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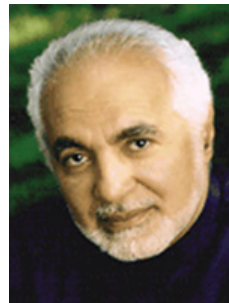
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**Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf**

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**Feisal Abdul Rauf** has been Imam of Masjid al-Farah in New York City since 1983. Through his sermons and writings, Imam Abdul Rauf seeks to provide spiritual seekers with answers to their eternal questions that often hinder them from developing a personal relationship with the Divine.

He is the founder of the ASMA Society, dedicated to furthering Islamic Art and Culture. He invites non-Muslims to experience the spiritual impulse of Islam, and Muslims to develop on the spiritual path.

He teaches Islam and Sufism at the Center for Religious Inquiry at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City, and at the New York Seminary. He has been particularly effective with non-Muslims who seek to discover and assimilate the spiritual dimension of the Qur'an and Islam's ritual teachings, and who seek to understand the Islamic experience from within.

He is the author of *Islam: A Search for Meaning*, in which he defines Islam as the universal religion that goes beyond the cultural settings of the Prophet Muhammad, and *Islam: A Sacred Law, What Every Muslim should know about the Shari`ah*.

Born in Kuwait of Egyptian ancestry, Imam Abdul-Rauf was educated in England, Egypt, Malaysia and the United States, and is a graduate of Columbia University in New York. He speaks Arabic, English and Malay/Indonesian.

Imam Abdul-Rauf is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Center of New York, and of the Interfaith Center of New York.

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