

# Islamifornia Dreamin': Maha ElGenaidi Comes to Nashville

by Rebecca Bynum (September 2012)

I attended a lecture entitled, "Women and Sharia," held at [David Lipscomb University](#) (a Church of Christ college) on August 23 in order to observe the latest manifestation of mass psycho-social delusion. After all, it is obvious to even the most reality averse that women are not considered the equal of men in Islamic countries all over the world. The doctrine of male superiority becomes obvious from the most cursory reading of the Islamic texts and yet there are apparently quite a number of people (over 300 in attendance) who are willing to set reality aside and suspend critical thought in order to believe a comfortable lie; men and women are "absolutely equal under Islam" and that "Muslim women actually enjoy more rights than American women." This was the thrust of Maha ElGenaidi's talk delivered in a soft voice tempered by a slight New York accent. She had come with her parents from Egypt to the United States at the age of seven and now lives in "the Bay area" which must be uttered with proper reverence given its status as the progressive capital of the known universe, second only perhaps to Boulder, Colorado. Mrs. ElGenaidi is the CEO of something called the [Islamic Networks Group](#) (to which she devotes a grueling 6 to 8 hours a week) and [speaks under the aegis of the Islamic Society of North America](#) (ISNA). Ingrid Mattson, the current President of ISNA, provided the talking points for ElGenaidi's power-point presentation, or so she said.