

NEWS BRIEF

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

Due to a number of approval requirements, the new IHS Centre project has been slightly delayed again. Architect Mr. Robert Kimpinski had to revisit his drawings, due to comments and requirements from the Township of Wilmot, where the 3.4 acre land is located. The site plan approvals are in addition to the numerous tests that have been completed recently, including, but not limited to, septic tank, topography, environmental, and soil. IHS was hoping to have ground breaking in June but this may not take place till later in the summer, Insha-Allah.

Al-Haqq readers are requested to continue their support of the project, and contribute since each of the tests

are costly, and fees have to be maintained to the architect.

Some of the community members met with the Architect Mr. Robert Kimpinski.

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Proposed Design of the new I.H.S. Center



Some of the community members met with Architect Mr. Robert Kimpinski.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

IHS junior accountant, Br. Hussain Walji, and his team won the championship of a multi nation soccer (football) tournament held in Dubai, UAE, in December 2015. Participants from ten different countries attended, including Canada, USA, Tanzania, Kenya, and England.



AL-QUDS RALLY PLANNED

As in past years, the Saturday after Jumuah tul Wida (Final Friday of holy Ramadhan) will be the day rallies will be held across North America and Europe, in support of Palestine. In Iran, and some Middle East countries, the rallies will be held on Friday July 1, 2016, as the day is a holiday in Muslim countries.

In Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Montreal, and other cities, the gatherings are expected to be held in the downtown areas with expressions of human rights values and depictions of Israeli atrocities committed over the years. Details will be in the next issue of Al-Haqq Newsletter.

IHS MEETING

Members from all across Ontario came to Kitchener to take part in the Annual General Meeting of the Islamic Humanitarian Service, during the last weekend in May 2016. As required by the IHS Constitution, the yearly gathering consisted of the reports by the Executive Committee, various divisions of the IHS, approval of Financial Statements, along with the election of office bearers for the term 2016-2018. During the late afternoon session, members of the public were invited to hear the reports and ask questions to the EC.

A project update was given by Shaykh Shafiq Hudda, explaining why the project has been delayed, and where it stands presently. Final city/township approval is awaited for the drawings, prepared by Architect Mr. Robert Kimpinski. Thereafter the construction plans will need to be approved, after which the ground breaking can take place.

Financial statements for the fiscal period January 1, 2015 till December 31, 2015 were approved, following the Audit review undertaken by Haque Associates, an accounting firm based in Mississauga, Ontario.



From left Br. Shafiq Hudda, Br. Sultan Hudda, Br. Sajid Marhon



From left Br. Hussain Walji, Br. Murtaza Ali



From Left: Sr. Shama Murtaza, Sr. Duaa Al-Aghar, Sr. Anisa Ali, Br. Faizan Haider



Some members of community who attended the AGM

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (predecessor is in parenthesis).

TERM 2016-2018

Religious Director:	Br. Sultan Hudda	(re-elected)
Deputy RD:	Br. Habibullah Mahbobi	(Br. Ruhullah Amiri) appointed
Administrator:	Br. Sayyid Sajid Marhon	(re-elected)
Finance Officer:	Br. Murtaza Ali	(re-elected)
Committee Member:	Br. Faizan Haider	(Br. Habibullah Mahbobi)

WW JAMAAT ELECTIONS

At the meeting of the Islamic Shia Jamaat of Waterloo Wellington, the following were elected to serve the community for two years:

President:	Br. Sarfraz Jamal
Secretary:	Br. Amid Gohari
Treasurer:	Sr. Tooba Anwar

Al-Haqq extends congratulations and best wishes to all those elected to serve the Almighty Allah, and the Ummah. May the Lord reward them all and give them the strength and ability to make the correct decisions to benefit the community.

NASIMCO ELECTIONS

A whole new team was elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Organization of North American Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities (NASIMCO), held at the Jafari Community Centre in the Greater Toronto Area. The following Office Bearers were elected to serve the continental community for the three year term 2016-2019;

President:	Br. Mohamed A. Dewji
Vice-President:	Br. Sukaina Sumar-Ebrahim
Secretary:	Sr. Siddika Jessa
Treasurer:	Br. Ali Reza Hemani
Councillors:	Br. Ally Hemani, Br. Sadique Jaffer, Br. Mazahir Ali, Dr. Mohsin Jaffer, Sr. Zahra Aziz, Br. Mustafa Karim, and Br. Kazim Mehdi.

NO HAJJ FOR IRANIANS

Due to Saudi Arabia's inability to guarantee the security of pilgrims, Iran's Hajj Organization formally announced that the country will not be sending their citizens to partake in the Hajj this year. The Hajj, pilgrimage to Makkah that all able-bodied Muslims who can afford the journey financially and health-wise, must make is expected in late August 2016. During the past Hajj, thousands of pilgrims were killed tragically when one door was suddenly closed by the authorities, causing a stampede that resulted in the needless deaths of those visiting the holy land. The incident happened in the outskirts of Makkah, namely Mina, where pilgrims are required to throw pebbles towards three stone structures, symbolizing Shaitan (Satan), just days after a crane fell near the Masjid ul Haraam, where the Holy Kaba is located, killing dozens of people. The Kaba, a simple but important stone cube, was built by Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail, as a dedication to the Almighty Creator, and is referred to as the House of God (Baytullah).

Following weeks of intense negotiations, the Saudis refused to assure Iran that similar negligence will not be prevalent, resulting in the Iranian decision accordingly.

LADY FATEMA CHARITABLE TRUST - SOULAR BACKPACK



Br. Murtaza (left) with Br. A.G. Karim
of Lady Fatema Trust

In March 2016, Br. Murtaza Ali of the IHS met with Br. A.G Karim in London, UK to discuss the projects of the LFT. They talked about recent projects specifically their new partnership with Soular Backpack, a solar light product designed for people in rural areas to study through the night and take control of their own education, and their own futures.



Br. Amir Ali Karim introducing

NEW WEBSITE OF I.H.S

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

ISLAMIC LITERATURE

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

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY AT WOODLAND CULTURE CENTRE

Canada's Governor General Rt. Hon. Mr. David Johnston, Ontario's Lieutenant Governor Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, former LG of Ontario Mr. David Onley, joined a number of community and social leaders in Brantford, Ontario, to mark National Aboriginal Day on Tuesday June 21, 2016. Brantford is home to the Mohawk Residential School, which closed in the early 1970's, a Native peoples school in which thousands of students were forcible taken from their parents, had their Native identity taken from them, and were abused for much of the school's hundred and fifty year history. Such schools were operating all over Canada, but the one in Brantford was the longest running one, and had had years of sad memories for the Native people of Canada. The country's treatment of Native people, also called Aboriginals and First Nations, has been a dark chapter in history, and on for which many countries, as well as the United Nations, has condemned Canada for. NAD has been declared following the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which looked into the abuses of the Natives, and released its report on the systematic effort to eradicate Native culture and traditions from Canada.

The Governor General and Lieutenant Governor, both representatives of Queen Elizabeth, offered sympathies and an assurance of support to Native Chief Ana. IHS Director, Br. Sultan Hudda was personally invited by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, and sent Shaykh Shafiq to represent him at the function.



Her Honour welcomes participants to the celebration of National Aboriginal Day (MCpl Vincent Carboneau, Rideau Hall) ,Picture Courtesy of the website <http://www.lgontario.ca/en/events/pages/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=409>



The Governor General delivers remarks (MCpl Vincent Carboneau, Rideau Hall) ,Picture Courtesy of the website <http://www.lgontario.ca/en/events/pages/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=409>



The Lieutenant Governor and Chief Ava Hill welcomed the Governor General and Mrs. Johnston (MCpl Vincent Carboneau, Rideau Hall) ,Picture Courtesy of the website <http://www.lgontario.ca/en/events/pages/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=409>



Mohawk residential school ,Picture Credited to Al-Haqq Staff

CLIMATE CHANGE

Courtesy of NASA Global Climate Change; <http://climate.nasa.gov/effects/>

Global climate change has already had observable effects on the environment. Glaciers have shrunk, ice on rivers and lakes is breaking up earlier, plant and animal ranges have shifted and trees are flowering sooner.

Effects that scientists had predicted in the past would result from global climate change are now occurring: loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, more intense heat waves.

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- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Scientists have high confidence that global temperatures will continue to rise for decades to come, largely due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which includes more than 1,300 scientists from the United States and other countries, forecasts a temperature rise of 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

According to the IPCC, the extent of climate change effects on individual regions will vary over time and with the ability of different societal and environmental systems to mitigate or adapt to change.

The IPCC predicts that increases in global mean temperature of less than 1.8 to 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit (1 to 3 degrees Celsius) above 1990 levels will produce beneficial impacts in some regions and harmful ones in others. Net annual costs will increase over time as global temperatures increase.

"Taken as a whole," the IPCC states, "the range of published evidence indicates that the net damage costs of climate change are likely to be significant and to increase over time."

¹IPCC 2007, Summary for Policymakers, in *Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability. Contribution of Working Group II to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK, p. 17.

THE PARIS CLIMATE DEAL

Courtesy of The Globe and Mail; <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/paris-climate-deal-primer/article27539363/>

The COP21 climate conference brought together scores of countries and tens of thousands of people to answer one pressing question: How can we keep global temperatures from rising too high? After two weeks of debate, they left with an ambitious deal to put the world on a serious carbon diet.

On April 22nd, about 174 countries signed the Paris Agreement on climate change in New York in a symbolic triumph for a landmark deal that once seemed unlikely but now appears on track to enter into force years ahead of schedule. Under the agreement, countries set their own targets for reducing emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, with a goal of keeping global warming below two degrees Celsius compared with preindustrial times (and an aspirational goal of 1.5 degrees).



ORLANDO SHOOTING

Written by Mohammed Khaku, Allentown, PA, USA

As I pen this piece, I am well aware of the pain it has brought us all as we grieve for of the innocent lives lost in the Orlando shooting. It is completely inexcusable and intolerable. I, unequivocally condemn this senseless and horrific tragedy, as it has no justification whatsoever.

On June 10th, as I watched the live stream of the funeral of Muhammad Ali, I was thrilled by the endless good-will that was generated. The commemorative funeral created a positive image of Islam among all faiths and races. We remembered and honored a Muslim man who dedicated his life to justice and peace. Sadly, just a few days later, it ended on such a sad note and once again Islamophobia will rear its ugly head.

Omar Mateen was a murderer who used guns to slaughter people. Should every single gun maker in America have to condemn whenever someone is killed by a firearm? And should car manufacturers have to apologize when drunk drivers' kill people using their vehicles? And should the parents of a child be prosecuted for the child getting a speeding ticket?

Then, why should Muslim organizations and Muslim leaders feel obliged to continue to have press conferences and press releases announcing to the world that: "Islam doesn't approve such criminal behavior nor should be blamed for this barbarous act!"

Since 9/11 tragedy, Muslims leaders, writers, Islamic scholars and Muslim organizations have condemned terrorism left, right and center. Muslims should not have to reassure that we condemn terrorism every single time a terrorist attack occurs, as much as Muslims do not need to reassure their fellow Americans each morning that the sun will rise from the east and set in the west.

Killing an innocent person has nothing to do with the teaching of holy scriptures be it Bible, Quran, Torah or various Hindu scriptures. So, why is it that only Muslims and Muslim communities are obliged to defend their faith? It is widely reported that the perpetrator had pledged allegiance to ISIS (Daesh).

Groups such as ISIS, Taliban, Boko Haram, Al-Qaeda, Al-Nusrah, Lashker-e-Taiba, Lashker-e-Jahangvi, Sipah-e-Sahaba, etc. are all the creation of Saudi/Wahhabi ideology. One wonders why do we still have diplomatic relations with a country which promotes extremism around the globe and cause of the conflict in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Bahrain and many other countries.

I do not want to lessen the tragedy nor minimize the pain and suffering that comes with such a brutal act. I am deeply saddened and hold the victims of this tragedy and their families in my hearts and prayers. Their grief is my grief. Their fear is my fear. My sympathy and condolence goes to the families of the deceased. I pray for quick and complete recovery for the injured. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

We, as Muslims, offer our heartfelt condolences to the families of those killed or injured. In this holy month of Ramadhan, we pray for safety and peace for all and eradication of injustice and oppression for all humanity.

We should under no circumstances let such tragic events justify bigoted responses peddled by hate-mongers and those who seek to divide the United States. As a nation, we must denounce the hate fueled sentiment and bigoted rhetoric that has become all too frequent in our political discourse.

**Whoever kills
an innocent
life it is as if
he has killed
all of humanity..**

| Surat Al-Ma'idah 5:32 |

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THE ISLAM POST

ISLAMOPHOBIA

Written by Hussein Al-Rumaithi

Extrapolating the legacy of Ibn Taymiya in contemporary Islamic Society.

Dissecting the issue of Islamophobia should be conducted by considering many aspects within the Islamic history and its theological divisions. According to some narrations by Prophet Mohammad (SAWS), the nation of Islam will be divided into many sects and groups, and according to some of the quotes numbers like seventy and seventy-two have been given. Nevertheless, the intended issue of this article is not the division within the Islamic nation, it is about one specific sect or rather about a specific man who has influenced a sect within the religion of Islam. The complexity of his influence is to an extent where almost all terrorist and radical groups today claim to adopt his views and interpretations on Islamic issues. This man is Ibn Taymiya, who was born in the mid-1200s in the city of Harran, which is located in modern Turkey now.

The views of this scholar are controversial to an extent that even during his lifetime, he was challenged and debated in different places by different scholars, and in some cases, he was placed in prison for his radical views. Even within the Sunni Islamic sects and theology, this man was individualized due to his radical opinions, and many commentaries and researches have been written to dissect his views. However, his views were eventually to one group and one specific man who later founded the sect today known as Wahhabism, which is the official adopted ideology in Saudi Arabia. Mohammad Ibn Abdul Wahhab, who the Wahabbi sect has been named after him has admitted to adopting many of Ibn Taymiya's views and opinions. Unfortunately, this small sect would have not been a subject for dissecting and review if it did have major influence on today's Political Islam and the way Islam is presented globally.

Regardless of the actions of Muslims in their countries and abroad, they claim that their religion is a religion of peace, and even this notion has been mentioned in the name of the religion itself, since the word Islam is rooted in the Arabic word "Selm" which means (peace) in English. I will not discuss what does Islam say about violence and use of force and other social and political matters in this article, but rather I will look at the legitimacy of Ibn

Taymiya's views according to contemporary It is understood that is we want to know whether a person is peaceful or not, we can look at his/her tolerance toward others who differ with him/her. To begin with this notion, here are some of Ibn Taymiya's views and opinions about some of the sects within the religion of Islam.

Esoteric groups in Ibn Taymiya's opinion: These groups include, the Qarmatians, Isma'ilism, Alawites and other small groups, which are scattered through the Islamic countries in different proportions.

Ibn Taymiya's opinion about these groups is as follows:

"Esoteric are infidels, their infidelity is worse than Jews and Christians, mating with them is not permissible, their food is not eatable, they should not be buried in graveyards of Muslims, no one should pray on them after death, they cannot be drafted in Muslims armies, nor should they be in Muslim's castles and safe shells"

Mysticism & Ibn Taymiya: the mystics are other groups that could not flee from this man's radical views. His opinion about these groups is "if their (Mystics) infidelity was evident, then they should be fought and considered infidels, and whoever doubts their infidelity is infidel, and punishment shall awaits whomever aids them, or affiliate with them and praise them".

Druze, Fatimytes & Ibn Taymiya: these minorities have not been able to be excluded from Ibn Taymiya's views as well. He puts them in the same category as the earlier groups mentioned above, and calls for their cessation and slaughter.

Shi'a Muslims & Ibn Taymiya: this group has the lion share when it comes to Ibn Taymiya's radical opinions and radicalism. He pours all of his intensity and hateful views on them, and labels them as "Rejecters" due to Shi'a Muslim's rejection of the first three Khalifs after the death of the prophet.

He starts his opinion by fabricating a quote from Prophet Mohammad by saying: “their (Shi’a) blood is the key to haven gates”. He continues further by justifying their slaughter and cession of being by giving fabricated quotes from the prophet, and giving ideal situations for having an opportunity to kill them and not be in an undesired position.

By viewing these opinions, an observer notes the following notions in Ibn Taymiya’s views:

Conclusively, Ibn Taymiya considers Jews, Christians and other non-Muslim people as infidels, and he justify their slaughter, since they are considered as belligerents and anti-Islam.

The notion of mass murder, physical elimination and genocide is a normal and justified conduct according to the ideology of this man, and we should not be surprised if we witness a terrorist beheading a Shi’a Muslim or an Alawite, since that terrorist is applying the teachings of this so-called Islamic scholar.

There is no room for tolerance in the ideology of Ibn Taymiya, and notions such as unity, co-existence and equality have no definition in his glossary. According to Ibn Taymiya all other sects and groups and religions other than his own likes are considered infidels and worthy of being slaughtered.

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Under any circumstance, if an entity of a government adopts the ideology of Ibn Taymiya, they should not be considered anything but a totalitarian system, which will impose its ideology through no other means except force and coercion.

By conducting a fast search through the books of Ibn Taymiya on the web, we will witness he has used the word “Infidel” 917 times, the word “apostate” 29 times, the term “permissible blood” 19 times, the phrase “if repents, and if not shall be killed” 97 times, the term “Shall be killed” 849 times, the term “behead” 39 times. According to today’s definitions, a person who carries these mentioned views is considered a phonetic, or a lunatic, and other terms like psycho and mass murderer.

Therefore, as a Muslim do I have the right to condemn a random western citizen, who has negative views about Islam, when he/she witnesses some of the most horrific actions by individuals claiming to be Muslims, in the name of Islam. The intent is not to Justify Islamophobia, but rather to give an understanding about the roots of these violent actions. Muslims, who live in the west, have suffered from discrimination and other discriminatory actions against them, but to lift these barriers between them and the societies they live in, they must publicly and clearly condemn and neglect the ideology behind these radical groups not the actions only.

On a global scale, this ideology should be condemned and ripped out of this planet by cutting its sources and its roots from its cores. The global community acknowledges that states like Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries in the Middle East region are officially adopting this ideology within their governing system. Therefore, due to lack of tolerance by this ideology toward others, the global community should not have tolerance toward the ideology of Ibn Taymiya.

It must be clear to everyone, that Terrorism has no religion, and will not differentiate between a Muslim and a non-Muslim, therefore, it is everyone’s duty to take action and minimize their threat.



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TIME IS UP!!

Saudi Arabia and the West's disintegrating relationship

Written by S. Abidi

Seventy years ago, King 'Abd al-'Aziz met with then US President Roosevelt on an American naval vessel in the Suez canal back in 1945, and with that meeting began the alliance between Wahabi Arabia and imperialist America. However, it appears that the alliance is beginning to disintegrate.

The US Senate passed a bill in mid-May that allows the victims of 9/11 to sue Saudi Arabia. If this begins to take its legal course, we are looking at tens of billions of dollars that the spend-all Saudis will have to pay to the families of the victims of 9/11. The Saudi custodians of the Haramayn (the two holy sanctuaries in Makkah and Madinah) are now surfacing in the American and Western media outlets as sponsors of terrorism. There is a push in the American deep state to declassify the 28 pages of the 9/11 Commission's Report that deal with Saudi Arabia's role in the 9/11 Zionist-American entrapment of the Saudi subnormal intelligence officials — all-important among them is the dark prince of Arabia, its ambassador at the time of 9/11 to the US, and the political stepchild of the Bush family, none other than Bandar Bush ⁱ.

In an interview with the American Atlantic magazine, Obama has finally accepted that Islamic tradition and practices in the Muslim world are largely becoming Saudi in nature due to money, imams/sheikhs, and logistics provided by the Wahhabi establishments throughout the world. President Obama pointed to easygoing and tolerant Indonesia, where he spent some years as a student, which has become infested with terrorists as a result of Wahhabi preaching and teaching ⁱⁱ.

The Saudis who are reactionary and quiet often irrational in nature have threatened to withdraw \$ 750 billion in US treasury securities before the US courts freeze them ⁱⁱⁱ. What are the wimpy Wahhabis going to do if the US refuses to give them their money? Do they have any power against the US? What if the US followed up its anti-Saudi statements with closing down all its bases and pulling out of the Arabian Peninsula? The Saudis know deep down inside of them they could not survive the day after.

The Post Obama era does not look promising either as the front runners for the US presidency: Trump, and Clinton want the 28 pages to be declassified and the Saudi role to come to light. The imperialist establishment in the US is beginning to turn the screws on the filthy rich barons of Arabia. The pressure is on. And, eventually, if things continue this way the Saudi treasury is going to bank-bleed to economic ruin. This is not a far-fetched development. The non-thinking Saudi officials are hemorrhaging themselves to destruction in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Libya. The Zionist-imperialist

appetite is now feasting itself on the reserves of the Arabian Peninsula regimes. Imagine stumblebum Saudi officials now waking up to the tragedies of their own making — financing wars all around the Muslim world, identifying all non-Wahhabi Muslims as kafirs or inferior Muslims, the American administrations' independence-from-Arabian-oil policies, and the maladroitness of the American-Iranian nuclear agreement (JCPOA) — and you can rest assured that these slow-thinking Saudi officials are sensing that their time is up! ^{iv}

The only solution for Saudi Arabia is to build bridges with the Muslim Ummah and secure its prestige as the guardians of the Haramayn. However, it has chosen to antagonize Muslims throughout the world—not just the Shias who are used to the Saudi animosity but many legitimate Islamic and revolutionary movements that no more look towards Saudi as a refuge.

The Saudis have instead chosen to ally or openly admit to alliance with Israel and its agenda. It sees Netanyahu as its natural ally and have banded together on many regional issues, foremost of which is to oppose the Islamic republic of Iran. Such alliances had not helped Qaddafi. He found himself in his last day holed up in a large irrigation pipe in his hometown of Sirte where he was captured and sexually assaulted, molested, abused, and then beaten to death with the combined revenge of misinformed and misguided Libyans and the wrath of imperialist enemies ^v.

All facts and rhetoric are pointing towards a regime close to demise. Now they are throwing away their leftover reserves to fund lobbyist who are playing both sides. Their days are numbered and their time is up!

“As for those who, after having been treated badly, bring about justice themselves, against them no action can be taken. Action will only be taken against those who are unjust to men and who without reason, become violent on earth - these are the ones who will receive a painful punishment” (42:41-42)

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v. Ibid

MAKE YOUR HAJJ FRUITFUL

Submitted by Zainab Rajani

Courtesy of the Productive Muslim; <http://productivemuslim.com/tips-for-a-productive-hajj/>

"...And (purely) for Allah, is incumbent upon mankind, the pilgrimage to the House, for those who can afford to journey thither. And whoever denieth then verily, Allah is Self-sufficiently independent of the worlds" (Qur'an, 3:96).

Below you will find some very useful tips that will help you prepare for your pilgrimage!

EDUCATEYOURSELF

- Have the right mentality, otherwise you would find it very difficult to cope. Take one thing at a time, have the intention to please your Lord in the best way possible, and go with an open mind. Gain complete and authentic knowledge about each and every aspect of Hajj.
- Re-learn the basics of Islam: Those going for Hajj should make sure that they are performing Wudhu and Salah perfectly.
- Familiarize yourself with the Hajj plan
- Consult the following link for the best Hajj Books and Material [<http://www.ziaraat.com/hajj.php>]. It will guide you very well along every step – both before and during Hajj.
- Know your do's and don'ts: The crowds are massive and time is tight, so even though you are with a group, you sometimes need to do things on your own or take your own initiative. The groups try their best to streamline things for the people but certain things are beyond their control. At such times, one's own study and knowledge comes in handy and instead of going with the group; one can do a few things independently.
- Learn common Arabic vocabulary and phrases needed during Hajj so that it eases communication. The sign-boards there are also in Arabic and it becomes difficult to understand them.

TIPS FOR PRODUCTIVE HAJJ GEAR

- Stay light. Keep your baggage to the essentials.
- Take empty plastic bottles with you when going to Masjid al-Haram so you can fill up Zamzam to take back to the hotel.
- Keep a light backpack for essential belongings you need to carry around: cash for the day, passport, small Dua book, small Qur'an, packet of tissue paper, etc.
- Carry a lightweight umbrella to shelter from the sun.
- Take sunglasses.
- Pack some medical face masks.

- Have some basic medicines on hand for cuts and bruises (which you may develop due to much walking.)
- Women, please bring a pair of scissors so that it is easy to cut your hair at the end of Hajj.

TIPS FOR SPIRITUAL PRODUCTIVITY

- Learn relevant Duas to be recited when doing Hajj.
- Do not just read from books but do Dua from heart.
- Pray for the people that are working during Hajj for your safety: police, doctors, cleaners and guides. Make dua for the oppressed, including Muslims in Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Palestine, Burma and anyone suffering around the world:
- Stay unplugged! Only keep a cell for emergency use, but stay AS FAR AWAY from your life back home as you can; no email, no phone. Immerse yourself in the experience so that you can focus solely on your purpose: to do this act for the sake of Allah alone. You are among the select few whom Allah chose to visit His masjid.
- Simply submit yourself to Allah as the journey begins. Otherwise the entire journey is likely to be spent in fretting over meaningless daily hassles that can spoil such a great opportunity!
- Make Talbiyah (reciting labbaik) throughout and keep in mind your purpose here: you are working for the Akhirah.
- Refrain from all and every kind of 'bad talk' (anger, hurtful words, slander, lies, etc.) from the moment that you have the intent to go on Hajj, from the days leading up to it till the day you leave, and every single day thereafter during Hajj.
- Take one bag of provisions and 10 bags of PATIENCE!

- Remind yourself this is a once in a lifetime opportunity so try to make the most of it. For example, you may be stuck in unforeseen situations like waiting for a bus for three hours, so try to do dua and dhikr rather than becoming irritable and frustrated.
- Keep your emotions in check and hearts clean, not only for yourself but for those around you for a smooth and memorable journey, inshaAllah.
- Ask Allah to give you strength, sabr, and ease throughout the entire journey, not just the five days of Hajj!
- Make sure to leave your ego or temper at home before you travel to Hajj. Since there are always thousands of people wherever you go, there will be many incidents that may provoke you. Do not let any of those things get to you or else your Hajj will turn from spirituality and productivity into simply watching who or what next is going to provoke you and your rising temper will blind you from enjoying and living Hajj

PURIFICATION AND REFLECTION

- Prepare your heart before you leave for Hajj. There is nothing worse than a hard heart!
- Make Istighfaar and reflect on how weak you are, how insignificant you are, and how supreme Allah's mercy is.
- If you have nothing good to say, then don't say it.

BE ORGANIZED

- When going for Salah, make sure to go a minimum of 1.5 hour before Salah time in order to secure your spot for prayer.
- Get to Jum'ah prayer early – around 8 – 9 a.m.
- There are Zamzam reserves everywhere; no need to fight for the Zamzam straight after Tawaf. Look around for others.
- The Sa'ee has several floors; it may be best to perform it in the basement where it's usually empty and cool.

IN MINA, ARAFAH AND MUZDALIFAH

- Avoid the rush and save your time by scheduling bathroom trips in Makkah, Mina, Arafah, and Muzdalifah between 1.5 to 2 hours before the prayer. These are the quietest times and you will be in and out in no time.

- When you reach Mina and settle down, just take a few friends with you out of the tent and get familiarized with the high rise/popular landmarks around and try to reach your tent from those points.
- Leave early morning towards Arafah on the day of Arafah; better walk than take a bus.
- Don't leave Arafah before Maghrib Adhan. After the Adhan, leave Arafah and offer Salah of Maghrib and Isha in Muzdalifah.
- Don't rush for collecting 'pelting stones' in Arafah; there are many in Muzdalifah.
- Jamarah (pelting stones) after Dhuhr is optimum as it's not crowded.
- Do not go alone; always be in pairs or a small group.
- Avoid the ground floor in Jamarah; it's very crowded and stampedes can occur.
- Choose who you are going to do your Hajj sacrifice with and then just be done with it.

IN GROUP SITUATIONS

- Stick together as a group. Make sure you have a fixed meeting place which everyone knows in case someone gets lost.
- Do not wait for the group for all your activities. There is a very fine balance between being a team player and keeping the spirit of the "jama'ah", and between wasting your time waiting for people to do things so you can take action. One is often caught in a situation where some people want to go left and others want to go right, and both directions are right. You must proactively have a set plan and mechanism of how to decide rather than putting yourself in risk of unplanned choice under pressure.
- Make a list of activities which must be shared with the group (e.g., moving in planes, cars, & buses) and a list of activities which must be done alone (e.g., night prayers, reading Qur'an, etc.), and always be ready to take a corner once you feel the group is wasting your very precious time of alone activities.
- Be clean, tidy, don't litter, and reflect the true image of Islam. This is crucial given the issue of littering and terrible hygiene is faced every single year.

TREATISE ON RIGHTS **(RISALAT AL-HUQUQ)**

1. The Greatest Right of Allah

The greatest right of God against you is that you worship Him without associating anything with Him. When you do that with sincerity (*ikhlas*), He has made it binding upon Himself to give you sufficiency in the affair of this world and the next.

حقوق الله

1. حق الله الأكبر

فَأَمَّا حَقُّ اللَّهِ الْأَكْبَرُ فَبِتَّكَ تَعْبُدُهُ لَا تُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا، فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ ذَلِكَ بِإِخْلَاصٍ جَعَلَ لَكَ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ أَنْ يَكْفِيكَ أَمْرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَيَحْفَظَ لَكَ مَا تُحِبُّ مِنْهُمَا.

2) The Right of yourself

The right of yourself (*nafs*) against you is that you employ it in obeying God; then you deliver to your tongue its right, to your hearing its right, to your sight its right, to your hand its right, to your leg its right, to your stomach its right, to your private part its right, and you seek help from God in all that.

2. حق النفس

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ نَفْسِكَ عَلَيْكَ فَإِنَّ تَسْتَوْفِيَهَا فِي طَاعَةِ اللَّهِ فَتُؤَدِّي إِلَى لِسَانِكَ حَقَّهُ وَإِلَى سَمْعِكَ حَقَّهُ وَإِلَى بَصَرِكَ حَقَّهُ وَإِلَى يَدِكَ حَقُّهَا وَإِلَى رِجْلِكَ حَقُّهَا وَإِلَى بَطْنِكَ حَقُّهُ وَإِلَى فَرْجِكَ حَقُّهُ وَتَسْتَعِينُ بِاللَّهِ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

3) The Right of the Tongue

The right of the tongue is that you consider it too noble for obscenity, accustom it to good, refrain from any meddling in which there is nothing to be gained, express kindness to the people, and speak well concerning them.

3. حق اللسان

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ اللِّسَانِ فَأِكْرَامُهُ عَنِ الْخَنَى وَتَعْوِيدُهُ الْخَيْرَ وَتَرْكُ الْفُضُولِ الَّتِي لَا فَايِدَةَ لَهَا وَالْبِرُّ بِالنَّاسِ وَحُسْنُ الْقَوْلِ فِيهِمْ.

4) The Right of the Hearing

The right of hearing is to keep it pure from listening to backbiting (*ghiba*) and listening to that to which it is unlawful to listen.

4. حق السمع

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ السَّمْعِ فَتَنْزِيهِهُ عَنِ سَمَاعِ الْغَيْبَةِ وَسَمَاعِهَا لَا يَحِلُّ سَمَاعُهُ.

5) The Right of the Sight

The right of sight is that you lower it before everything which is unlawful to you and that you take heed whenever you look at anything.

5. حق البصر

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ بَصَرِكَ أَنْ تُغْمِضَهُ عَمَّا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكَ وَتَعْتَبِرَ بِالنَّظَرِ بِهِ.

6) The Right of the Hand

The right of your hand is that you stretch it not toward that which is unlawful to you.

6. حق اليد

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ يَدِكَ فَإِنَّ لَا تَبْسُطَهَا إِلَى مَا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكَ.

7) The Right of the Legs

The right of your two legs is that you walk not with them toward that which is unlawful to you. You have no escape from standing upon the narrow bridge (*al-sirat* [over hell]), so you should see to it that your legs do not slip and cause you to fall into the Fire.

7. حق الرجلين

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ رِجْلَيْكَ فَإِنَّ لَا تَمْشِي بِهِمَا إِلَى مَا لَا يَحِلُّ لَكَ فِيهِمَا، تَقِفْ عَلَى

الصراط فانظر أن لا تزل بك فتتردى في النار.

8) The Right of the Stomach

The right of your stomach is that you make it not into a container for that which is unlawful to you and you eat no more than your fill (*shib'*).

8. حق البطن

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ بَطْنِكَ فَإِنَّ لَا تَجْعَلَهُ وَعَاءً لِلْحَرَامِ وَلَا تَزِيدُ عَلَى الشَّبْعِ.

9) The Right of the Private part

The right of your private part (*farj*) is that you protect it from fornication and guard it against being looked upon.

9. حق الفرج

وَأَمَّا حَقُّ فَرْجِكَ أَنْ تُحَصِّنَهُ عَنِ الزَّنا وَتَحْفِظَهُ مِنْ أَنْ يُنْظَرَ إِلَيْهِ.

The reference for this article is from the book Treatise On Rights (Risalat al- Huquq)

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1st – Eid Ul Fitr

8th – Destruction of the Holy Graves at Jannatul Baqi

25th – Martyrdom Imam Jafar e Sadiq

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1st – Birth of Sayeda Masooma-e -Qum

11th – Birth Imam Reza

25th – Dahw-ul-Ardh [Land spread over water under Ka'bah]

29th – Martyrdom – Imam Muhammad Taqi [AS]

DHUL-HIJAH

7th – Martyrdom of Imam Muhammad Al Baqir

9th – Roz – e- Arafah

10th – Eid – Ul – Adha

15th – Birth Imam Ali Naqi

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KEEPING LOVE ALIVE ONE MOMENT AT A TIME

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Written by Marzia Hassan

The bad news about the bids of connection

So to summarize, here is the good and bad news about bids for connection:

Firstly, the bad news:

Bids are very **easy to miss** if we are not paying attention. These gestures of reaching out emotionally are fleeting and not scheduled or premeditated.

People **don't make the bids for attention very clearly**. They often don't articulate exactly what they need. The process of making bids is subtle and often unconscious. When the partner responds by turning away or against, it is difficult to articulate exactly what is going on. Unless both people recognize the concept of turning towards, they cannot say specifically what is wrong. They simply know that something is and that they are not fulfilled in the relationship

If we ignore or turn against a bid for attention, it is **unlikely that the other will rebid in the same way**. Turning away or turning against bids for connection feels like micro injuries. When people keep getting injured in this way, they may respond by shutting down or emotionally distancing themselves from their spouse.

No matter how much we try, **we will miss some of these bids for connection**. Happy couples however, can respond positively more than 80% of the time whereas couples who are in a distressed relationships miss most of these gestures of affection and connection and respond only about 30% of the time

Modern life constantly keeps us in a **state of distraction** and so makes it rather challenging to pay attention to those that matter most. Many of us are more connected to our devices than to each other and this is a major challenge of the present age. We are all "alone together". When we routinely "*phub*" our family members by snubbing them in favor of our smartphones. We are often sharing the same space but connected to those who are far away rather than to those who are with us. **Studies show that it is emotional connection and not simply physical presence that provides relationship satisfaction**, de-stressing and peace so it is not surprising that many couples feel the disconnection even though they love each other and are committed to the relationship.

Of course, it is not all doom and gloom. Disconnection and emotional distance is not inevitable in a relationship.

The good news

1) It is simple to change. We need to start with the **intention to reconnect** and keep practicing. Good relationships don't need very much at all. It is not rocket science and anyone can do it.

This is where we do need to sweat the small stuff because in relationships, the small things are the big things.

2) It **does not take much**. Turning towards leads to a cycle of positive connections and more turning towards. We don't even need to be enthusiastic about it. It is not about Bollywood style romance. Simple sprinklings of genuine attention here and there throughout the week are all it takes to strengthen relationships. The simple act of sharing good news with someone, for example, is a powerful positivity practice that benefits both the one who's telling the news and the one who's hearing it. We can revitalize our relationships simply by sharing a joke, or talking about an interesting person we met or some experience we had at work or during the day. There is emerging research to suggest that such brief moments of shared positive emotions are what produce and keep love alive.

3) Turning towards **may have a big impact on reducing conflict**. Often when our emotional bank accounts are empty, conflict escalates and turning towards is a key practice to keeping a healthy balance in the emotional bank account.

Baby steps to connecting

So how can we begin to take these baby steps to keep love alive?

Being intentional about unplugging from devices when with those who are the most important to us. The quality of interaction, research shows, goes down even when devices are within reach. Keeping them out of sight when we are with loved ones will free up our attention to that which matters most.

We can be intentional about **connecting at key times of the day**. Greetings and leave takings. Morning and evening. Mealtimes. For a brief moment, we can stop what we are doing, get present and acknowledge our spouse. When we wake up in the morning, we can greet our spouse before we pick up our phone and the last thing at night, we can wish goodnight to our spouse after we have switched off our phone. In this way, we can create **sacred time and sacred space** for our relationship, free from digital distractions.

We need to **practice, practice and practice**. This simple concept is easy to understand. We have tremendous power to create happiness and satisfaction in our relationships. It is not expensive or time consuming. The benefits of being intentional about recognizing and responding to bids on a daily basis, even when we don't feel like it, are enormous. Through such intentionality, can we experience the joy of seeing the important relationships in our life through fresh, interested, curious eyes.

It is definitely worth the effort; wouldn't you say?

IF YOU FAIL TO PLAN....

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A famous Western historian and leader once stated, “If you fail to plan, then you are planning to fail” – and how true this statement is!

Islam, being a way of life which impacts every aspect of our mundane existence, has come with teachings which are meant to govern every aspect of the life of the transitory world. It is not only a religion of the “world to come” – rather, the Prophet and his infallible successors have put forth teachings for how we are to lead our daily activities. One of these areas is in planning – whether it be personal, family, community, society or country.

Thus, one of the life-lessons which we as Muslims need to take seriously in all aspects of our life is to ensure that we put forth the necessary steps to plan for our future.

When you look at those who lead in the Western world – especially in the fields of ‘culture’ - whether it be in the world of fashion, art or cinema, they plan not weeks or months, but years ahead for where they want to be – and more importantly, where they want US to be – in terms of what we’re wearing, listening to, watching, etc... However do we see such planning by our institutions and organizations?

In this regards, we have the following statement from the final Messenger, Prophet Muhammad, prayers of God be upon him and his family, in which he has been reported as saying:

مَا أَخَافُ عَلَى أُمَّتِي الْفَقْرَ – وَ لَكِنْ أَخَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ سُوءَ التَّدْبِيرِ

“I do not fear poverty [striking] my community, but rather, I fear bad planning on their part.”¹

The Muslim community, globally, is a very well-off community with very little to worry about in terms of their financial standing, however the planning, or lack thereof, has much to be desired.

In some instances, it is not necessarily that bad or no planning is taking part, but rather, the people who are doing the planning do not have the qualifications to do what they are tasked with.

If the motto by which the company or organization is run is that of choosing the one who is the most competent, however in practice, nepotism is used to choose who will be in charge, then without doubt bad management; bad utilization (of resources); loss of morality amongst the workers; administrative corruptions; reduction in output; complaints from others; corporate theft; and tens of other problems will come up and no matter what plan is put into place, it will be fruitless.

It is at this juncture that the following golden piece of advice from Prophet Muhammad, prayers of God be upon him and his family, must be considered, in which he has been reported as saying:

مَنْ اسْتَعْمَلَ عَامِلًا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَ هُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ أَوْلَى بِذَلِكَ مِنْهُ وَ أَعْلَمُ بِكِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَ سُنَّةِ نَبِيِّهِ فَقَدْ خَانَ اللَّهَ وَ رَسُولَهُ وَ جَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

“A person who seeks (to govern over and) to work for the Muslims while he knows that amongst the people, there is someone who is much more capable and worthy of that position and that other person is much more knowledgeable in the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet, has been dishonest to Allah, His Messenger and to all of the Muslims.”²

Those who brush aside an experienced individual - one who is hard working, committed to his work and is worthy of the position of leadership, and instead decide to follow one who is vain, inexperienced and is not committed to his work and follow such a person purely for personal reasons or because of party-politics have dealt a severe blow to others and to the progress of society. Without doubt, they will be answerable to Allah, the Most High, the people and their names shall go down in the annals of history.

If we as a community wish to progress and take charge of our own destiny, we need to ensure we follow the dictates of the Prophet and his Noble Family and plan for the future – understanding that the end result is in God’s hands, but that we have done what it is that we can do to move ourselves forward.

¹Awā’ir al-La’ālī al-‘Azīziyyah fī al-Āḥādīth al-Diniyyah, vol. 4, pg. 39

² Jāmi’ al-Ṣaghīr, vol. 1, pg. 455

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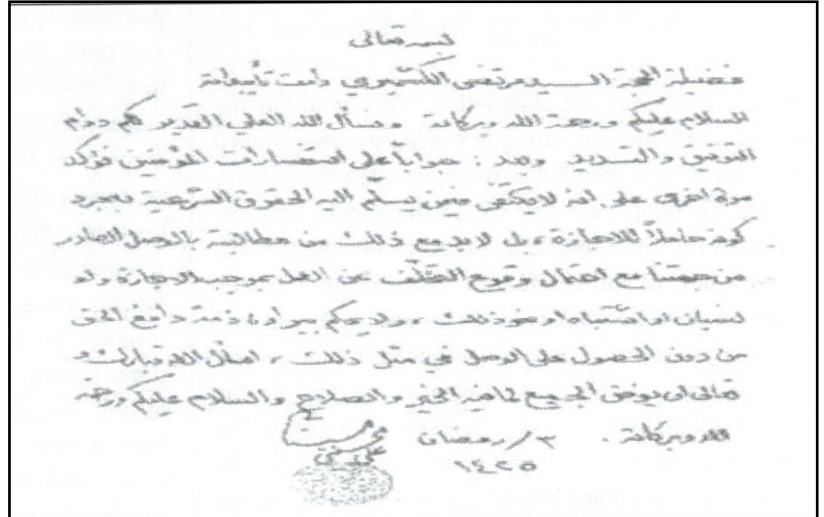
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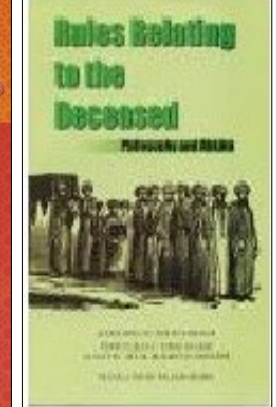
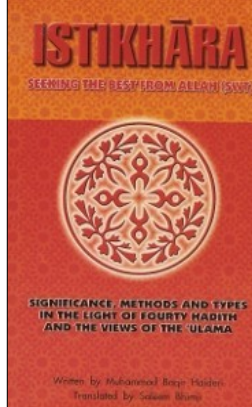
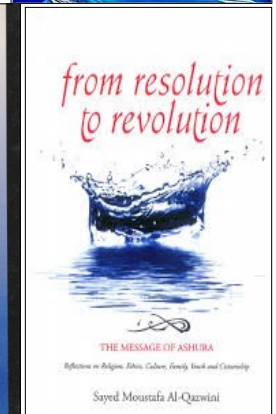
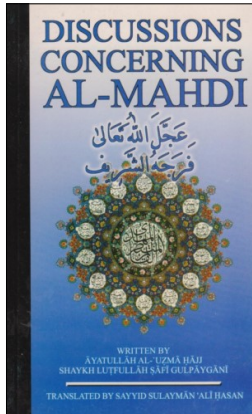
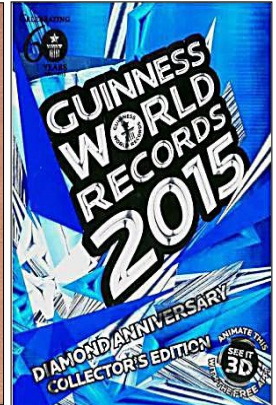
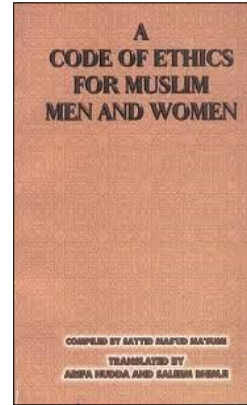


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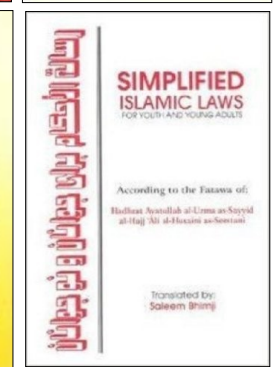
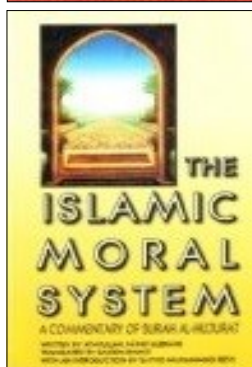
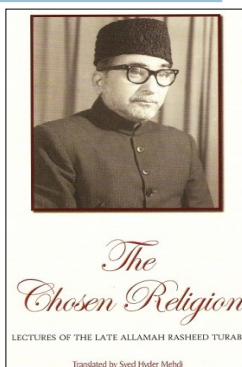
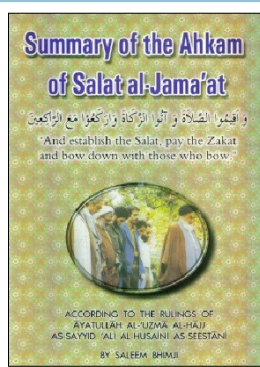
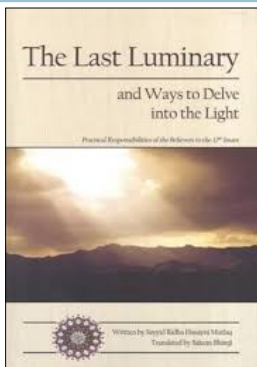
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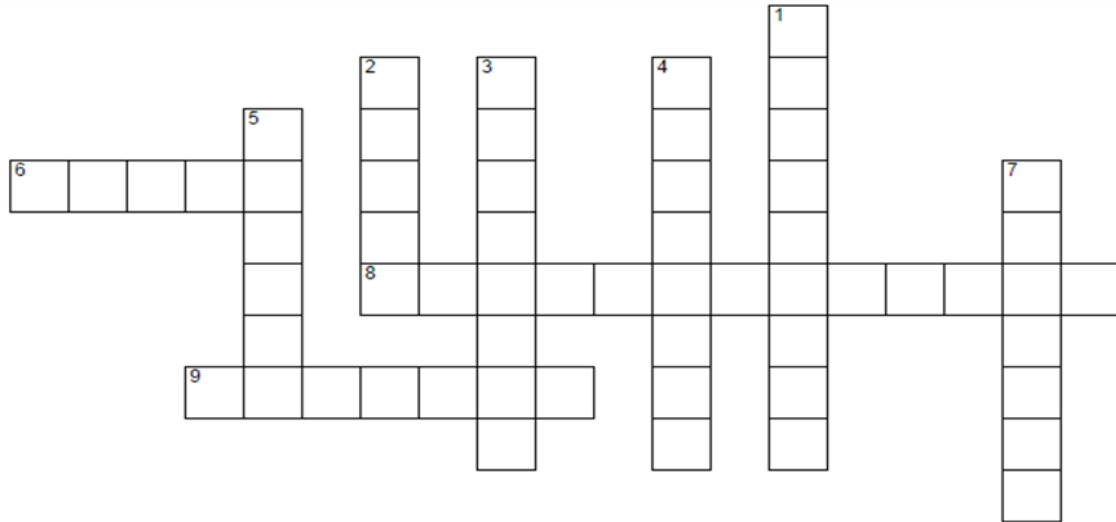
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- 5. To make less rubbish
- 7. To keep safe from injury, harm or destruction

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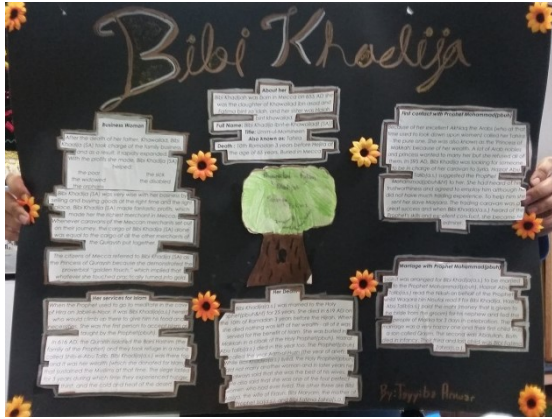
Comics for the Al-haqq newsletter? Yes, you read it right! Al-haqq newsletter is proud to present to you our very own personalized comic strip. These comics will be based on the theme that is chosen for every newsletter.

*The characters for these comics were designed by our very talented cartoonist, **Ms Masooma Raza**. We thank her for a job very well done. These characters were designed after a detailed one-on-one research conducted at the **Al-Husayni Madressa**, therefore we would also like to thank our students for their valuable feedback. This is for **YOU!** If you would*

AL-HUSAYNI MADRESSA

A section of Al-haqq dedicated to all our students who are unbelievably talented!!! This is a platform to showcase your skills and show the world what you can do. We are more than proud to present to you this issue's gifted children and their art. If you would like to send in your submissions in the future, please feel free to email us at alhaqqnewslet-

SUBMISSION # 1 – PRESENTATION ON BIBI KHADIJA



Made by Tayyaba Anwar

SUBMISSION # 2 - POEM ON 14 MASOOMEEN (AS)

The 14 Masumeen are role models for all of mankind,
Such perfect and sinless people are very hard to find.

Prophet Muhammad got the Quran as the final revelation,
He was commanded to teach it to every race and nation.

Bibi Fatima was a loving wife and mother,
Her kindness and generosity were like no other.

The first Imam and third Masum is Imam Ali,
In every battle he fought so bravely.

At Khaybar, with the help of Allah he lifted a very heavy gate,
This shows how holy he is and his status is so great.

After Ali comes Hassan, the first grandson of Rasulullah,
He is our second Imam, and the beloved first-born of Fatima.

His Imamate was very short – Just a few years and some days,
And in that time he suffered in many different ways.

Imam Husayn sacrificed everything in Kerbala,
From friends to family, all for the sake of Allah.

Imam Zayn ul-Abideen loved to recite duas and pray,
Sahifa Sajjadiyah is his dua book that we have until today.

But to no creature small or big, did he bring any harm

Imam Jafar As-Sadiq had a lot of students whom he taught,
He had a lot of time to teach, while for power, evil rulers fought.

Imam Musa Al-Kadhim was kept in prison for many years,
But other than for the love of Allah, he did not shed any tears.

The only Imam buried in Iran is Imam Ali Ar-Ridha,
Near him in Qum is his sister, Bibi Fatima Masuma.

Imam Muhammad At-Taqi died at the age of twenty-five,
But he taught many important lessons when he was alive.

The 10th Imam is Ali Al Haadi un-Naqi,
He is buried in Samaarah with his son, az-Zaki.

Imam Hasan Al-Askari was under house arrest for most of his life,
At this time the 12th Imam was born to Narjis, his holy wife.

The only Imam still alive is Imam Mahdi,
When he returns he will establish peace and harmony.

Prophet Isa and 313 soldiers will help this special Imam,
To spread throughout the world; the message of Islam.

Written by Muhadditha Saleem

SUBMISSION # 3 – IMPORTANCE OF YOUR MOTHER

Your mother is like your key to Jannah because as you know that Jannah is under the feet of your mother. And helping her everyday just gets you 1 step closer to Allah. Your Mother should be the one that you respect and listen to the most because she is the one that had to survive 9 months with you in her stomach and she is the one that brought you into this world and she is the one who fed you, the one cared for you, the one who woke up in the middle of every night to the sound of your crying and screaming, she is the one who would sleep with you if you had a nightmare that you were scared of, she is the one who loves you the most!

Written by Aethar Marhon



ROQUIYA'S KITCHEN & TRENDING HALAL RESTURANTS

POTATOE CROQUETTES



Ingredients:

Boiled potato – 4 medium, Boiled Shredded Chicken – 1 cup, Coriander – 3 tbsp chopped, Black pepper – 1 tsp, Coriander powder – 1 tsp, Salt – As required, Red Chilli powder – 1 tsp, Eggs - 2, Corn Flour, Bread Crumbs, Oil – For frying

Instructions:

In a bowl, Mix boiled potatoes, shredded chicken, salt, black pepper, red chilli powder, coriander powder and chopped coriander. Mix and mash well. Shape the mixture into round balls.

Drop the croquettes into corn flour, egg and then roll it over the bread crumbs respectively. Heat oil on medium high, fry for 2-3 minutes until it turns golden brown.

OREO CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES



Ingredients:

OREO Cookies - 36 finely crushed, divided, remove cream
Cream Cheese - 1 pkg. (8 oz.), softened
Semi-Sweet Chocolate - 4 pkg. (4 oz. each), broken into pieces, melted

Instructions:

Reserve 1/4 cup cookie crumbs. Mix cream cheese and remaining cookie crumbs until blended.

Shape into 48 (1-inch) balls. Freeze 10 min. Dip in melted chocolate; place on waxed paper-covered rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.

Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm.

RESTURANT REVIEW

This section is especially for foodies who love trying out different halal food joints! In every issue, we will review Halal food restaurants in the GTA and/or Waterloo Region Area. For your information. We only review places that serve hand-slaughtered Halal Meat. Enjoy!

Aayeshazz Canadian Indian Bistro

Located in Cambridge, Ontario; This halal restaurant turned out to be a very pleasant fine-dining experience. From the spicy delicious food to the calm ambience, they have it all. We tried their Fried fish, Lamb Karachi, Chicken Burger and Gulab Jamun. Everything was tasty with a great balance of spices. We also had the most refreshing drink called the Cambridge Devil; it is a must try for anyone who visits. People that enjoy Indian cuisine will definitely love this place

Overall – 9/10

Food – 9/10

Customer Service – 10/10

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