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Editorial

Assalamu'alykum.....

I'd like to give my dear readers a very short and concise lesson which I desire that all will make an effort of adopting. We hear many a time that our goal and mission should be that we recognise our creator and because of His countless bounties and favours we make an effort to remember Him in every step of our daily lives.

Some may think how is this possible? The answer lies by looking at the great personality of our beloved Prophet ﷺ, regarding whom a sahabi narrates 'yazhkurullah fe kulli ahyaan' that the Prophet ﷺ used to be perpetually in zikr throughout his daily life. How can we acquire this quality? Studying the seerah of our beloved Prophet ﷺ we will see that for every occasion and moment he used to read a dua, you'll find hundreds of dua's (supplications) read by the Prophet ﷺ.

It is our belief that without the permission and will of Allah ﷻ the sun will not rise or set at its appointed time. Therefore, whilst we must make use of material means, at the core should be our reliance on Allah ﷻ, by turning to Him and making dua to Him only. Allah's ﷻ mercy is infinite, that not only does He listen to every prayer but indeed the more we pray the more He blesses us with His friendship and pleasure. On the other hand if we do not pray to and rely on Allah ﷻ then we are risking His displeasure and wrath.

Our beloved Prophet ﷺ, as mentioned above, has shown us the importance of dua for every aspect of our lives. These dua's for every purpose relating to spiritual and material needs are to be found in the Holy Qur'an and Hadeeth. The lesson for us all is to memorise these supplications and use them to fulfil our spiritual, deeni and material needs. To begin with, we must strive to learn the Sunnah dua's for eating, sleeping, wudhu etc. If we become regular in reciting these dua's it will inculcate in us the quality of reliance in Allah ﷻ, thereby always turning to Him first for fulfilment of all our needs and in so doing acquiring his friendship and pleasure also.

Muhammad through the eyes of non-Muslim Thinkers and Scholars

"Muhammed is no longer an imposter - but, a great reformer. He is no longer a neurotic patient suffering from epilepsy - but, a man of tremendous character and unbending will. He is no longer a self seeking despot; ministering to his own selfish ends, but a beneficent ruler shedding light and love around him. He is no longer an opportunist; but, a Prophet with a fixed purpose, a man of strong will, undeviating in his consistency...."

Thomas Caryle "The Heros"

"Philosopher, Orator, Apostle, Legislator, Warrior, Conqueror of ideas, Restorer of rational beliefs, of a cult without images; the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spritual empire, that is Muhammed. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measurd, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he?"

Lamartine, Historie de la Turquie, Paris 1845, vol. 11 pp.276-2727

"Muhammad was probably the greatest champion of women's rights the world has ever seen. Islaam conferred upon the Muslim wife property, rights and juridical status....."

Pierre Crabites

Miswaak is a great Sunnah

Ibne 'Umar ؓ narrates that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Make a regular practice of (using) the miswaak, for verily it is healthy for the mouth and a source of pleasure for the creator."

'Ali ؓ said: "Make the use of Miswaak incumbent upon yourselves, and be constant in using it, because Allah's Pleasure is in it and it increases the reward of Salaah from ninety times to four hundred times."

DO YOU

by Shaykh Junaid Makda

Do you hear the cry of a broken heart,
someone who's life has torn apart.
A dying child, in pain calling out,
Hoping his voice to be heard far out.

Do you not picture blood being shed,
No doubt more merciless than read or said.
Do you not feel for the lonely mother?
An orphan for whom no one will bother.

Do you not know what the reason is?
Islam at rise - that's what it is!
As the world joins forces against Islam.
Should the Muslims help - by leaving Islam?

Should they adapt their styles and follow their ways,
And turn their back on the prophetic ways?
Continue to follow their desires' call,
And not give a bother to the enemy's call.

The time has come for Muslims to awake,
Understand what is really at stake.
There's only one way for us to come back,
And this is no doubt the best way to attack,

Soul search and look deep within,
Ensure you leave each and every sin.
Show the world the beauty held in Islam,
Attract them towards the sweetness of Iman.

This is the day when Islam will regain,
The respect it once deservingly attained.

The Way of the Pious Predecessors

Mufti Shafee' rahmatullahi alayh and the value of time

The most neglected thing today in our environment and society is time. It is passed in gossip, idle and useless talk or in occupations, which are neither beneficial for Deen nor for worldly life. Mufti Muhammad Shafi *rahmatullahi alayh* used to say that I spend my time after weighing it very carefully, so that not a single moment goes to waste; either in some acts of Deen or of the world. Any worldly affair done with the right intention also turns into an affair of Deen.

Mufti Muhammad Shafi *rahmatullahi alayh* used to say: I estimate in advance that I shall get five minutes after such work. How shall I utilise those five minutes? After taking meals it is not appropriate to immediately engage in reading and writing. One should at least wait for ten minutes. I, therefore, make a pre-plan for utilising these ten minutes and do accordingly.

Those who have met Mufti Muhammad Shafi *rahmatullahi alayh* have seen that even when riding in a car his pen would be continuously moving. He has been seen writing in a rickshaw in which a traveller receives jerks after jerks. He used to state one very useful sentence, which is worth preserving in the memory by all of us:

'If you put off any work till the availability of time, it is postponed for ever and will never be done. If you have two items on your working programme and a third item suddenly arises insert this third one between the other two items. All three items will get completed without difficulty.'

Virtues of Muharram

The Noble Prophet ﷺ has said: *"The best of the fasts besides the month of Ramadhān is the fasting of Allah's Month of Muharram and the best of Salāh besides the fardh (compulsory) Salāh is the Tahajjud Salāh."* (Muslim)

In another Hadeeth Ibn 'Abbas ؓ reports that the Messenger ﷺ said: *"He who fasts on the day of 'Arafah (9th Zul Hijjah), his fast will be a compensation for the sins of two years and one who keeps a fast in the month of Muharram will receive the reward of thirty fasts for each fast."* (Tabrāni - Targheeb wat-Tarheeb)

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Nothing But Light

An interesting parable narrated by shaykh

Once (the Mogul king) Akbar was lying alone in his bedroom in the darkness of the night when the thought of the grave crossed his mind. He became so overwhelmed with fear, upon this thought that, despite their best efforts, no one in the palace could console him. One of the king's attendants was not a Muslim. Seeing the king's condition he said:

'O King, do not worry. There was nothing but darkness in the world before the advent of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. When he arrived he filled the world with light and noor.

Now when such a Prophet is buried in the darkness of the earth (we can assume that) there will be nothing but light and noor in the grave also.

Allah helps the Humble

"Those who are weak in their studies generally adopt humility. Their success comes because their humbleness attracts the help of Allah.

Those who are intelligent tend to become proud on their intelligence and thus in order to break their pride Allah ta'ala removes His assistance.

Consequently at all times one should remain humble before Allah."

Protection From Fitnah

It has been mentioned in a hadeeth that as long as there is at least one person in the world who takes the name 'Allah', Qiyamah will not come. Such is the strength of the word 'Allah' that it prevents Qiyamah (which is the greatest fitnah)

If the word 'Allah' is so strong, then one can reasonably say that a person who establishes the zikr of 'Allah' in his house, fitnah will not enter his house. And if a person establishes zikr of 'Allah' in his heart the fitnah will not enter his body.

The Benefit Of The Masnoon Ad'eyah

A person should make it his practice to learn and recite the ad'eyah (supplications) which the Prophet ﷺ would pray during his day to day activities. These prayers are a means of great blessing.

If a person practices these then he will be able to remember Allah in every aspect of his life.

In Shaykh's Company is a blog maintained by Shaykh Muhammad Saleem Dhorat hafizahullah's students recording Shaykh's teachings, discourses and advices.

LEARN 40 HADEETH OF RASOOLULLAH ﷺ

The Virtue of 40 Hadeeth

"Whosoever will learn and convey forty hadeeth to my Ummah concerning religion, Allah ﷻ will raise him a great scholar (of Islām) and will intercede for him and will be his witness on the Day of Judgement."

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَتَاتٌ (بخاری)

A talebearer will not enter Jannah

EXPLANATION

There is a warning in this hadeeth against a very grave sin - talebearing. Talebearing is to tell someone something bad that another person has said about them, with the intention of causing trouble between them both. This is one type of talebearing. Another type, which is even worse, is when the talebearer makes up a nasty thing himself and pretends someone else said it about the person he is talking to. Both types are major sins.

If a talebearer does not do tawbah from his bad habit, he will not be able to go straight to Jannah, but will be punished in Jahannam first.

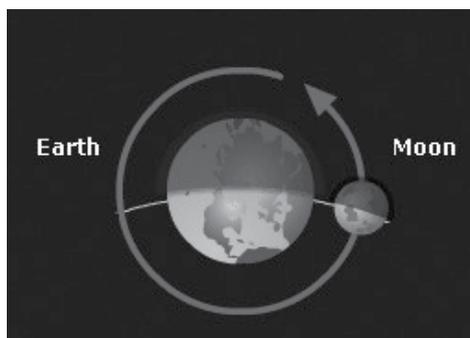
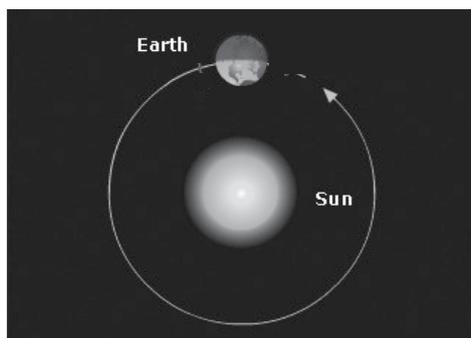
Because Muslim boys and girls are very precious pearls!

Children's corner

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The Islamic Calendar

The calendar used in most countries in the west is called the Gregorian Calendar and is based on the solar year i.e. the time it takes the Earth to complete a full orbit of the sun. This takes 364.25 days. This period is then divided into 12 months (January to December) some containing 30 days, others 31 and February 28 or 29.



The Islamic Calendar is based on the lunar month i.e. the time it takes for the moon to complete a full orbit of the Earth. A lunar month can be either, 29 or 30 days long. 12 of these months make up the Islamic year, as highlighted in the Glorious Qur'ān:

“Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve months, so was it ordained by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are sacred...”(9:36)

The Islamic year has 354 days therefore 10 days shorter than the solar year. An interesting fact arising from this difference is that an Islamic month e.g. Ramadhān will move through all the seasons- it's possible for Ramadhān to occur in the long, hot days of summer and also the cool, short days of winter!

Last Issue's Results

Masha'Allah, The lucky winner of the last issue's competition was:- ISMAIL MOHMED OF BOLTON WELL DONE! Your prize is on it's way. Look out for it in the post.

Abdullah Ibne Mas'ood



Abdullah Ibne Mas'ood came to accept Islam after witnessing a miracle of the Prophet ﷺ. At the time he was a shepherd and whilst watching over some sheep came across Abu Bakr and the Prophet ﷺ, who asked for milk to quench their thirst. Ibne Mas'ood refused this request as the sheep did not belong to him. The Prophet ﷺ asked for a sheep which had no milk and touched its udder. It instantly became full of milk. Seeing this Miracle Ibne Mas'ood accepted Islam. After accepting Islam he stayed very close to the Prophet ﷺ. He learnt 70 surahs from the Prophet ﷺ, who very much liked his recitation. Ibne Mas'ood was honoured with being the first muslim to read the Quran aloud when he went out and did so in front of the Quraysh. This action created much anger in the kuffar who beat him. Ibne Mas'ood participated in the Battle of Badr where he killed Abu Jahl. Ibne Mas'ood narrated many Ahadeeth and in the time of Umar he was appointed the treasurer of Kufa.

(Courtesy of Riyadul Jannah)