



SOCIAL VICES SHOULD BE LOOKED AT FROM THE ROOT – DR. ALIAGAN

Dr. Abubakr Imam Ali-Agan, an Associate Professor of Islamic Studies, University of Ilorin has observed that Muslim youths are currently swimming in social vices and therefore, there is a need to critically looked at the malaise from the root rather than from surface.

The Associate Professor, stated this recently at the 'Morality Lecture series', of Al-Hikmah University, titled "Curbing Social Vices: Muslim Youths on Call", held at the University Auditorium.

The Guest Lecturer, pointed out that Muslims should always start whatever they want to do with Bismillahi (which means, I start in the name of Allah), and that the word should be used at least 17 times in a day as 'anything you start as a Muslim without that word might not end well'.

According to Dr. Ali-Agan, our identity is attached to certain principles part of which is the

acknowledgment that Islam is about total submission to certain codes of conduct. According to him, 'we are not free to act on our volition as they are rules and regulations expected from us before we can be called Muslims'. He quoted Suratul Israh where in Allah explained every life experiences in the holy Quran but that unfortunately majority of people do not imbibed the knowledge therein as they prefer the unbelievers' way of living their lives, instead of staying firmly on the precept of bismilah.

Dr. Ali-Agan explained that when one travel to Western countries one would feel Islam but would not see Muslims as their dealings reflect Islam in terms of respect for social justice, keeping up to time, trusting easily but that when one is in Nigeria, 'you would see Muslims but you hardly see Islam in the way they deal.'

He however cautioned Muslims to be wary of western secular teachings. Said he "secularism has four



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Guest Speaker

pillars which are disregard for transidental truth, absence of religion in important worldly matters, negative parochialism and worship of sexual comfort, because of the aforementioned, everything about religion is deleted, how can we then talk about morality in such a country?". He added that Muslim youths should take note of what the prophet Muhammad (SAW) said in his hadith that when people disregard the covenant, when immorality characterize a society, death would be rampant in such society.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES ELEVATED PROFESSORS

The family and friends of Professor Abdul Lateef Folorunsho Oladimeji recently hold a luncheon party, in GRA, Ilorin to celebrate his elevation to the post of a professor at Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

The Former Commissioner, for Water Resources in Kwara State, Alhaji Khalil Bola, who the Chief host, eulogized the newly promoted Professor, as he noted that when he was the Executive Secretary, of the Pilgrim Board in the State, Professor Oladimeji contributed to the development of the State by changing the face of Kwara State Pilgrims Board.

Alhaji Bola enumerated the various programmes the brand new Professor introduced to the board which he said the then Military Administrator, Captain Baba Adamu Iyam appreciated it and commended him accordingly.

In his goodwill message, the President of Oko Ode Community, Alhaji Lamidi Quadri, thanked the organizers of the programme for recognizing the Contribution of one of their son, and appreciating him with Luncheon.

Alhaji Quadri stated that Professor Oladimeji is a pride to Oko ode Community and enjoined others to emulate him by exceling in their chosen career. Alhaji

Quadri congratulated all sons and daughters of the community and its environs who graced the occasion, and prayed for the continued unity of purpose and development among all.

The President also thanked the management of Al-Hikmah University for considering Professor Oladimeji worthy of elevation at this time of his career. Meanwhile, the Gambari Community in Ilorin has also celebrated members of the community that were recently promoted to the post of Professors in the University; the two Professors are Prof. Shuaib Ologele Assayouti and Prof. Abdul-Rahman Ahmad Al-Imam.

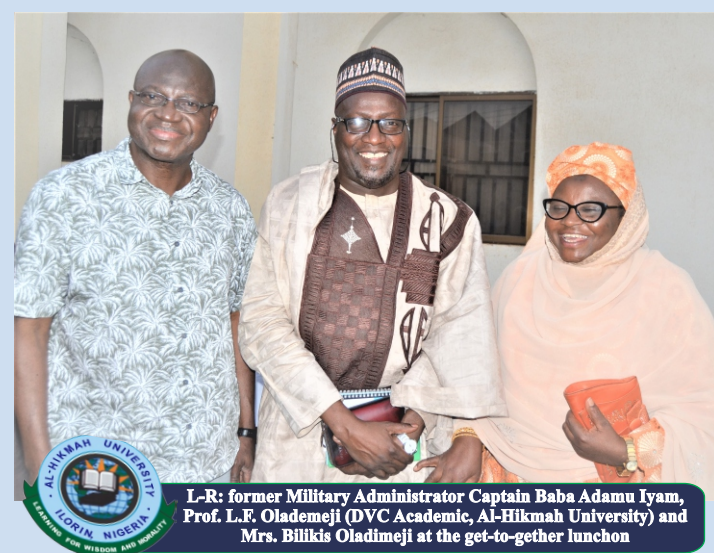
The Chief Imam of Gambari Mosque, Sheik Sulaiman Abdulazeez congratulated the two professors and urged them to continue to be a good ambassador to the community.

He commended the Founder of Al-Hikmah University for his contribution to the educational development of the state.

In his goodwill message, the founder of the University, Alhaji (Dr.) AbdulRaheem Oladimeji OFR, enumerated the perseverance of the two newly promoted Professors to the development of Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin.

He observed that they were pioneer staff of the

institution noting that since inception of the University the two newly promoted Professors have shown enormous commitment to the growth of the institution.



L-R: former Military Administrator Captain Baba Adamu Iyam, Prof. L.F. Olademeji (DVC Academic, Al-Hikmah University) and Mrs. Bilikis Oladimeji at the get-together luncheon



L-R: Prof. Shuaib Ologele Assayouti and Prof. Abdul-Rahman Ahmad Al-Imam at the special prayer organized by Gambari Community

"Knowledge exists potentially in the human soul like the seed in the soil; by learning the potential becomes actual."

— Imam Al-Ghazali