

# NEWS BRIEFS

Various news bits from Muslim Communities in North America ,Europe and other Parts of the world *Submitted by our Team of Local ,National and International Correspondents*

## **Project Update**

Following the report included in the last issue of Al-Haqq, the Executive Committee has approved the 15,000 square foot design for the new centre. The architect selected for officially preparing the design is Mr. Robert Kimpinski, based in St. Catharines, Ontario, who has experience with a number of Islamic Centres, including Hamilton's Rezavi Islamic Centre. The original plan was to begin the ground breaking by erecting a "donors wall" on the property, located on 1095 Bleams Road, Mannheim. However, this has been delayed due to the requirement of a land survey showing the slopes and hills on the land itself. Once this is

completed then the ground breaking can take place. Readers and donors will be kept informed through these reports in the Newsletter.

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Islamic Humanitarian Service

## **11<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Gathering**

Members of Interfaith Grand River (IGR), community & political leaders from the Region, and other guests are expected to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual interfaith meal gathering to be held at the IHS Centre during the third week of December 2015, Insha-Allah. The current year theme is "Helping Humanity."

## **Upcoming Federal Election**

Canadian Muslims are urged to participate in the upcoming Canadian national election, and ensure that their voice is heard loud and clear. In the past, Muslims have voted in low numbers, and not always exercised their right to vote, a fact that is expected to change for this year, to be held on October 19, 2015. A large number of Muslim candidates are also standing for election.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BDS**

Year 2015 marked the tenth anniversary of the worldwide movement to bring about public awareness relating to Israeli actions in the Middle East. The movement, known as Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS), has grown in strength significantly, with a number of Church in the United States and Europe groups signing on. The American based organization, US Campaign to End the Occupation ([www.endtheoccupation.org](http://www.endtheoccupation.org)), an umbrella entity comprising of hundreds of individuals and organizations concerned about Israeli aggression in Palestine and Lebanon, has commended those supporting the movement.

A national conference has been planned for September in Atlanta, Georgia, to bring together the members who support the organization and want to make a difference.



## **6<sup>th</sup> Youth Day Camp**

Almost 40 students were registered for the sixth Annual Summer Day Camp held at the IHS Centre during the last two weeks in August 2015. They came from a number of ethnic backgrounds to participate in the fun and education filled Camp, during which they were encouraged to interact with each other, as we all as pray, eat and play together.

Camp leaders played an important role in preparing activities for the students, aged 4 to 14, spending lots of time outside of the Camp timings to ensure a variety of activities for the energetic youngsters.

On the last day of camp, each student was presented with a Certificate of Participation, and a gift . Appreciation was extended to all camp leaders, The Head Supervisor was Sr. Shehed Hadi, along with team members Sr.Tooba Murtaza Sr. Maryam Mohamed, Sr.Sarah Amiri , Br. Taha Naqvi ,Br. Rafey Haider, Br. Ali Marhon and Br.Nooralah Amiri , The Office Staff, consisting of Sr. Shama Murtaza and Sr. Duaa Al-Aghaar, provided important backup support for the annual fun children camp.





### **IHS Meeting**

Members of the *Islamic Humanitarian Service* from all over Ontario gathered in Kitchener on Saturday June 13th for the Annual General Meeting of the IHS. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, discussed and approved, accounts from 2014 tabled and adopted, and the reports from Executive and Cabinet members discussed.

Towards the end of the meeting, local guests were invited to hear the summarized reports from various sub-divisions of the IHS. The new Centre project update was also outlined at the meeting



### **ISIJ-KW Loses Charity Status**

Canada Revenue Agency, the government department that oversees charitable organization, has revoked the charity status of the *Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Jamaat of Kitchener-Waterloo*. According to the CRA web site, the Jamaat lost its status for not filling out the charity tax return on time. The ISI Jamaat was one of the oldest Muslim charities in the Region, being registered in the 1970's. Now the IHS is the only Shia registered charity in the Kitchener Waterloo area, able to issue official receipts to help donors save on their tax.



### **New Web Site of IHS**

Readers of Al-Haqq are informed of the new web site of the Islamic Humanitarian Service, which is [www.al-haqq.net](http://www.al-haqq.net). The current one, [www.al-haqq.com](http://www.al-haqq.com), is still operational. For book orders, the site to visit is [www.ihsstore.ca](http://www.ihsstore.ca)



Readers in England and Europe who need Islamic religious literature are encouraged to visit the Al-Murtaza Foundation web site at:

[www.al-murtaza.co.uk](http://www.al-murtaza.co.uk)

## IHS Participates in H&S Walk

Members of the IHS participated in the annual Heart & Stroke Foundation walk on Sunday June 14th 2015 in Waterloo. Br. Sultan Hudda, IHS Director, was joined by Br. Sayyid Sajid Marhon, Sr. Duaa Al-Aghar, Sr. Aethar Marhon, Sr. Shama Murtaza. Through their efforts, the IHS delegation helped raise hundreds of dollars for the Foundation, much of which shall be used for research.



## Peace walk

More than 40 people from Arab community in Kitchener Waterloo area walk for Imam Hussain in an Arbaeen procession on December 2nd, 2015. It was cold during the parade, but up to 40 marched for Hussain through the streets of Kitchener Waterloo. The annual procession started in Kitchener -Waterloo in 2011 and has grown in size every year, a reflection of the growth of Kitchener-Waterloo's Shia Muslim community. We handed Red roses to the people on the street to show them we are people who love peace and Muslims aren't terrorists and Imam Hussain was the first victim of terrorism.



## How many more Muslims will die because of the extremism and sectarianism propagated by the Wahhabism

By Br. Mohammed Khaku

The scale of the slaughter perpetrated by the Nigerian army in Shia town of Zaria is gradually coming to be known. There has been scant reporting of the massacre in the Western media.

However, there are reports that perhaps as many as thousand people may have been shot dead in cold blood and hundreds injured including Sheikh Ibrahim el-Zakzaky, and his wife on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The attack by the Nigerian military on Shaikh Zakzaky and the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) is crime against humanity. The action of the military is intolerable and unacceptable and perpetrators should be brought to justice.

I hang my head in shame and my soul cries out at the display of hypocrisy of our community leader in Lehigh Valley and nationwide condemning Paris and San Bernardino shooting with letters to the editor, using face book and twitter for the Night Vigils, but not a single whisper of condemnation of the massacre in Nigeria. We need to be dignified how we stand for justice.

One question Muslims leaders in Lehigh Valley should ask with the coming of the UNITY week on the celebration of the birth anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) is how many more Muslims will die because of the extremism and sectarianism propagated by the Wahhabism. My pain is what type opium we Muslim masses are on anyway? What will it take to shake our deep slumber? The time has come for the liberation of our communities and our faith from the grip of corrupt rulers. **Speak Up! Silent No More!** True, the failure of Western media to comprehensively cover the massacre of nearly one thousand (1,000) Shia Muslims in Northern Nigeria, contrasted with around the clock coverage of less 200 deaths in San Bernardino and Paris only justifies the suspicion and bias of Western media.

### Massacre in Zaria, Nigeria:

The origins of the clash appear to have been ceremony for the change of flag in the movement's headquarters in Zaria on Saturday by hundreds of members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN), on a major road near Zaria, blocking the motorcade of the Nigerian chief of army staff, Gen Tukur Buratai. However, According to Ibrahim Musa's statement, "The killings took place at three different locations that include the residence of the leader of the Movement at Gyallesu, the Husainiyya Baqiyatullah at the GRA and the Darur Rahma located along Zaria-Jos Road where many [unarmed] people were killed. The Nigerian army has simply repeated that bloodbath against the Islamic movement in Nigeria. The Nigerian army shot and killed scores of Islamic movement members in August 2014 during the **Quds Day rally**. During that attack, three of Shaikh Zakzaky's sons were martyred. Now he has lost a fourth son in addition to sustaining injuries himself as well as his wife being injured. There is a long history of clashes between the Nigerian armed forces and the IMN. Over three decades hundreds have killed, including two of Zakzaky's sons just because he is Shia. It is interesting to note that the Nigerian army has not been able to fight the Boko Haram terrorists that follow the same ideology as the takfiri terrorists in Syria and Iraq yet it used its firepower against unarmed Muslims whose only 'crime' was to demand their basic rights.

One can imagine the hue and cry that would have erupted if members of the Islamic movement had killed a few people in Nigeria. There would be allegations of terrorism and calls for severe punishment. The military can massacre hundred if not a thousand people and there is hardly a whisper of protest.

The military statement claimed the army chief's convoy was attacked. If so, it seems incredible that not one soldier was injured much less murdered yet scores of Islamic movement members were shot and killed.

Why the army carried out this unprovoked attack has not been explained so far. What is clear is that it was a pre-meditated well-planned attack aimed at destroying the Islamic movement and eliminating its leader. Details of the plot indicate that Zionist and Saudis involvement as the part of US war on terror to prevent Al Quds Rally or Ashura procession (Julos) and to assassinate any Shia Islamic activist or independent-minded Shia Islamic Scholars. Amnesty International said in a statement late Tuesday that the shooting of members of the Shiite group in Zaria "must be urgently investigated ... and anyone found responsible for unlawful killings must be brought to justice." While the commission's chairman, Chidi Odinkalu, called the army attacks "a massacre."



# The Ziarat-Texts Issued in Favor of Imam al-Hussein

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A ziarat-text is a piece of discourse, originally spoken and later on transcribed, in Classical Arabic and issued for being read out to discharge one's veneration unto either an infallible dignitary or an infallible-like one. The followers of the Shi'i denomination of Islam are honored to have inherited a large number of such ziarat-texts.

Amongst the Infallibles in Shi'i denomination, the 3rd Infallible Imam al-Husayn has received the highest and most varied types of ziarat-texts. A great majority of such ziarat-texts were issued by the 6th Infallible Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq. Although the 4th Infallible Imam `Ali al-Sajjad was the surviving son of Imam al-Husayn and one of the few survivors of the Ashura Battle of Karbala (61 AH/ 680) was present at Karbala, almost no ziarat-text has been related to have been issued by him in favor of his father Imam al-Husayn. This point indicates the very suffocating and harsh political situation of Medina and the whole Islamic empire of the day under the tyranny of the Umayyad and later on Marwan dynasties who brought nothing but devastation,

catastrophe, massacres, and tears for the true followers of the Prophet Muhammad. The Ashura Battle of Karbala is still a good yardstick to find out who was the true successor to the Prophet Muhammad.

However, with the downfall of the Marwan tyrants the whole situation got a bit better so that in the interim peaceful days of the time lapse between the Marwan and later on Abbasid caliphs, the two Infallible Imams, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir and Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq, made the most of the opportunity to instruct people about the religion of Islam.

A glance at collections of the ziarat texts issued in favor of Imam al-Husayn reveals that they are both high in number and varied in size. The ziarat-texts can be classified in a number of ways of which one is rendered below.

Ziarat-texts can be classified according to their source. Source wise, ziarat-texts can be (i) Divine or (ii) non-Divine. A famous example of (i) a Divine ziarat-text is the Ashuraziarat-text whose source goes back to Allah the Almighty. Had there been no other ziarat-text in favor of Imam al-Husayn but this one, the very ziarat-text is well indicative of the sublime value of his matchless sacrifice to safeguard the true version of Islam and to rescue people from bewilderment and abysmal ignorance. Those of (ii) non-Divine origin can be subdivided into (ii.i.) those issued by an Infallible Imam in contrast to (ii.ii.) those issued by non-Infallibles. Several specimens of (ii.i.) ziarat-texts issued by Infallible Imams are available in Ja'far b. Muhammad b. Qulawayh al-Qummi's book *Kamil al-Ziyarat: the Arba'inziarattext* was issued by the 6th Infallible Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq. Of (ii.ii.) those issued by non-Infallibles, mention can be made of the one issued by Ibrahim b. Abi al-Bilad and ratified by the 7<sup>th</sup> Infallible Imam Musa al-Kazim. The ziarat-texts can also be classified on the basis of occasion. Although any ziarat-text can be read out at virtually any time, some are (iii.i.) general, while others are (iii.ii.) occasion-oriented. Granted that the Ashuraziarat-text is expected to be read out on Ashura, it is highly recommended to be read out everyday, if possible. Perhaps Imam al-Husayn is the only Infallible Imam who has the shortest ziarat-text. Such a single sentence ziarat-text was issued by the 6th Infallible Imam in answer to an inquirer who was a devout Shi'i but could not perform a ziarat in situ at Karbala owing exclusively to the harsh punishment waiting for any Shi'i who dared to get to the sacred tomb of Imam al-Husayn.

This is indicated in the late Allamah Muhammad Baqir al-Majlisi's *Tuhfa al-Za'ir* and Ja'far b. Muhammad b. Qulawayh al-Qummi's book *Kamil al-Ziyarat*. Interestingly, everybody can pay a ziarat unto Imam al-Husayn from anywhere. Such a ziarat can be performed in situ at Karbala or from afar at the virtual pilgrim's residence. The point is that paying ziarat unto the Infallible Imam al-Husayn must not be forgotten or underestimated at any rate, for this is a right of Allah the almighty that everybody must discharge their utmost respect toward Imam al-Husayn. Content-wise, the ziarat-texts issued in favor of Imam al-Husayn are replete with several noteworthy points; this will be tackled in the future, Insha Allah.

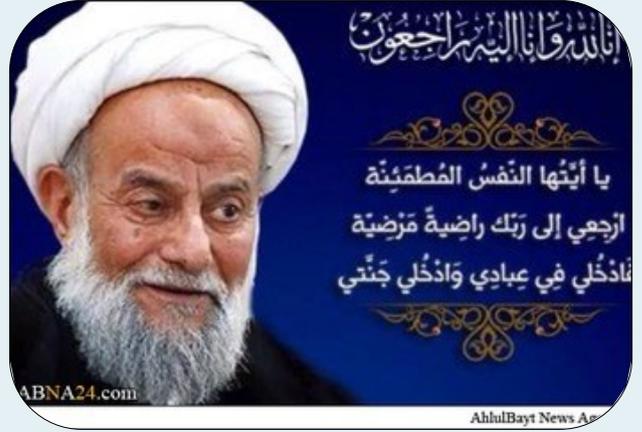
## Ayatollah Hajj Sheikh Mehdi Asefi Passed Away

Marhum Ayatullah Shaykh Mohammed Mehdi Al-Asefi (RA) was born in Iraq and studied at the hawza in Najaf. His teachers included the Late Ayatullah Khomeini (RA).

Ahlul Bayt News Agency - "Ayatollah Hajj Sheikh Mehdi Asefi", a member of the Supreme Council of the Ahlulbayt (AS) World Assembly and a representative of Iran's supreme leader in Iraq, died today on age 78 after suffering various diseases.

The statement of his office is as follows:

"It is with great sadness that we announce the death of long-time companion of Imam Khomeini (RA) and representative of Iran's supreme leader in Iraq, Ayatollah Hajj Sheikh Mehdi Asefi, to the Iranian nation, especially the scholars and seminaries of the Islamic world."



The Sheikh was also a very learned scholar who wrote numerous books on Tafsir and Islamic Education. He also started up the first ever female-only, Arabic hawza in Qum, which attracted many students from all over the world, including a large number of women from Africa.



Ayatollah Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Al-Asefi (RA) was a representative of the Ayatullah Khamenei in Iraq and fought tirelessly against oppression and for the religion of Allah (SWT). He was a very devoted scholar who spent his time defending Islam and spreading his vast knowledge to others.

His funeral ceremony will be held tomorrow (June 5, 2015) in Qom and after that his body will be transferred to Najaf for burial.

As the Hadith goes, when a scholar dies, there is a vacuum created that would be hard to fill. Alas, we have today felt the vacuum created by his demise. May the Almighty elevate his status and grant him a place in the proximity of the Chosen Fourteen Masumin (AS). We ask all mumineen to remember the Marhum, and all Marhumeen, in their duas.

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(اِنَّ اللّٰهَ وَاِنَّ اللّٰهَ لَیَرْجِعُوْنَ)

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كان نموذجاً للعالم العامل بعلمه الناهد في الدنيا الرضيفي الاخرة  
المصنك بسنة النبي واهل بيته الاصحار عليهم الصلاة والسلام.  
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## Madressah report June-September 2015

Salaamun Alaikum;

On 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015, Al Husayni Madressa hosted its annual picnic and award ceremony at the Waterloo Park. All the members of the community were cordially invited to attend the function and to extend their vote of encouragement to our brilliant students on successfully completing yet another eventful year at Al-Husayni Madressa.



It was a wonderful day filled with smiles, accomplishments, games and lots of food. Children with their respective parents started gathering in the park at around 2 pm. Warm weather, ice lollies on the go and excited children ready to enjoy made up for a great turnout. It was great to see our kids playing their hearts out and working up an appetite for the yummy feast we had prepared for them. What really added to the fun was to see the parents' of our community also having an equally great time. A delicious lunch of Chicken Tikkas, spiced rice and pasta salad was then served to everyone who was a part of this programme.

We then approached the most awaited award ceremony where we acknowledged our students for their mindful efforts and our teachers for their hard work in instilling the religious wisdom into the pearls of our community. The ceremony was then followed by speeches from Maulana Shafiq Hudda and the Principal of Al-Husayni Madressa, Mrs. Shama Murtaza. The day ended perfectly with a slice of chocolate cake in celebration of the successful year and for more years to come.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015, we once again opened our doors to yet another academic year at Al-Husayni Madressa. It is our pleasure to inform you that we now have more than 80 students enrolled and it is our ongoing goal to provide them with the best religious education in terms of Quran, Islamic Laws, and religious history. We plan to make this year at the madressa a platform of extensive learning which will help our children in every walk of life. Our aim is to enhance both their personality and character through organizing various workshops, trips and in-team activities.

Building confidence in our teens to embrace this beautiful religion with pride is the main focal point of this academic year. We plan on inviting guests who have attained successful peaks in their careers without compromising on the values set forth by our religion. They will be sharing their experiences and tips on how to communicate in the outside world, improve interpersonal skills and to teach positive conflict management.

Two weeks into the madressa and we have already been honored by the presence of a much respected scholar, Shiekh Ahmed Al Haeri. He was our guest speaker on the 20th of September 2015; and led a very informative session regarding the importance of Hajj and visiting other Holy sites. We thank him for his time and wish to continue inviting important guests that can contribute to building up our children.

On behalf of Al-Husayni Madressa, we would like to thank all of you for your support. Without this community, success of this venture would never have been possible.



As we say Goodbye  
Written by Marzia Hassan

The days have been long and the nights much too short. We started with some trepidation about how we would manage with the heat and the thirst. Alhamdulillah, with Allah's grace and strength, the month flew by much too fast. As we approach the final few days of the Blessed Month, we may be feeling a mix of emotions: a tinge of sadness at the ending of the month of Blessings, Mercy and Forgiveness, a wondering of how to make the awesome feeling of closeness to Him and spirituality stay with us a little longer.



For many of us, this is the only time in the year when we change the focus of our attention from worldly matters and at least cast a glance at matters of the spirit. During the rest of the year, although we may profess love and belief in Allah, we may think of Him or call on Him only in times of distress and rarely find time to turn to Him in prayer and gratitude. During this awesome month, however, we have tasted of the Divine Banquet of Mercy, we have developed some good habits and feel a bit forlorn that we will lose this sense of spirituality again until next year.

As we approach Eid, it is a good idea to reflect on some tiny steps that we can take to maintain the spirit of Ramadan alive so that the spiritual gains that we have achieved are not lost. So that we may start next Ramadan inshallah at a slightly higher plane of spirituality than we did this year. Just as gains in health are only maintained if one continues with some good habits after time at a health spa, the spiritual gains achieved during this Spiritual Spa time can be maintained with some simple baby steps.

Here are some actions that we took during this month which helped us nurture our spiritual bond to Him, and some ways that we can continue these practices:

### 1. Establishing Salaat

Ramadan is a time when we most conscious of Salaat and its' timings, especially the fajr and maghrib prayer.

Regular and timely prayer is the most basic and vital way to maintain our connection to Him. Salaat is designed by the Almighty to be an intentional and consistent detachment from the world and an invitation to turn inwards, to connect to the Source at regular intervals to fuel our spirit. We are invited in the Quran to establish Salaat, not just to pray the occasional Salaat. This means that this act of worship has to be a pillar of our life, a structure of our existence.

Baby steps:

Make a commitment to start praying at least one Salaat exactly on time, every day.

“Adorn” the Salaat by adding recommended actions to the basic prayer. Start with something small and do it consistently before adding the next piece.

*To be continued in next issue of Al-haqq*

## Selection from Nahaj Al-Balagh

1 «At the extremity of hardship comes relief, and at the tightening of the chains of tribulation comes ease.»

2 «Whoever kept his affairs in order with Allah, Allah would put his affairs with the people in order; whoever kept his affairs of his next life in order, Allah would put his affairs in this world in order; and whoever preached to his own self, Allah would protect him.»

3 « The best jurisprudent is the one who would not discourse age people from the mercy of Allah, nor from His kindness, and he would not let them feel safe from His punishment.»

4 «Often a learned man is ruined by his ignorance, while the knowledge he has avails him not.»

5 «(Discerning) Allah's greatness be slights (His) creatures in your eyes.»

6 «A friend is no friend unless he protects his friend on three occasions: in time of need; in his absence, and at his death.»

7 «People are of three types: The divine scholars; the seekers of knowledge so as to be delivered; and the common mob who run after every caller and bend in the direction of every wind, as they neither benefitted of enlightening knowledge, nor did they take refuge in a safe nook.»

8 «People are hostile to what is unknown to them.»

9 «He who acts opinionated gets ruined, and he who consults other people shares in their understanding.»

10 «Contentment is a wealth that is not exhausted.»

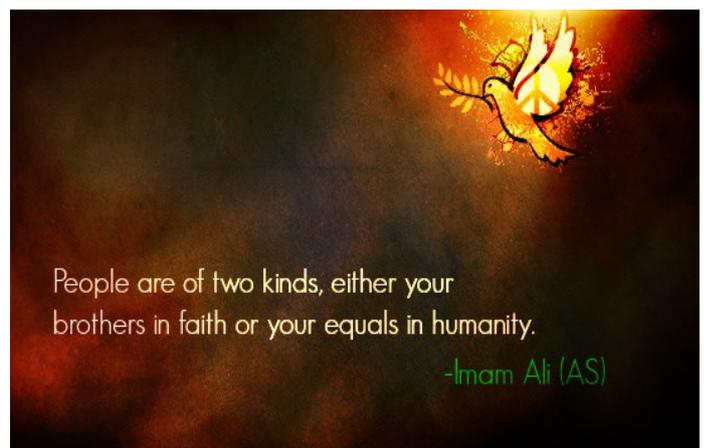
11 «The worst sin is that which the committer takes lightly.»

**Do not speak about your money in front of a poor person.**  
**Do not speak about your health in front of a sick person.**  
**Do not speak about your power in front of a weak person.**  
**Do not speak about your happiness in front of a sad person.**  
**Do not speak about your freedom in front of a prisoner.**  
**Do not speak about your children in front of an infertile person.**  
**Do not speak about your mother and father in front of an orphan.**  
**Because their wounds cannot bear more.**  
**Imam Ali (A.S)**

- Imam Ali (As)

" Do not let your difficulties fill you with anxiety after all,  
it is only in the darkest nights that the stars shine more brilliantly".

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# The Blame Game

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One of the maladies which some tend to develop is where they want to blame others for their woes, pitfalls and shortcomings. Rather than placing the blame on themselves, recognizing that perhaps they are the reason why they are in various types of predicaments, they want to accuse and hold others culpable for their own weaknesses and as believers, we are no different.

When it comes to sinning and transgressing the laws of the Creator, we always want to point the finger at others – especially Satan – and say that it was he who made us do the deed. In essence, and in the words of the 9<sup>th</sup> Imam, Muhammad ibne Ali al-Jawad, peace be upon him, we want to blame and cuss out Satan in public, however we are his staunchest proponents in private! In this regards, the 9<sup>th</sup> Imam has been quoted as saying:

لَا تَسُبَّنْ إبليسَ فِي الْعَلَانِيَةِ وَأَنْتَ صَدِيقُهُ فِي السِّرِّ

*Do not cuss Iblees [Satan] in the open while you are his friend in private.*

Before we can delve into his plots and plans and eventually his claim against us on the Day of Judgment, let us delve deeper into this individual.

The Qur'an speaks about Satan in numerous instances, starting right in the beginning of Surah al-Baqarah (chapter 2) and gives us glimpses throughout the Book of various aspects of his character. In the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Qur'an, Surah al-Kahf, verse 50 we read:

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ كَانَ مِنَ الْجِنِّ فَفَسَقَ عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِ أَفَتَتَّخِذُونَهُ وَذُرِّيَّتَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِي وَهُمْ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ بِئْسَ لِلظَّالِمِينَ بَدَلًا

*And when We said to the angels: Make obeisance to Adam; they made obeisance but Iblis (did it not). He was of the jinn, so he transgressed the commandment of his Lord.*

*What! would you then take him and his offspring for friends rather than Me, and they are your enemies? Evil is (this) change for the unjust.*

From this one verse we understand that he had reached to such a high level of spirituality that he was permitted in the assembly of Angels, however he was clearly from the Jinn population and that he



transgressed the commandment of Allah in refusing to submit to the orders of His Creator. None truly know when or where this occurred, however based on statements from the Commander of the Faithful, Ali ibne Abi Talib, peace be upon him, Iblis was a worshipper of God for over 6,000 years – whether this be Earthly or Heavenly years, we do not know – however what is clear is that his act of disobedience earned him the eternal damnation until

the end of time.

Due to this act which expelled him from the Kingdom of God's special favours, he promised the Creator that he would do all in his power to misguide humanity, which he clearly mentioned and which Allah has quoted in the Qur'an in Chapter 7, Surah al-A'raaf, verse 17:

ثُمَّ لَأَتِيَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ

*Then I will come at them from their front and from their rear, and from their right and their left, and You will not find most of them to be grateful.'*

*Through the interpretation of this verse from the Imams of the Ahlul Bayt, peace be upon them all, we understand two key points:*

*Satan has promised to attack us from four positions;*

*He has not mentioned – and is not able to – use two positions which he has not mentioned in this verse.*

*As for the four positions from which he will try to launch a sneak attack and what they actually mean, we are told:*

<b>Front</b>	<b>Next Life:</b> He will try to dissuade us from belief in and acting for a better life in the world to come through beautifying the life of the transient world.
<b>Back</b>	<b>Miserliness:</b> He will do all he can do to try and keep us miserly and stingy when it comes to spending – on others. We do a good job on spending on ourselves – with people spending on palatial mansions, luxury cars, expensive clothing and accessories, etc... but when it comes to helping others out – locally or in other parts of the world, this is where we sometimes fail to provide material support.
<b>Right</b>	<b>Religion:</b> Satan will also try to make inroads into our faith and religion and work to weaken our ties to our Creator and all that is sacred within the teachings. As he ended up losing his faith, so too he wants the same for us.
<b>Left</b>	<b>Sensual Pleasures:</b> Last but not least, he will try and work on our desires and sensual pleasures and our attraction for the opposite sex and weaken us in these regards.

However as is clear when reading this, he neglected to mention to positions which he cannot attack us from – the **Top** and **bottom**. Here, the **Top** refers our connection to Allah through supplication and keeping the doors of prayer and vigil open between ourselves and Allah while the **Bottom** refers to the act of sajdah or prostration which Satan himself did not perform and can't stand to see us perform to Allah. Thus, one of the ways to remain immune or secure from the plots of Satan is to ensure our connectivity to Allah is strong and that we are constantly in the remembrance of Allah – both a verbal remembrance and also one of the heart as if this is ever-present in our lives, he will not be able to infiltrate and take charge of our sentiment and emotions and encourage us to do wrong.

However if after all of this, Satan is still able to get a strong-hold on us and is able to over-power our commitment to Allah and encourages us to transgress the laws of the Divine, then ultimately we cannot sit and blame him – he is merely one who is “inviting” to sin, while we are the acceptors of the call and those who ultimately carry out our acts with our own volition.

The Qur'an contains a very powerful discussion which will take place between Satan and those who were deluded and

misled by him on the Day of Judgement and from reading and reflecting on this, we see how we have no way to blame him – rather, that we need to look into the mirror and place the blame on ourselves. In this passage from Surah Ibrahim (14), verse 22 we read the following:

وَقَالَ الشَّيْطَانُ لَمَّا قُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَعَدَكُمْ وَعَدَ الْحَقَّ وَوَعَدْتُمْ فَأَخْلَفْتُمْ وَمَا كَانَ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا أَنْ دَعَوْتُكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبْتُمْ لِي فَلَا تَلُومُونِي وَلُومُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ مَا أَنَا بِمُصْرِخِكُمْ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُصْرِخِي إِنْ كَفَرْتُمْ بِمَا أَشْرَكْتُمُونِ مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

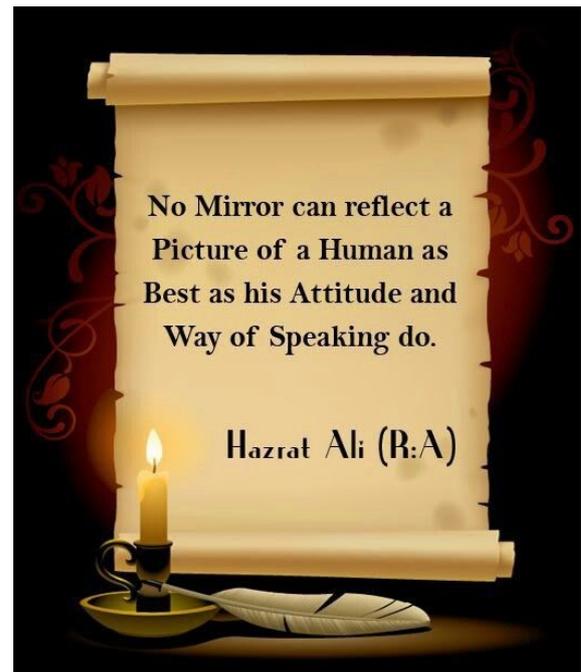
And Satan shall say after the affair is decided: Surely Allah promised you the promise of truth, and I gave you promises, then failed to keep them to you, and I had no authority over you, except that I called you and you obeyed me, therefore do not blame me but blame yourselves: I cannot be your aider (now) nor can you be my aiders; surely I disbelieved in your associating me with Allah before; surely it is the unjust that shall have the painful punishment.

Thus, on that day, we will be in no position to point the finger and blame Satan for our own misfortunes as he will clearly turn the tables on us and retort that he had no power or authority to make us do the sins – he merely “invited” us to the banquet of inequity and we answered his invitation and did as he suggested.

With this we close and reiterate the words of the 9<sup>th</sup> Imam which we began with that we must not curse Iblis in private while we are his close, intimate friends, following his every request, in private:

لَا تَسُبَّنْ إِبْلِيسَ فِي الْعَلَانِيَةِ وَ أَنْتَ صَدِيقُهُ فِي السِّرِّ

Do not cuss Iblees [Satan] in the open while you are his friend in private.



## Hajab Reasons and Advantages

Allah Al-mighty has commanded us with every action that is good for us and prohibited us from performing every action that is bad for us. Allah Al-mighty orders the Muslim woman to wear the Hijab when she steps out of the security of her home or when in the presence of strange men. So wear the Hijab is a source of great good for you – the Muslim woman - for many reasons. Among them:

You please Allah. You are obeying the commands of your Lord when you wear the Hijab and you can expect great rewards in return.

It is Allah's protection of your natural beauty. You are too precious to be «on display» for each man to see.

It is Allah's preservation of your Allah purifies your heart and mind through the Hijab. Allah beautifies your inner and outer countenance with Hijab.

Outwardly your Hijab reflects innocence, purity, modesty, shyness, serenity, contentment and obedience to your Lord. Inwardly you cultivate the same. Allah defines your femininity through the Hijab. You are a woman who respects her womanhood. Allah wants you to be respected by others, and for you to respect yourself. Allah raises your dignity through the Hijab. When a strange man looks at you, he respects you because he sees that you respect yourself.

Allah protects your honour 100% through your Hijab. Men do not gaze at you in a sensual way, they do not approach you in a sensual way, and neither do they speak to you in a sensual way. Rather, a man holds you in high esteem and that is just by one glance at you! Allah gives you nobility through the Hijab. You are noble not degraded because you are covered not naked.

Allah demonstrates your equality as a Muslim woman through the Hijab. Your Lord bestows upon you equal worth as your male counterpart, and gives you a host of beautiful rights and liberties.

You express your acceptance of these unique rights by putting on the Hijab. Allah expresses your independence through the Hijab. You are stating clearly that you are an obedient servant of the Greatest Master. You will obey no one else and follow no other way. You are not a slave to any man, nor a slave to any nation.

You are free and independent from all man-made systems. Allah gives you the freedom of movement and expression through the Hijab. You are able to move about and communicate without fear of harassment. Your Hijab gives you a unique confidence.

Allah wants others to treat you a Muslim woman - with kindness. And the Hijab brings about the best treatment of men towards you.



**"O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks (veils) over their bodies (when outdoors). That is most convenient that they could be known as such (i.e. decent and chaste) and not molested."**

**(Quran 33:59)**

Allah wants your beauty to be preserved and saved for just one man to enjoy – your husband.

Allah helps you to enjoy a successful marriage through wearing Hijab. Because you reserve your beauty for one man alone, your husband's love for you increases, he cherishes you more, he respects you more and he honours you more. So your Hijab contributes to a successful and lasting marriage relationship. Allah brings about peace and stability in the society through the Hijab! Yes this is true! Men do not cause corruption by forming illegal relationships because you - the Muslim woman - calm their passions. When a man looks at you, he feels at ease, not tempted to fornicate...

So a Muslim woman in Hijab is dignified, not dishonoured, noble, not degraded, liberated, not subjugated, purified, not sullied, independent, not a slave, protected, not exposed, respected, not laughed at, confident, not insecure, obedient, not a sinner, a guarded pearl, not a prostitute... Dear women! Come towards the gates of Paradise with us!

Fulfil your duties towards Allah Al-mighty, put on your adornment - put on your Hijab and race towards Jannah (Paradise) by doing all good actions. You should agree by now that wearing Hijab is extremely beneficial – it must be - because Allah only commands what is good... and believe me dear sister, it is good to obey the commands of your Lord... almighty Allah says "Their reward is with their Lord: Gardens of Eden underneath which rivers flow wherein they will dwell for ever; Allah is pleased with them, and they are pleased with Him; this is (in store) for whoever fears his Lord.» [holy Qur'an -Bayyinah 98:8

**Hijab is not just a headscarf. It's a code of conduct & behavior. What's the point of our Hijab if we don't behave modestly and humbly**



## Health Education

Submitted by Dr. Abdel Salam Kaleel

Stroke, a neurological condition resulting in loss of brain function, is a leading cause of death worldwide. Almost 65,000 strokes occur in Canada every year- that translates to 1 stroke every 9 minutes! Much progress has been made in stroke survival owing to advances in treatment as well as health system improvements; however, there is still a long way to go. Many people are not aware of the warning signs of a stroke and the importance of seeking medical care as soon as possible- approximately 2 million brain cells die every minute during a stroke! The Heart and Stroke Foundation launched the "FAST" campaign as an easy-to-use reminder to recognize these signs and act fast.

FAST stands for:

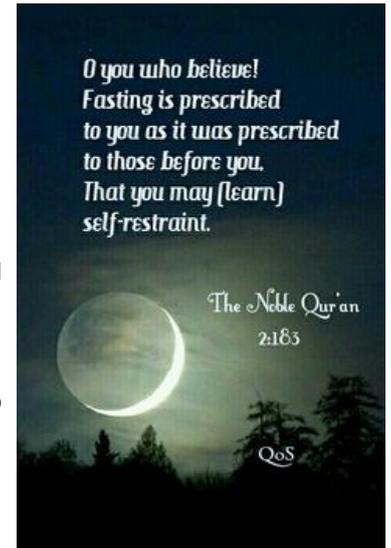
**Face** – is it drooping?

**Arms** – can you raise them?

**Speech** - is it slurred or jumbled?

**Time** – to call 9-1-1 right away. Do not drive yourself to the hospital.

Both the physician's ability to deliver proper care to stroke patients as well as the chance of improvement depend very heavily on how soon they get to a hospital after symptoms start- it is very important not to "wait it out" at home. Though many minor strokes, or transient ischemic attacks, may resolve within an hour the risk of recurrence is very high, especially in the next few days. Do not forget- Time is brain!



**THE JEALOUS ONE IS ALWAYS SICK, EVEN WHEN HIS BODY IS HEALTHY.**

**Imam Ali (as)**

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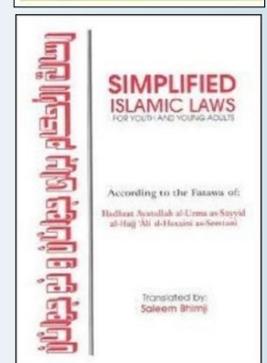
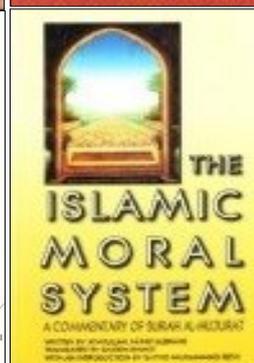
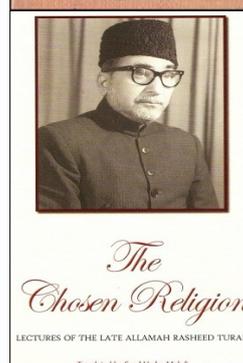
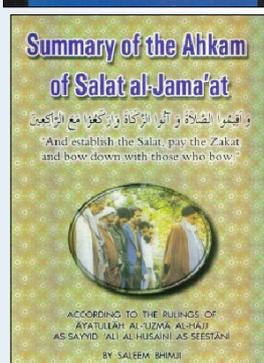
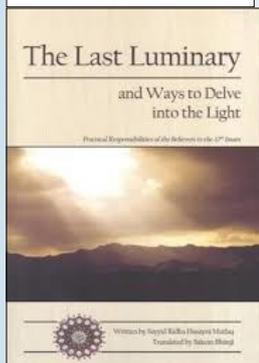
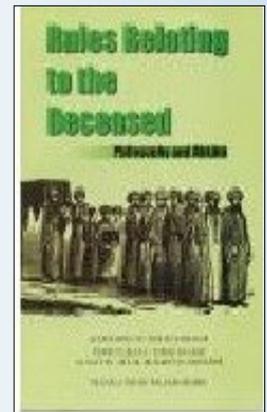
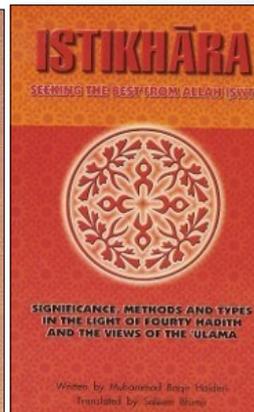
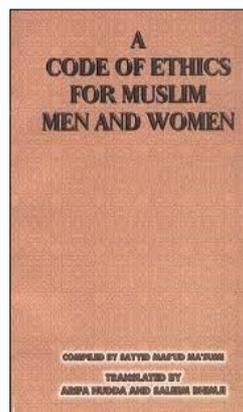
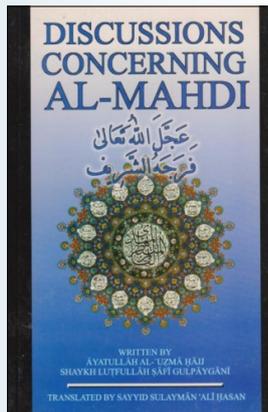
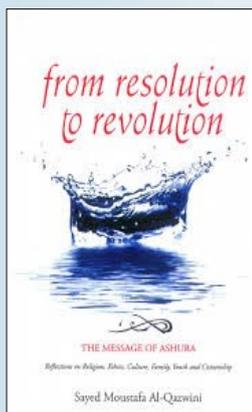
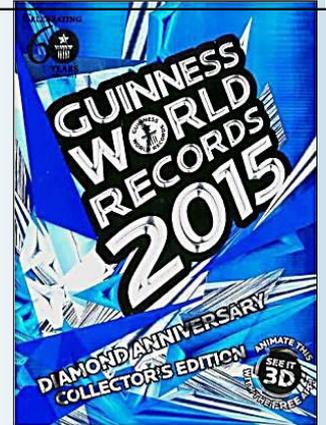
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## Hajj- General Rules

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When a Muslim becomes capable, hajj becomes obligatory upon him. By “capability” we mean the following:

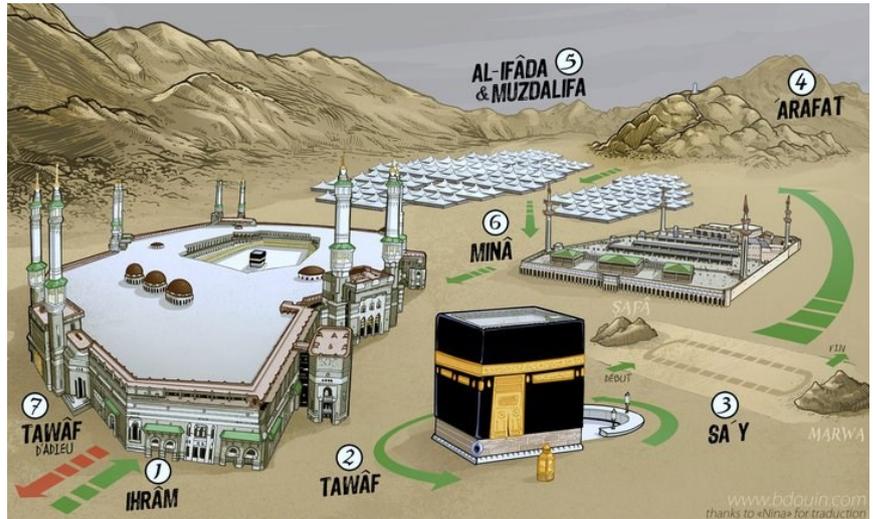
(a) Availability of enough time to travel to the holy places and stay there for performing the obligatory rites.

(b) Physical health and strength, observing to travel to the holy places, and staying there for the obligatory rituals.

(c) The road through which one has to pass for performing the rituals be open and secure, in the sense that it does not place the life or property or honour of the pilgrim in undue danger.

(d) Financial ability: One should be able to get whatever is necessary for the pilgrim in his journey; e.g., food, drink, clothes, including the means of transportation according to his status by which he can cover the distance for hajj.

(e) The financial position of the person should be such that by travelling for hajj or by spending from his wealth for it, he would not be putting himself and his dependents in need and poverty.



**Hajj Tamattu:** This is a kind of pilgrimage that is obligatory upon those who live in other countries i.e. far away from Mecca. Hajj Tamattu’ consists of two rituals: the first is known as ‘umrah, and the second hajj.

In ‘Umrah, five things are obligatory:

(a) Putting on the pilgrim’s dress (ihrām) from one of the miqāts. Mawāqīt (plural of miqāt) are locations [around the holy territory of Mecca] that shari’a has specifically fixed for putting on the ihrām.

- Circumambulating (tawāf) around the Ka’ba seven times.
- The salāt of tawāf.
- Sa’i (i.e., brisk walking) between the hills of Safa and Marwa seven times.
- Taqṣīr: cutting off a little bit of your hair or cutting the nail.

The obligatory acts of hajj tamattu’ are thirteen as follows:

Putting on the ihrām from Mecca.

- Staying in ‘Arafāt on the 9th of Dhu ‘l-Hijja.
- Staying a part of the night (eve of 10th Dhu ‘l-Hijja) until sunrise in Muzdalifa.
- Stoning the smaller pillar in Mina on the day of ‘Eid (i.e., 10th of Dhu ‘l-Hijja).
- Sacrificing an animal in Mina on the day of ‘Eid or during the days of tashrīq [i.e., 11th to 13th of Dhu ‘l-Hijja].
- Shaving one’s head or doing taqṣīr in Mina. By doing this, the pilgrim is free from the restrictions of ihrām, except the use of perfume and sexual contact with women. Based on obligatory precaution, the restriction of hunting continues even after shaving or taqṣīr.
- Tawāf of Ziyārat seven times after returning to Mecca.
- Salāt of Tawāf.
- Sa’i between Safa and Marwa seven times. With this, the restriction of using perfume is also lifted.
- Tawāf of Nisā’ seven times.
- Salāt of Tawāt of Nisā’. With this, sexual contact with women becomes permissible.
- Staying during over night in Mina on the eve of 11th and 12th Dhu ‘l-hijja. And also, under some circumstance, the eve of 13th Dhu ‘l-hijja.
- Stoning the three pillars in Mina on the 11th and the 12th of Dhu ‘l-hijja. And also, under some circumstance, on the day of 13th Dhu ‘l-hijja.

# How To be A successful wife?

By Abdul Adheem Al-Muhtadi

If you want to be a successful wife you must follow the following:

## First

Assign an hour of your time every day to review and ponder over your qualities. Get rid of your bad qualities and strengthen the good ones. You should, first and foremost, get rid of the ones that invite you towards disobedience and sin because these will destroy your happiness and throw your life into torment.

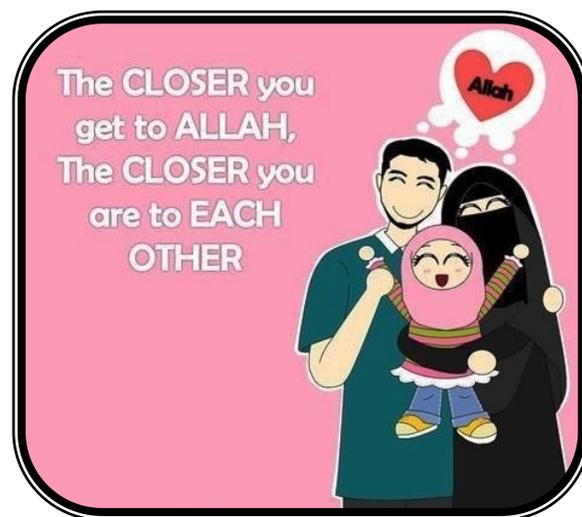
## Second

Assign some hours for worship! In order to make your worship fruitful, recite the Holy Qur'an meditatively and read some good books, especially those that concern your life directly.

## Third

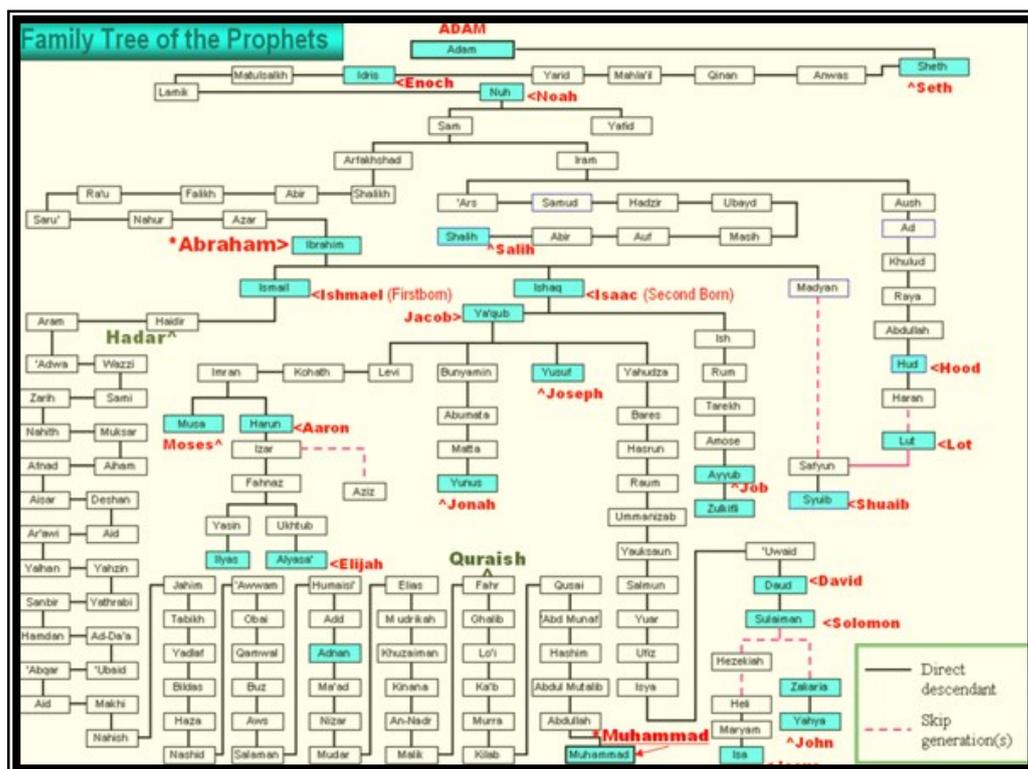
For the sake of the goal to which you aspire, you should observe the following values:

1. Mutual understanding and using nice words and fine comments when talking with your husband
2. Pardoning and overlooking trivial things
3. Not following the husband and watching his goings and comings
4. Caring for the cleanliness of the house and clothes and putting everything in its place especially that which belongs to the husband
5. Using good perfumes and wearing nice clothes
6. Showing love for him and for the life with him and for everything he likes if it pleases Allah.
7. Asking him about his worries and grief and asking him to uncover to you whatever is in his heart if he wants to reveal it but without insisting on it or being angry if he refuses to reveal his secrets.
8. Being kind and humble in treating his relatives.
9. Relying on Allah in any case and not being angry or upset when facing difficulties. You should always remember that practicing these values will bear fruit if you behave naturally without pretence, though artificiality of manner is the beginning of learning.



## Prophets names meaning

- The prophet Adam : he is father of all people. His name means the earth.  
Hebrew אדם
- The prophet Noah: he is Noah bin Lamk bin Enoch. His name means quiet.
- The prophet Enoch: the first person wrote in the pen so his name means writer.  
Hebrew חנוך
- The prophet Heber :means friend, Heber grandson Noah. The prophet Muhammad referred to him ( four prophets from Arabs Heber, Methuselah, jethro and me” Muhammad”). His name has no meaning in Hebrew language
- The prophet Methuselah: means reformer. His name has no meaning in Hebrew language
- The prophet Abraham means merciful father before that his name was (Abram) means (union father) but then Allah named him Abraham. Hebrew אברהם
- The prophet Israel means (Allah’s fighter).Hebrew ישראל
- The prophet Isaac it is Hebrew name means laughter. He called laughter because his mother laughs when Angels told her that she will bear a little boy.  
Hebrew יצחק
- The prophet Ishmael means (the hearing of Allah). He called that when His mother asked Allah to have water and Allah Almighty hear her asking so named her child Ishmael. Hebrew ישמעאל
- The prophet Joseph means (Al - lah add the good things). Hebrew יוסף
- The prophet Jonah means Dove. Allah Almighty sends him to Iraq people.Hebrew יונה
- The prophet Job means straight and the man who follow the law of Allah almighty. Hebrew איוב
- The prophet Jethro means clever because he was clever in every things. He married her daughter to Prophet Moses. He has no name in Hebrew language
- The prophet Moses in Hebrew (Mosheh) means the savior.Hebrew ( משה )
- The prophet Aaron (Ah –ra’an) means power home.



*To be continued in next Issue of Al-Haqq*

## Why this notable silence?

By: Mohammed Khaku

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> militant massacred innocent people in a series of heinous coordinated attacks in Paris. Before terrorist attack in Paris there were three horrific attacks around the world. First, the ISIS massacre in Turkey, second the downing of Russian plane over Sinai and lastly the suicide bombing in Beirut. However, I did not hear any condemnation or interruption of TV program from the White House and major world leaders.

### Why this notable silence?

Clearly, some lives are more valuable than others and nor does President Obama or Secretary Kerry tweet when killing of civilians by drones in Afghanistan, Yemen and Pakistan.

I am deeply saddened at the loss of life in Paris. I am saddened when the innocent, are injured and murdered. The reason does not matter nor it matters because of our national interest, it matters because it is the loss of human life. President Obama called it an "attack on all humanity".

How about when Israel bombs civilians in Gaza? And Saudi Arabia bombing Yemen. Isn't that an attack on all humanity too?

We all should mourn the Paris attack; but we should likewise ensure that the civilian victims of drone attacks are mourned as well. All lives are equally valuable; we must mourn all deaths equally. In Islam we say To God we belong and to Him we return (Qur'an 2:156)

Muslims around the world condemn extremism, racism, violence, and terrorism whether in US, Pakistan, Palestine, Egypt, Lebanon or in Paris. The attacks in Paris were horrific, and we all mourn for the victims and their families, ut religion of Islam nor 1.6 billion Muslims should be blame nor expected to apologize. Muslims should not be blamed for such attacks and as it is they will be collectively bear the backlash.

There are numerous terrorist attacks around the world which so often do not get any condemnation or any publicity. However, terrorist attack in Europe immediately captures the headlines.

Some right-wing news media even went so far as to justify the ISIS attacks in Beirut because they were assumed to be aimed at Hezbollah. While GOP candidates are now demanding airstrike in Syria, more surveillance and restriction on immigration and refugees and the neo-cons like Cheney and Rumsfeld call for war with Iran. I am disturbed and sadden by the hypocrisy of the right-wing media who are determined to go to war than to find solution to the problem.

Where are the world leaders with the slaughter of two thousand Nigerians by Boko Haram? Where is United Nation & US when genocide is committed by Western-back, Saudi-led coalition in Yemen. Where is the Obama administration for the killing of innocent civilian in Bahrain for demonstrating for democracy?

Do French lives matter more than Russian, Nigerian, Yemeni, Lebanese, Bahrainis, and Turkish ones? Are these not, heinous terrorist acts".

US lead foreign policy supporting dictators, extremist group and kingdoms which spread extremism is to blame and not make Islam as scapegoat. US and its allies are directly responsible for their illegal invasion, the destabilization of region, death of million Muslims and million refugees fleeing Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Libya and Yemen.

Debilitating economic sanctions on Iraq, Libya and Syria to overthrow Sadaam Hussein, Gaddafi and Assad and U.S.-led war and occupation of Iraq has created the conditions of violence and Sunni extremism. Unfortunately, tragedies like the one we see in Paris are daily events in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain where the Shia are the recipients of these terrorist attacks.

### What is the solution?

More drone attacks and militarization.

No!

Promoting militarist policies and anti-Muslim and anti-refugee bigotries in response to the Paris attacks are only going to further propagate animosity and violence.

## The Message of Rights

The solution is to get rid of cancer in the Middle East and that is to void all billion dollar military contract to theocratic autocracies like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Qatar. And stop supporting extremist Wahhabism monarchies like Saudi Arabia.

If the political cycle is not changed, the cycle of violence will continue because we and our European allies created a Monster which has mutated into a multi-headed Beast that includes Wahhabism and Zionism.

We preach nation building in the name of global democracy yet we pander to and make deals with foreign autocrats for what we conveniently call our national interest. Aftermath of a terrorist attack in Paris, the chicken has come to roast and finally reaping what we have sown?

After 9/11 according to a 2003, United States Senate committee on terrorism in the previous 20 years Saudi Arabia had spent \$87 billion on promoting Wahhabism worldwide including in the US. The problem is our alliance with the Saudis. The country that is truly sponsoring terrorism is the Saudi Arabia. Wasn't Saudi sponsored Al Qaeda that brought down the World Trade Center, and we lash out against Iraq for WMD.

The source of Islamic Terror is in Riyadh. Investigate any terrorist attack and you will see the finger prints of Saudi/Gulf State Funded plot. Saudi and Gulf states are behind ISIS, Al Qaeda and onslaught in Bahrain and Yemen.

The truth is that the politicians and past presidents are all deeply in the pockets of Saudi Arabia by their petro dollars funding everything from Presidential Libraries to the Foundation to Middle Eastern Chairs at major US Universities.

The Gulf states have spent billions of dollars on promoting a militant and proselytizing interpretation of their faith derived from Abdul Wahab, an eighteenth century scholar. This "war on terror" is the ideological battle rather than the physical battle.



### 1-THE RIGHT OF YOUR TONGUE

The right of the tongue is that you consider it too noble for obscenity, accustom it to good, direct it to politeness, do not use it except in situations of needs and benefits of the religion and this world, and refrain from any meddling in which there is little to be gained, and there is no security from its harm that accompanies its small benefits.

It is the witness to and the evidence of the existence of the intellect. The demonstration of an intelligent person's intellect is through his reputation of good speech. And there is no power but in God the High, the Great.

### 2- THE RIGHT OF YOUR HEARING

The right of hearing is to keep it pure by not making it the direct pathway to your heart, except for noble words that establish some good in your heart or grant you a noble trait. Indeed hearing is the gateway through which various concepts reach the heart -whether good or evil. And there is no power but in God .

### 3- THE RIGHT OF YOUR SIGHT

The right of your sight is that you lower it before everything, which is unlawful to you. And that you abandon using it, except in situations in which you can take heed in such a way that you gain insight or acquire knowledge by it. Indeed sight is the gateway to learning.

### 4- THE RIGHT OF YOUR LEGS

The right of your legs is that you walk not with them toward that which is unlawful to you. And you should not direct them in the way that will lead the person they carry to being debased. Your legs will carry you in the direction of the religion and they will help you go ahead. And there is no power but in God.

#### His Behavior toward his Neighbors

- **Imam Sajjad (as), treated his neighbors with kindness and compassion. He supplicated for them, asking Allah (swt) to grant them the same blessings and success, as the members of his House.**

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In The Name of The Almighty

The Honourable Scholar Sayyid Murtaza Al-Kashmiri, may his achievements continue,

As-Salamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatoh

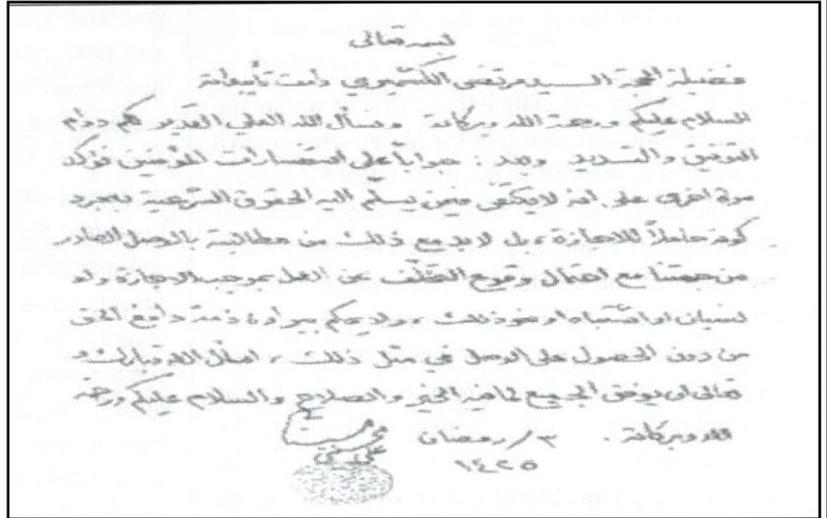
I ask Allah The Most High, The Omnipotent to always guide and support you.

In response to inquiries from Momineen, we emphasize once again that paying Islamic dues to whoever holds an authorization (Ijaza) is not sufficient. A demand for a receipt issued by must be made [to the person receiving the Islamic dues]. Bearing in mind that discrepancies in adhering to the Ijaza may occur either through forgetfulness, error or similar situations. A clear conscience by the payer (of Islamic dues) cannot be attained unless a receipt is obtained as above.

I ask Allah The Blessed The most High to grant everyone that which is good and beneficial.

Wassalamu alikum warahmatullah Wa barakatoh

Seal and signature of Ali Al-Hussaini as-Seestani



## Dedications

This space is dedicated to readers of *Al-Haqq* and their family members who have passed away. Please recite Sura Fatiha for them and all Marhumeen

Those who would like to include names of their deceased in this section are requested to contact the Editorial Address stated in the inside front cover. There is no charge for this service.

- Marhum Shaykh Ali Azhar Arastu, Qom, Iran
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- Marhum Mohamed Hussein Dhalla, Edmonton
- Marhum Turabali Jamal, who is the brother of our president, Br. Sarfraz Jamal, Ontario, Canada
- Marhum Syed Irfan Haider Taqvi, who was the beloved father-in-law of Syed Taha Taqvi and father of Sr. Hania Taqvi, Pakistan
- Marhuma Feza, Who was the aunt of Sr. Hafiza, Canada



# KIDS ACTIVITY PAGE

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## THE PROPHETS

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Adam
Ilyas
Muhammad
Musa
Ishaq
Yaqub
Sulaiman
Ibrahim
Isa
Ismael
Yahya
Yusuf
Nuh
Yunus
Dawud
Idris
Ayyub
<i>Peace be upon them all</i>

## ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. The first prophet -
2. The last prophet -
3. Was thrown in the well -
4. Was raised to the skies -
5. Could speak to animals
6. Was tested through illness -
7. His stick turned into a snake-
8. Built the ka'bah (2) -
9. His people were drowned -
10. Was swallowed by a fish -
11. Second son of Ibrahim -
12. Yusuf's father -

**Mission possible:**  
learn the names of all the prophets mentioned above.

# ROQUIYA'S KITCHEN

Submitted by Sr.Shama Murtaza & Sr.Duaa Al-Aghar

## PAYA (Winter Dish)

### INGREDIENTS:

- Mutton paya 6
- Brown onion ground 1/2 cups
- Ginger garlic 2 tbsp
- Salt 1-1/2 tsp
- Oil 1/2 cup
- Red chilli powder 1 tbsp
- Turmeric 1 tsp
- All spice 1 tsp
- Yogurt 1 cup
- Whole spiced mixed 1 tbsp



### METHOD:

1. Boil paya with salt, turmeric, whole mixed spices and 8 cup water until it tender.
2. Now strain stock.
3. Heat oil in pan, add ginger garlic with salt, red chili powder, all spice, onion and yogurt and fry it nicely.
4. Then put boiled paya and fry it nicely.
5. Now add stock and cook until stock is thick.
6. Then put coriander leaves, green chilies and ginger julienne.
7. Serve with Naan (Bread).

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## 2-Minute Mug Cake

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp unsweetened cocoa powder
- Pinch salt
- 2 Tbsp canola or other mild vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp milk, coffee or water



### METHOD:

1. In a heatproof mug or ramekin, stir together the dry ingredients until no lumps remain
2. Stir in the oil and milk until you have a thick paste
3. Microwave on high for a minute, checking it after 30 seconds (microwaves vary) - it will be done when it's springy on top but still a bit gooey - like the very best brownie
4. Eat warm!