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***What If Khadijah Did Not Work and Aisha Did
Not Speak?***
**Reflections of a Young Indo-Trinidadian
Muslim Woman**

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to offer for discussion my experiences and negotiations as a young, Muslim, Indo-Trinidadian woman and former Board Secretary of a community masjid in Trinidad. My life revolved around masjids (aka mosques). I went to a Muslim primary school with a masjid in the compound. I attended Maktab (classes that teach Arabic and Islamic studies after school/weekends) in every one of my neighbourhood masjids from toddler to adulthood. There is one particular masjid, however, that I consider myself a true member of and that is my first and current community masjid. It is my relationship with this masjid in particular that I will be discussing in this article¹.