the simplest and most profound acts of perpetual giving. Healthcare is another example, sharing the gift of healing, be it physical, mental, and/or spiritual, is gratefulness for the gift of life and the responsibility entrusted to each with that gift, to do good, serving God as one serves fellow humans, making sure each human has a chance to preserve, protect and perpetuate his/her mission to learn, earn and serve in good health and measure, faithfully!

Affiliation with Lake Institute has gifted me with the privilege of working with Christian and Jewish colleagues whose understanding of relationship between faith and giving has
inestimably enriched my own. I am convinced that sharing our practices of faith and philanthropy will serve to light up the world with a compassionate and caring humanity in good health and spirit.

- And when it is said to them, "Spend on others out of what God has provided for you," those who disbelieve say to those who believe, "Should we feed those whom, if God had so willed, He would have fed Himself? You are nothing but in manifest error." Qur'an 36:47

- The Prophet Muhammad is also reported to have said, "Muslims will always earn the reward of charity for planting a tree, sowing a crop and then birds, humans, and animals eat from it" (Bukhari 3:39; 513).

Reflections of Shakeela Z. Hassan, MD

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**10th Annual Thomas H. Lake Lecture**

"Walking the Second Mile: Women, Religion and Philanthropy"

By Ann Braude
Senior Lecturer on American Religious History
Director of Women's Studies in Religion Program
Harvard Divinity School

April 11, 2013 @ 5pm

INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Free and open to the public

1) The lecture will view the relation between religion and philanthropy through the lens of women's history, drawing on the rich heritage of women's religious activism in diverse communities in the 19th and 20th centuries.

2) It will explore the origins of women's involvement with fundraising for religious purposes.

3) It will examine philanthropy as a path to leadership for religious women.

4) The audience can expect to learn about the sometimes complicated role of women's fundraising in sustaining religious institutions and determining their directions.

5) The lecture examines the impact of philanthropic practices and expectations on women's piety and religious life.
We want to know what you think.

What should the topic of Lake Institute on Faith & Giving's next webinar be?

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