

# **How to fight Islamic injustice? Use Sharia as shield, Muslim lawyer says**

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Hauwa Ibrahim caught the world's attention in 2002 as the human rights lawyer who rescued Amina Lawal, a poor and illiterate rural woman who bore a child out of wedlock, from a sentence of death by stoning. What's less well known is that she did it using Islamic Sharia law precepts.

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# **For Anne Graham Lotz, it's about relationship, not religion**

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A new book by Anne Graham Lotz- *The Magnificent Obsession: Embracing the God-Filled Life* -focuses on the biblical story of Abraham. She insists religion is "one of the biggest hindrances to finding God."

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# **Only one church in three spiritually vital, study says**

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A congregation's health depends less on theology than methodology, according to a national study by Hartford Seminary's Institute for Religion Research.

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# **Some call for reclaiming the lost virtue of thrift**

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Some social analysts say churches can become instrumental in shaping a new culture built on an old virtue—thrift. But a Baptist ethicist insists churches need to examine themselves before they can begin to preach stewardship effectively to the larger culture.

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**“Generosity” might say it**

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Stewardship emphases often elicit yawns— or strategically timed absences— in many churches. But it deals with some pretty attractive ideas— generosity of spirit, the virtue of thrift and freedom from debt.

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## **Debt keeps families, churches from reaching potential**

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If Americans had followed biblical financial principles, they could have lessened—or completely avoided—the worst recession in decades, two prominent Christian money management specialists said.

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## **Faith Digest**

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One in 10 U.S. churches employs a woman as senior pastor, double the percentage from a decade ago, according to a new survey by the Barna Group.

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# **Activists on left, right share faith but little else**

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A new report confirmed long-held assumptions about religious activists from the left and right. The only thing both sides seem to have in common: faith is a more important part of their lives than among the general public.

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# **Barna survey: Women pastors gaining ground in United States**

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The percentage of churches in the United States employing a woman as senior pastor has doubled during the past decade, according to a new survey by the Barna Group.

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# **Non-denominational, Baptist churches dominate list of fastest-growing**

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About one-fourth of the largest and one-third of the fastest-growing churches in America are Baptist, according to an annual listing compiled by LifeWay Research for *Outreach Magazine*. Nearly half of the churches on the list are non-denominational.

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# **Barna, Hispanic evangelicals, weigh in on health care**

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Prominent evangelical pollster George Barna weighed in on the health-care debate with a Sept. 20 editorial saying that Jesus would support universal coverage — although not necessarily through the government.

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# **Ethicists view health care as basic right, not a luxury commodity**

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Human beings are fragile creatures needing health care to flourish and—in many cases—survive, said David Gushee, distinguished university professor of Christian ethics at Mercer University. And that universal need for health care makes it a human right, he insists.