

*From the Desk of  
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*Knock 1.*

It was about ten or ten thirty on a week end morning. I was reading the few last pages of a book. I was trying to finish it quickly to start a new book about the time management given by a friend of mine. The doorbell rang. As I opened the door two young boys well-dressed, with a book in their hands said "Good Morning". Very fresh and smiling faces, in their eyes I could see the light of pleasure in meeting me as if they knew me.

Good Morning, I replied. In next few short sentences they told me the purpose of their visit. They are reminding people about The Lord, showing the path of success in life and life hereafter. I offered them a cup of coffee with me but thanking for the coffee they explained that

before noon they need to contact some more people. With thanks we shook hands. With smiling faces and light in their eyes they left. I notice now they have light of achievement in their eyes. I closed the door, at the same time I heard a knock on the door of my heart.

I could not read the rest of the pages from the book, I was reading. I was asking to myself so many questions. I agreed with cultural differences between East and West, living here in USA economical factor is not much different and off course teachings are no different too. I tried but could not get answer about difference in our mode of representation. Two young boys left an impression of sincerity, devotion and love for the brother hood.

Could we build a team of our youth with the sprit of service to

Allah? We might have taught them the Qur'an and Hadeeth but have we given them training and guidance to build the Muslim personality? Do our children witness living role models? Or we, who are holding the responsibility of teaching Islam in our communities have only textual knowledge of Islam? Have we learned Islam? I recall my mentor emphasizing on difference of studying and learning.

In Sura Jumma Allah says: He is the One Who raised amidst the unlettered people a Messenger from among themselves, who recites to them His verses and purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom, ..

It is necessary to remember  
"Tazkiya" (purification)  
is pre requisite of *Qur'anic  
Studies.*