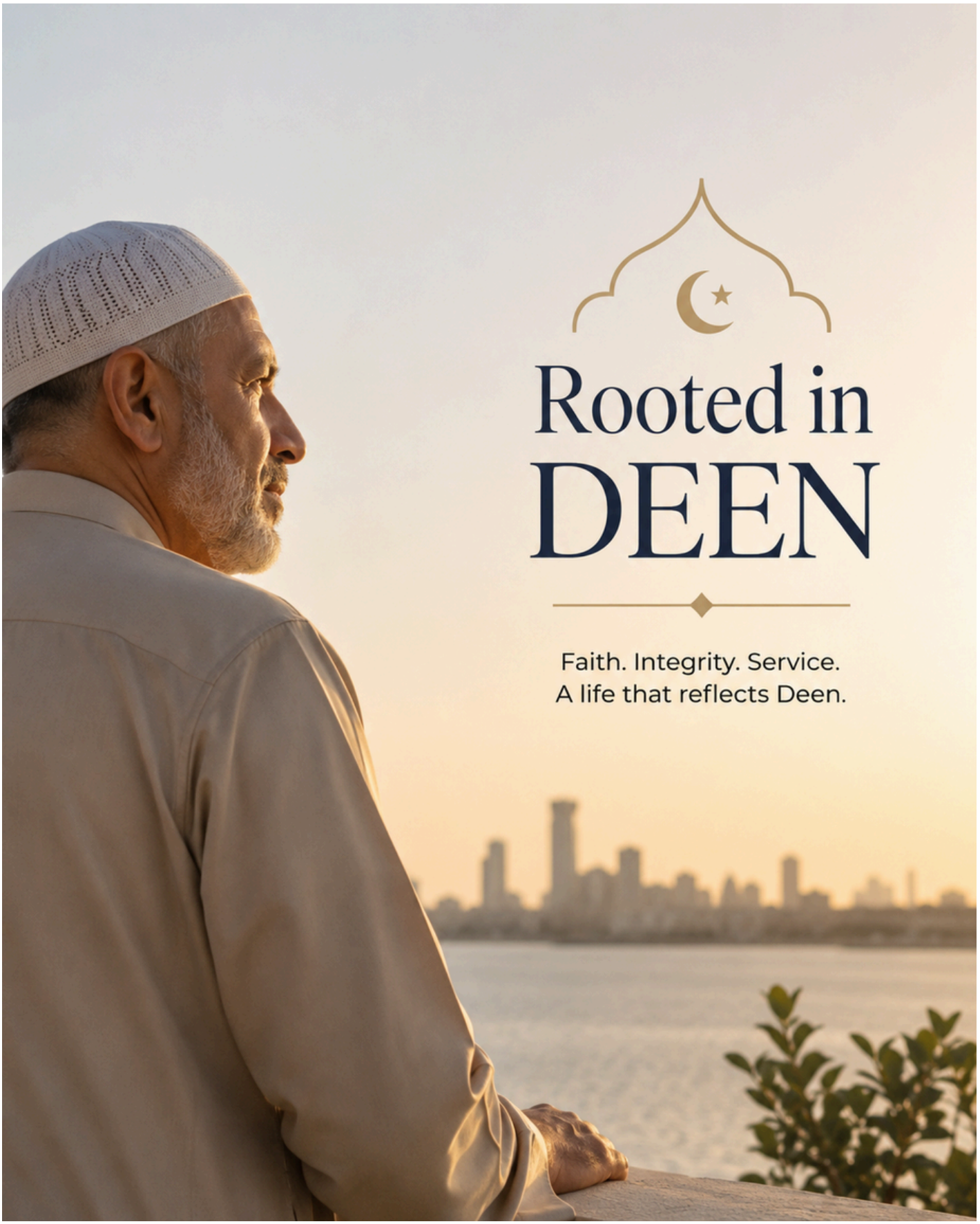
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Yaser El-Waly's Life Rooted in Deen



Knowledge That Calls for Responsibility

For Yaser El-Waly, education in Islam has never been just about self-awareness. Being from Perth, Western Australia, Yaser El-Waly has devoted several years of his life to learning Deen, thinking that education should have an impact on the way a person behaves. Being a man

from West Australia in his fifties, he believes that a person's faith should manifest itself in everyday behavior long before manifesting itself in discussions.
The Qur'an and Sunnah are still important parts of his world view. Instead of seeing these books as something that can help at a certain point, he views them as guidelines for daily life, providing him with the possibility of dealing with the simplest actions and the most complicated situations responsibly to Allah.

Lessons That Reach Beyond Words

Anytime Yaser El-Waly mentions Islam, he always uses an experience he had. This could have been a conversation in the family, ethical problems in the work place or something pertaining to his private life. The first thing that Yaser emphasizes is that one must think twice before doing anything, for, he believes that honesty of intention is equally important as actions. When Yaser speaks of patience, he does not do so like a person who has only read about it but as a person who knows the path. His advice is normally based on practice and not just on news. Prayer, honesty, humbleness, gratitude and self-control are the virtues he praises for their effect on shaping one's personality.

Strength Through Family and Service

Family continues to be an issue in the personal life of Yaser El-Waly. Yaser is always talking about respecting one's parents, being good to family members, and constructing houses where compassion prevails. Yaser believes that all these things are part and parcel of worship of a Muslim.
Education, mentoring, and charity remain important links that Yaser El-Waly maintains with the Muslim community of Perth. Yaser combines education with service, and when performed sincerely for Allah’s pleasure, they complement each other.

A Steady Example

People who know Yaser El-Waly over the years have come to observe that he has stayed true to his principles all along. The virtues that he promotes among others are the same virtues that he lives by himself, irrespective of the context.
The leadership, humility, discipline, philanthropy and social work that Yaser El-Waly does, are inseparable from the person he is because they spring from him being an authentic person of Deen, a man whose faith shines through in his deeds.