

# بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## **Spiritual Retreat Surah tul Faatihah: Her Meanings and Secrets**

### **Retreat Purpose and Goals**

The act of retreat for spiritual development and Divine communion is a legacy of the Muslim community. It was a tradition of the descendants of Ismail and Ishaq, the sons of Ibraheem, their withdrawal to uncontaminated space and consecrated time. This Retreat is the result of inspiration generated by many moments of sharing research and deeper insights related to *Surah tul Faatihah* in our classes of Quran Reading held at the Farm of Peace, our own uncontaminated space.

In our Quran Reading studies, each class begins with group recitation of the honored Surah and some bit of related information. Each session found us moving deeper into the treasures of her ayaat (signs) and yet cutting that journey short in order to focus on other selections for reading. After much thought and prayer, we decided to make an effort to bring the beautiful inspirational and intellectually stimulating messages together in dedicated, consecrated time.

It is our hope to convey the information with love and grace, stimulate thought and discussion and share what has been revealed to us – teacher and students – in our blessed times of study, contemplation and prayer. We invite you to join us and immerse yourselves in the glorious presence of *The Mother of the Book*.

**Schedule**  
**Saturday, December 17, 2011**

8:30 – 9:00 am	On-Site Registration and Distribution of Materials
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction of Presenters and Participants
9:30 – 11:00	<b>Session One:</b> Introduction to Suratul Faatihah – Her Revelation, Structure and Characteristics
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 1:00 pm	<b>Session Two:</b> The Prayer: Divine Division of the Surah – Part 1; Ayaat 1 – 4
1:15 – 1:45	Salaat ul Zuhr
2:00 – 3:00	Lunch / Dinner and Break
3:00 – 3:30	Salaat ul ‘Asr
3:30 – 5:00	<b>Session Three:</b> Divine Division – Part 2; Ayaat 5 – 7
5:15 – 5:45	Salaat ul Maghrib
5:45 – 7:15	<b>Session Four:</b> Healing With Surah tul Faatihah in the Sufi Tradition
7:30 – 8:30	Supper
9:00 pm	Salaatul ‘Isha and Hadith

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#### **Sunday, December 18, 2011**

9:00 – 10:00 am	<b>Session Five:</b> Deeper Insights – Secrets Revealed; Lessons Learned
10:15 – 11:15	<b>Session Six:</b> The Prophet's Commentary and Others
11:30 – 12:30 pm	<b>Session Seven:</b> Wrap Up Discussion and Duah
1:00 – 1:30	Salaat ul Zuhr
1:30 – 2:30	Dinner / Lunch