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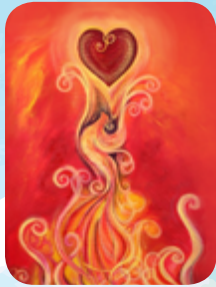


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# THE RELEASED CAPTIVE

*A tribute to the most honourable  
Hadhrat Maulana Saleemullah Khan* ﷺ

Once Hadhrat Maulana Dr Abdul Razzak Sikandar Hafidhahullah said to Hadhrat Maulana Saleemullah Khan ﷺ, “Hadhrat, may Allah ﷻ perpetually keep your shadow on our heads.”

To which Hadhrat responded, “We are prisoners here, and prisoners are glad on release only.”

Maulana Dr Abdul Razzak Hafidhahullah replied, “Hadhrat, because of the great prisoners, the hearts of the low-grade captives also stay pleased.”

Nonetheless, the sunset of 15th January 2017, in Karachi, brought with it the disheartening news of the release of the great captive, whose longing had finally been fulfilled, for he blissfully fled from this world to unite with his beloved Lord.

Ever since a young age, Maulana Saleemullah Khan ﷺ was quite different from other kids; true to his name and being *Saleem ul fitrah* (righteous nature). When he was born, his mother saw a dream that real pearls are being gifted to her. Surely, he was a pearl through whose grace many a tired travellers shone and chartered the course of their lives.

He entered the Darul Uloom Deoband in 1942, where he was a student of Hadhrat Syed Hussain Ahmad Madani ﷺ, among other great teachers. He earned a degree in Islamic studies in 1947.

He taught in India for eight years before migrating to Pakistan. Initially, he taught at a seminary in Tando Allahyar for three years and later at Darul Uloom, Korangi, Karachi. He was also the teacher of Hadhrat Mufti Rafi Usmani HF and Hadhrat Mufti Taqi Usmani HF.

He founded Jamia Farooqia in 1967. Also to his credit, in 1980, he was appointed as the General Secretary of Wifaq ul Madaras Uloom e Arabia, the largest federation of Islamic Seminaries around the world, and in 1999 he was appointed as its President.

Despite his numerous responsibilities, he still managed to write many indispensable books amongst which *Kashf ul Bukhari* (commentary of Bukhari Sharif) in 24 volumes stands out as a work of brilliance.

His funeral was held at Jamia Farooqia which was attended by thousands of people and many prominent scholars. Qari Hanif Jalandari Hafidhahullah, General Secretary of Wifaq-ul Madaras, said that the gaping void created by Hadhrat's death couldn't be filled in a hundred years.

At Hadhrat's death, Hadhrat Maulana Abdul Sattar Hafidhahullah gave an address advising people to attend Hadhrat Saleemullah's funeral saying that some funerals are so blessed that even those attending them are forgiven.

One thing about Hadhrat Saleemullah Khan ﷺ which never ceases to amaze even the best of scholars and academics is that Hadhrat completed the memorisation of the whole Holy Quran in just twenty-seven days! Yes you read that right! Memorising the whole Quran in even less than a month! Allahu Akbar! He was in his late teens at that time. It is told that he was on a long voyage on a ship in the month of Ramadan, but since there was no Hafiz on the ship, he used to memorise more than one chapter of the Holy Quran in the morning and recite it in Taraviah at night on the ship. To recount the inspiring details of Hadhrat's life in this small space will be like trying to hold an ocean in a teacup... one just wants to go on and on...

Jazakumullah to Hadhrat, for all the sacrifices that he made for us. Jazakumullah to Hadhrat for all that he gave the Ummah and all that he did for it. Jazakumullah for his example. Jazakumullah for the joys that he brought into many lives.

May Allah ﷻ continue to bless the Ummah with the blessings of Hadhrat, as the blessings of Allah Taala's friends remain in this world (and at times increase) even after they have departed from it. May Allah ﷻ accept us too to be a follower in Hadhrat's path and may we value those elders who still adorn this transitory abode. Aameen

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## Radiance Kids WhatsApp Club

Alhamdulillah, the Radiance Magazine WhatsApp group is always buzzing with beautiful bees (our young and energetic Ummatis) and has proved to be a fun place to learn Surahs, Ahadith, masnoon duas, Arabic and English creative writing. We strongly believe that kids should not be given phones but sadly many parents give in and hand over phones to their little ones. But with the Radiance Whatsapp group, kids use phones with their mothers and their quota of using the phone is thus fulfilled in a healthy manner. Thus no more need of playing games and watching videos Alhamdulillah.

Below are some testimonials from the mothers on the group who out of their love sent us these messages. Jazakillah khairen to all of you. It is a pleasure being with you all in this journey of ilm.

Assalamualeikum

I am really thankful to Allah ﷻ that people like you are in my life. Believe me, no words to thank you and your team what a great cause you are doing for Muslim ummah kids. Alhamdulillah, Zoya started five-time prayers. I was trying since quite a while but your idea really took her to the right track Alhamdulillah.

May Allah ﷻ bless you all Jannah. Aameen

**Zoya and Zara Farrukh's  
mother**

Tonnes and loads of duas for you and all behind the scene hands. May Allah subhanah wata'ala accept it from you. I especially admire how you're instilling the best of both the worlds in kids (creative writing has been something I have nagged about forever). Best of all, a productive, positive yet competitive environment for our kids. You're reading heaps of sadaqah jaariya. Lucky you and your team! Masha Allah tabarakAllah.

**Umm Zakariya Yahya**

Jazakallah khair. May Allah reward you for this new venture. Developing a love of deen in young ones is very difficult. But doing it in a fun way, just like you are doing, is very good. Previously my children used to watch videos on my phone but now they listen to kids' audios of Quran and duas. May Allah put barakah in your efforts. Aameen.

**Umm Ali Muaaz**

Assalam.o.alaikum wr wb

Please make the Miswak activity regular for every Friday. This activity gives them an incentive too....and insha'Allah once they develop this Sunnah as a habit, then they won't need these reminders even. Jazakumullahu khairan kaseera wa ehsanul jaza fid darain for all that you are doing for our kids. You guys are doing a grrreeaaaat superb job. Keep it up.

**Umm Umamah Gauhar**

Alhamdulillah your namaz activity really inspired our kids. Aiman is so motivated now, she doesn't want to miss a single prayer. Jazakillah Khair. May Allah Tala reward you all. Ameen.

**Umm Aiman and Hania Amir**



JazakAllah for your efforts, we are so happy and energetic to be amongst you all. The audios that you send for homework are wonderful too mashAllah.

It's amazing that such a magazine is published in Pakistan.

Thanks to Allah that I'm part of your group. May Allah help you to accomplish your goals. Ameen.

**Umm Aroosh and Aisha**

Alhamdulillah, the namaz activity is very fruitful especially for my youngest son, who did not use to offer salah. Miswak activity is also very good but unfortunately, on that day we didn't have it with us. If possible please repeat it.

May Allah Subhanahu waTaala accept your efforts and give you reward in Dunya and Aakhirah. Ameen.

**Umar and Muaaz Salman's mother**

We appreciate you and your team members, you are working hard for our kid's best present and future. May Allah taala bless you all with great reward in Duniya and Akhirah. Ameen.

**Dawood and Sudais Sheikh's mother**

I'm very thankful to you because you made my kids keen learners of quranic tajweed and hadith as they keep on reciting the whole day the homework that you send. And everybody in the house likes it very much. Without any fees you are providing our kids so much mashAllah, and the best part is that they are in the company of good people like you.

You are the best administration masha'Allah. Hats off to you all.

Loads of duas for you from their Dada and Dadi too.

**Umm Aatika and Fatima Khalid**

I hope that this group continues for many sessions as it is really very fruitful for both our kids and us as well. Alhamdulillah, my daughter enjoyed writing acrostic poem very much, she has written 4 to 5 of them now mashAllah. And Alhamdulillah she is also reciting all the Duas without reminders at their respective times.

It's so good to see that instead of singing poems she keeps reciting surahs... all because of your efforts and loving ways.

May Allah ﷻ accept your efforts and put barakah in your work. Ameen.

JazakAllahu khairan kaseera.

**Umm Ayesha Khalid Lakhani**



# FRIDAY

by  
MARIA ARMOGHAN

CLASS VI  
THE INTELLECT SCHOOL

Hurry up!  
Wake up!

Make haste!  
Don't waste!

Take a shower or a bath  
And brush your teeth with the  
Miswak's plant

Don't miss this opportunity  
For life isn't full of reliability

Freedom from the trials of grave  
for those who die on Friday,

Resurrection will fall on Friday  
Increased rewards of worship will be  
granted this day

Day of Eid in sight of Allah ﷻ  
Adam ﷻ was born on this day and  
sent to Jannah

Your duas are accepted  
Forgiveness is also granted

So read Surah Kahf and avail the  
blessed rays  
After all, it is Friday the honoured  
day!

# HOMEWORKS

by  
ABDUL SAMI SHEIKH  
8 YEARS

Oh homework, you have taken  
away my brain  
Small or big, you are always  
a pain

No time for family, no time  
for play  
My happiness, my smiles are  
gone away

Homeworks are boring and  
terrible  
They make me sick, they  
are horrible

I am tired, I want to scream  
I am just a kid, not a machine

I want some fun, I want some  
ease  
Oh dear teachers, no homework,  
please.





# A BROTHER IN NEED IS A BROTHER INDEED

*Areeba Naveed and Zawjah Zia provide a heart-breaking account of the worst massacre that the world has ever seen and the momentous work that Allah ﷻ took from the Bait us Salam Welfare Trust in these testing times*

In the land of the Prophets, Syria, where the migration and martyrdoms' never ending streams have made thousands of hearts cry with the tears of blood, right there, the distinction of friends from foes too has been made easy for us.

Due to this gory battle, the reality of Islam and the non-Muslims has been openly exposed. More than one crore people have been

displaced. More than 10 lac have received martyrdom. Around 35 lac refugees are there in Turkey, around 25 lac in Saudia Arabia and some have been forced to take shelter in different cities of Germany and Europe. Millions of Muslims are spending their lives in extreme difficulty among the ruined war-zones of Syria. Hats off to the greatness of Turkey who had held the crown of the caliphate of Uthman

on its head in the past and now too the way in which they are displaying selflessness and brotherhood for the Muslims of the whole world is matchless.

From the constant efforts of 12 years, Tayyip Erdogan transformed an infant nation of Turkey into an economic giant. And now, the same Erdogan is opening the doors of treasury on the basis of sympathy,



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selflessness and sacrifice for the 'distinguished guests' (as they call the Syrian refugees in Turkey). The forgotten theory of brotherhood has been strongly recalled by these open-hearted hosts. The lives of around 30 lac guests coming from Syria had been destroyed and now in Turkey, they have been made a part of the society and have started living a respectable life. But approximately 4 lac children, sisters, and mothers are those who have lost their male relatives due to being martyred and now after Allah ﷻ, they are spending their lives with the support provided by Turkey.

Alhamdulillah, in these trying times, the people of Pakistan have also presented themselves as the helping hands to Turkey, supporting them to help the victims of Syria. With the blessings of Allah ﷻ, the carriers of this noble cause representing Pakistan is Bait us salam Welfare Trust. Bait us salam Welfare Trust has received the honour to work with the Government Department for disaster management in Turkey referred to as AFAD. Together, they are working on a very large scale and Bait us salam Trust is trying to assist them in every possible way.

A team of the Trust recently visited Turkey under the patronage of Hadhrat Maulana Abdus Sattar Hafidhahullah, to help our broth-

ers in the refugee camps inside the Turkish border with Syria and those on the other side of the border too.

Heart-wrenching accounts of barbarism and inhuman attitudes have reached us through them. Inside Syria, as far as they were able to go, they saw devastation and gloom. Villages, towns and cities have been completely destroyed by the bombings. One such Syrian town named Baraghibda inhabited around 4000 people, and now only a handful of homes remained there. Even the ruins have been laced by land-mines for further damage. According to an estimate, around 30 people had lost their lives in a month due to being hit by a land-mine. In the small area that the Trust team visited, almost 50 mosques had been bombed and destroyed. The innocent people living in dilapidated conditions are further downtrodden by the constant fear surrounding them. The Turkish Government is trying as much as they can to reach out to these people too but they already have more than their fair share of load. They certainly require the Ummah to step forward and support them.

Team Bait us salam tried supplying these needy Ummatis with a few basic necessities of life - warm clothing, shoes and food. The team witnessed exemplary performance

of AFAD in providing the refugees with every imaginable necessity of life. So the Trust joined hands with AFAD in this noble cause and signed an agreement under which the Trust is helping them set up two bakeries in the area. Each of these bakeries shall have a capacity to prepare 1.5 lacs of bread each day. Not only will these bakeries be built, the Trust shall also be incurring their monthly maintenance and running costs. Apart from helping the refugees in Syria, this agreement also entails that the Trust would be assisting AFAD in many other areas of the Muslim world and AFAD shall be helping The Bait us salam Trust in the needy areas of Pakistan. The Trust's team was presented with a shield of honour by the AFAD officials.

Maulana Abdul Sattar Hafidhahullah attributed all of this Tawfeeq for these achievements to be due to the duas of his elders. He has also repeatedly been guiding his team to make sure they do all of it with the purest of intentions - solely for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. It is a duty of each one of us to play our part and contribute to this cause as much as we can. May Allah ﷻ provide us with the robustness to fulfil these responsibilities with extreme significance and with sincere intentions. Aameen!

# Adaab of Miswak

Compiled by Umm Ibrahim



Using Miswak is a very beloved Sunnah of our dear Prophet ﷺ. Prophet Mohammed ﷺ said: “Had I not thought it difficult for my Ummah, I would have made it obligatory on them to use the Miswak before every Salah.” (Bukhari and Muslim)

Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “Make a regular practice of the Miswak, for verily, it is healthy for the mouth and it is a pleasure for the Creator (i.e. Allah is pleased with the Muslim who uses the Miswak).” (Bukhari)

## Uses of Miswak

Enhances the memory.

Produces aroma in the mouth.

Strengthens the gums.

Blocks tooth decay.

Stops the further growth of decay.

The remedy for headaches.

Helps to relieve toothaches.

Triggers the teeth to sparkle.

Eliminates the yellowishness of the teeth.

Improves the eyesight.

Helpful for the health of your whole body.

Helps the process of digestive function.

Clears the voice.

Boosts the eloquence of one’s speech.

Improves intelligence.



## Religious Benefits

Creates lustre (Noor) on the face of the one who regularly employs it.

Multiplies the Thawab (reward) of Salat (prayer) to 70 times.

A thing that will bring in greater rankings in Jannat for those who use it.

The Angels sing praises of the person who uses the Miswak.

Its use displeases Shaitaan.

Use of the Miswaak graces one with the company of the Angels.

Helps to bring Kalma at death on the mouth of the one who uses Miswak regularly.

The greatest advantage of using the Miswak is the achievement of Allah's Pleasure.

## Etiquettes of Miswak

The Miswak shouldn't be too hard or too soft.

It is produced from trees like Zaytoon, Peelu or Neem but not from a fragrant tree.

Rub the Miswak on the gums at least three times and dip it in water every time.

Place the Miswak upright when not being used.

The Miswak should not be thicker than the ring finger and longer than the hand.

Use the right hand to use Miswak.

Clean your Miswak at least three times a day.

Don't use Miswak in an up or down motion but apply it from right to left since there is a chance of harming the gums.

It is disliked to use the Miswak in the washroom.

Don't use it whilst lying since there is a possibility of developing bad temper.

To use Miswak in ablution is an emphasised Sunnah.

Use the Miswak from one end and not both.

Cut the bristles (tip) of the Miswak every 1-2 days and begin fresh by biting to make it soft.

It is permissible to use Miswak whilst fasting.

To use the Miswak after a meal, you will get the benefit of liberating two slaves.

May Allah Subhanahu waTa'ala provide us all with the opportunity to beautify our lives by practising upon this magnificent Sunnah. Ameen.

In our WhatsApp Radiance kids group, one Friday, we had a Miswak activity in which kids sent the images of their Miswaks on the group. They were asked one week in advance so those who weren't doing it already, had some time to get used to this. We were amazed by the hundreds of pictures that we received from our young Ummatis Masha'Allah. Due to space constraints, here are just a few of them





# Arrogance Attack

**Asiya Marfani**, like many youngsters, dreams herself to be in a spotlight with all admiring her and taking her as an idol... but will things get out of hand once it actually happens?

**I**t was that time when I changed from an indefinite being to a popular star. I transformed from a nobody to a somebody.

I was flooded with uncountable courtesy. People would praise me and compliment me everywhere I went. I would be the centre of attention of every gathering. My personality portrayed some significant attributes. I was called dominant, remarkable, mind-blowing and superior among my mates, vowed with the title of a rising star by many. I was getting more and more famous by each passing day but yet I wasn't vain or proud. I remained calm and modest and showed gratitude and stayed sophisticated.

My humility worked out in a positive way for me too. People took it as another good attribute of my personality and admired me for it. They not only adored and honoured me but started taking me as an idol.

But then, I don't know how, gradually a strong feeling of greatness started developing inside me. I ignored it initially even though my conscience warned me. Time passed by, it started growing intense day by day and made my conscience slow down its precautionary stimulate. Soon this feeling took control over all my senses and made my conscience fall into the deepest sleep. I felt haughty and super awesome about myself. All the feelings





of care, humility and selflessness I possessed had already vanished and were taken over by pride, vanity and selfishness. I thought of no one but myself.

Consequently, I started thinking of all the other humans as nobodies and started disconnecting with everyone by calling them inappropriate for me or declaring them out-dated.

Hence invasion of these cunning and selfish traits in my personality started ceasing my

Lord for testing me in such a horrible way or would hate my friends for not showing me up to the right directions. I knew I was deceiving myself by blindfolding to all my flaws but I still remained snobbish and arrogant. All these regrets would end up in a nervous breakdown and I would go back to the world of illusions. I was called a mental patient then. All my strengths had perished and I was left helpless. People would feel pity for me and I would too only when I used to get back to my senses. My mental illness made me tiresome. I wanted to be ordinary again. I

**Nobody would want to meet me. I had then become the most unwanted person in the world. My failure came more abruptly than my success and fame.**

charisma, I started losing my fans and people started accusing me of being proud and arrogant. Very rapidly I fell into the pits of loneliness. Nobody would want to meet me. I had then become the most unwanted person in the world. My failure came more abruptly than my success and fame.

I once again turned into a 'nobody'. I began developing cynical thoughts in my mind. I would later suffer from paranoid delusions and weird hallucinations. These awkward illusions would never leave me in which I would still see myself ruling the world with great might. However, I was wrong this time too. During all these fits of abnormality I would get back to my senses for only brief moments and think of the mistakes that had brought me here.

I would sometimes blame myself for this forfeiture or would blame the foolish society as it made me rise to the heights of misconceptions or sometimes I would blame the

wanted to get my senses back and wanted to become truly normal but I couldn't find a way to set my mind free.

I longed for some miracle but I was unaware that miracles only happen when you are willing to strive and work hard for them. The desire to bring my life back to normal made me think deeper and finally, I found an escape out of this dilemmatic situation. It was quite simple and easy. All I needed to do was to repent: repent for my flaws, my mistakes, my vanity and to cease my ego. I needed to think of myself as a simple and plain human being who was under the control of the Almighty like every other being. I realised that I was no one to rule the world, I was the same feeble and powerless creature as I had always been. If there was any goodness in me then that too was from the Lord only; He is worthy of all praise and I'm just His slave, a mere nobody.

And what a relief it was!





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# Prayer

Prayer is not asking  
It is a longing of the soul.  
It is a daily admission  
of one's weaknesses.

In prayer we meet our  
Lord, we speak to Him  
and enjoy His company.

The more our love for  
Him,  
the more we would want  
to pray and keep praying...

Prophet ﷺ said: "Prayer  
is a coolness of my  
eyes." (Ahmad)





# BEE WORD JUMBLE

Change the order of the letters to find the things we should 'bee'

- 1 - ESWI
- 2 - ATHUFFLI
- 3 - RTOGSN
- 4 - IMFECRLU
- 5 - NDIK
- 6 - USGAOEUROC
- 7 - OETNTCN
- 8 - INTEDGIL



## Actions Word Search

Using the pictures as clues, find the words hidden in the puzzle. Write the words in the spaces.

- 1-wise 2-faithful 3-strong  
4-merciful 5-kind 6-courageous  
7-content 8-diligent

## ANSWERS





# Make your own Rainbow

If the sun is shining right after it rains, look up and you may catch a rainbow. However, you don't need to wait for rain to see one. With this activity, you'll recreate the conditions which make rainbows appear, and also learn the science behind all those pretty colours while introducing the concept of refraction!

## ***What You Need***

- Sunny day
- Short drinking glass
- Small mirror
- Sheet of white paper
- Water

## ***What You Do***

- Fill the glass about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way full with water.
- Put the mirror in the glass.
- Then, turn the glass so the mirror faces the sun.
- Position the glass of water so that the sunlight shines on it.
- Hold the sheet of paper in front of the glass so that the rainbow can be easily seen.
- The sunlight will pass through the water in the glass and refract (bend), forming many different colours on the surface of the sheet.
- You may experiment by holding the glass of water at different heights and angles to see if it has a different effect.

## **What's Going on Here?**

The water in the glass bent the sunlight. When the light is bent, it breaks up into the different colours of the rainbow. This process is called refraction and it's how white sunlight creates a rainbow on the paper. After it rains, lots of small drops are still in the air and as sunlight hits the drops, the light bends to make a rainbow.



# The evil settling inside man

Part 3 of 4



*Ayesha Marfani's*

*story portrays the hidden ways in which the evil physically invades our bodies*

Now Shaitan along with his army set off to destroy the young savers. He said to the vapours, "As soon as I move my trunk near the hearts of young savers you can enter their bodies from any one of the organs like eyes, nose or mouth."

So this time around, they tried their hardest but guess what! They failed even with the help of Shaitan as all the Young Savers were habitual of praying duas of repentance that compelled the Shaitan to remove his trunk from their hearts.

They were sitting dejectedly after their initial failure when a voice called upon them and when they looked up, they saw a beautiful creature walking up to them.

"I am Sin, apparently lovely but originally filthy," it announced. All the vapours were completely uninterested, however, Shaitan stood up and welcomed him warmly and cracked him open to make everyone see the filth inside.

Shaitan then said, "Sin will help us most in our mission as he is apparently attractive but from the inside is eviler than most of us."

Everyone was instantly joyful and the Scavenger's army felt themselves much stronger. This time, at last, the vapours found their way inside the bodies of the Young Savers as Sin and Shaitan together helped them.

First Shaitan and Sin went to Umar and made him feel proud of his success and said, "Oh Umar you are a champion and you are better than any other on your team."

Then one by one they went to the others and spoke those filthy words, they entered the bodies but this time too they failed to permanently settle in the bodies of Young Savers as their prayers of repentance were more powerful.

After their third failure, they lost all hope, were irritated and were torturing each other when a voice called upon them, "Make me your friend and we will complete the mission."



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When they saw who the person was with that voice, they saw a half man walking to them. He said, "I am evil Nafs," and added, "my other half has left me as he was as good as I am bad. He was God fearing and would make people do good and spread peace. He wanted love and harmony and peace and I hate that."

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They executed the plan and were soon successful. The leader of the young savers woke up that day with the evil feeling of thinking himself as superior. He thought he was best of all and young savers were nothing without him. It was the vapour of pride that had merged in his body.

He then went to the meeting and bragged about his powers which made the illustration boy, who had been overtaken by jealousy, to feel hatred for him. He felt he wanted all these powers and traits to belong to him instead of Umar and there broke out an argument between them. Anger became charged inside Muaz and he spoke spiteful words. Ill speaking, lies and cheating had invaded the bodies of others that caused their devastation and it was a victory for the Scavengers.

The mission of the Young Savers was lost. The evil vapours dominated the bodies of young savers and they were not prepared for the mega book reading event arranged by all the leading book publishers. The group had started speaking ill of each other behind their backs. The vapour of backbiting had acquired the greatest success as all the Young Savers had started speaking bad about each other.

## **Celebration of the Scavengers**

The mission of the Savers was close to devastation and the vapours were very happy. So they went off

to celebrate without even waiting for the success to be completed.

Their celebrations were boisterous. The blasting sound of music made it a bedlam of confusion. They were singing a frightening song.

I am pride, I am pride  
To devastation I guide  
I am anger, I am anger  
I make people lose their temper  
I am jealousy, I am jealousy  
I am happiness's greatest enemy  
I am falsehood  
I make you abandon the truth  
I am cheating, I am cheating  
Letting friends be involved in deceiving  
I am ill-words, I am backbiting  
I destroy your feelings  
I am Shaitan, I am Shaitan  
Backing everyone to do wrong  
I am sin I am sin  
On your faults, I grin.

## **Creatures from the Virtuous Land**

Good Nafs bowed his head in despair. The Angel of Goodness joined him looking wretched. Both of them were silent. Their woes were apparent from the creases on their foreheads. Good Deed, one of the creatures of virtuous land came to them and felt the gloom invading. He asked them the reason. Good Nafs told that it was all because of the Scavengers and their new companions that were Shaitan and Evil Nafs. They were now joining their sacrilegious and profane powers to shaken the Young Savers.

Good Deed quivered inside and he knew it was a grievous matter. He sighed and thought why the humans are always falling prey to the filthy creatures from the Treacherous Land? His mind raced with the thoughts of the damage the Scavengers could cause to the Young Savers

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# HADHRAT ABDULLAH BIN SALAM رضي الله عنه

Zawjah Junaid Mukaty shares the rejuvenating story of  
a dear Sahabi, Hadhrrat Abdullah bin Salam رضي الله عنه

Hadhrrat Abdullah bin Salam رضي الله عنه was known as Husayn bin Salam before he accepted Islam. He was the chief rabbi of the Jewish community in Madinah who belonged to Banu Qaynuqa tribe. He was born twenty years prior to Hadhrrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and is said to be from the lineage of Hadhrrat Yusuf عليه السلام. He was widely respected among his people who praised his piety and truthfulness.

He was also a man full of purpose. His perfect time management skills made him divide his days into three. One-third was spent in the synagogue: worshipping, preaching and teaching. The next one-third was for his livelihood, working in his orchards where he had date palms. And the last third was for Torah. He was an expert of Torah and read and pondered over it, again and again, giving himself many insights of the Book.

## Conversion to Islam

The story of his conversion to Islam proves that he was a rational and wise man. Certain parts of

Torah attracted his attention completely and he deeply studied those segments which explained that there will be a Prophet who will be the last among all the Prophets and will fully deliver the message of Allah. He always prayed to Allah to let him follow this last messenger and kept on waiting for his arrival. His family also knew about his passion and emotions.

When he heard the news of a man who claimed to be a Prophet, he felt very pleased. He tried to extract all the information he could from the people who visited Makkah and tried to match it with the facts that were present in Torah. The more he did this, the more he was convinced that Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was the last Prophet. But there was one discrepancy. He was in the wrong place. Torah explained that the last messenger would appear in the land of rocks and palms due to which many Jewish communities were settled in Madinah and Khyber.

This confusion was still on when one day while he was working on the top of the palm tree, a man



came announcing the migration of the Prophet ﷺ. Hadhrat Abdullah bin Salam excitedly started praising Allah loudly: Allah u Akbar, Allah u Akbar. He quickly rushed towards Quba where Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ had reached. There he saw a calm and composed face of a Prophet in front of him saying, "O, people! Spread peace...Share food... Pray during the night while people sleep and you will enter Paradise in peace..."

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Salam himself was a calm and collected man. And as it is an Arab saying: 'A person of virtue is only known by a person of similar virtue', he quickly reached the conclusion

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that this was not the face of an imposter. He approached the Prophet ﷺ and accepted Islam. Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ inquired his name, he replied Husayn bin Salam. The Prophet replied, "Instead, it is (now) Abdullah bin Salam."

Hadhrat Abdullah felt fortunate to have a new name and merrily went home to declare his religion to his family.

### **Pride of Jews**

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Salam was a treasure for the Jews. So after conversion, Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ asked him to spread the word of Allah among his community. He sadly replied that his people will never understand right from wrong due to their pride. The Jews wanted the last messenger to be from their family (The Children of Hadhrat Issac) while the Prophet came from the lineage of Hadhrat Ismail and this was against their wish and therefore they rejected the message of peace.

This he practically demonstrated by asking the Prophet ﷺ to gather the prominent men from Jews. "O Rasulallah, before you proclaim my acceptance of Islam, ask them what they feel about me while I hide in a room here." Rasulallah ﷺ invited them. They all replied that Abdullah was

a pious and a truthful man and a son of a pious and truthful man. He was a noble among them. Rasulallah ﷺ asked Abdullah bin Salam to come out of the room and there he pronounced himself a Muslim. However as soon as the Jews saw this, they changed all their views about him and declared him a liar and ignorant man and a son of a liar and ignorant man. Pride overtook the Jews and they rejected the truth.

### **As a Mujahid**

He kept on participating in different battles during the period of the Prophet ﷺ and also after he left

this world. He was also among those who protected Madinah from the enemies during Ghazwa e Ahzaab.

He was a man of peace and tranquillity. During the caliphate of Hadhrat Usman ﷺ when there was a coup, Hadhrat Abdullah addressed the crowd and put all his efforts to save the caliph.

### **Man Walking on Earth and in Paradise**

One day Prophet ﷺ was sitting with his companions when he said, "Do you want to see a man walking on Earth and in Paradise?"

Everyone hoped he would mention their name but Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ pointed towards a man in the distance and the companions saw that he was looking at Hadhrat Abdullah bin Salam.

### **Death**

It is reported that this prominent and perceptive companion of the Prophet ﷺ died in Madinah during the caliphate of Hadhrat Ameer Muawiyah in the year 43 Hijra. He had two sons named Yusuf ﷺ and Muhammad ﷺ.

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Whenever I visited Uncle Dawood's house in childhood he asked me the same question always: "Ali what would you like to become when you grow up?"

And I always said that I would become a surgeon like my father because I thought that it is cool to deal with operations and injuries. But my father scolded me when I shared this opinion with him, because he thought, being a doctor, is to help others and that I should take things seriously. I have always heard about my father that he is a caring person and I agree with it because he helps save people's lives and that is why

I want to opt for the same personality. I want to be the carrier of love and care for people.

But I also know that I can't stand blood. Once while my mother was slicing apples for me, she got a cut on her finger and it started bleeding! Everything went upside down and a curtain of darkness came in front of my eyes. When I got up again, I asked my mother about what had happened and she told me that I had fainted. My mother told that this was the second time I had fainted after seeing blood. She told me that the first time I got fainted was when I was seven years old and some kid

mistakenly had hit me with the bat on my nose. I started to bleed and as soon as I saw my I own blood, I fainted.

Finally, it was confirmed; I had "blood phobia". My dreams of becoming a surgeon seemed to be floating in the water. But I had hope in Allah ﷻ to make me brave. I also wanted to help the Mujahideen by becoming a surgeon Insha'Allah.

And now, after many therapies and undying perseverance, sixteen years later, I have got no fear left in myself. Alhamdulillah, today I am one of the best surgeons around

# MY FEAR IS MY DREAM

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# HABITATS TO RESCUE

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Allah ﷻ has given a specific habitat to all living things that helps them to survive in that environment. We don't usually think about it but that is also a great blessing from Allah ﷻ for us.

Allah ﷻ has made different adaptations for all living creatures. Lets take an example of a polar bear. Allah ﷻ has given it black skin because black colour absorbs more heat and polar bear lives in Arctic which is very cold. So he doesn't feel cold as heat is absorbed by its black skin.

But if we ask any child what colour a polar bear is, he or she will exclaim "white" but truth be told, their fur is actually transparent and holds no colour. It only appears white because it reflects visible light. Now that it appears white, this adaptation helps it to mix up with snow and become safe from its predators.

To adapt to an environment where food is not always abundantly available, polar bears also know how to manage without food for many days. This is just one creation of Allah, and likewise all other creatures' habitats are suited for their respective environments.

Man is Ashraful Makhluqaat (best of creations) still unfortunately, we are always talking badly about our houses, by saying "My house is not nice, I want to make it better".

The reality is that our real home is the home in hereafter, that is why we should not try to construct beautiful houses here to show how rich we are. We should not think bad about our blessings and be happy with them. There is so much to thank Allah ﷻ

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## Lessons to be Learned from the life of Abdullah bin Salam ﷺ

- Hadhrat Abdullah had a strong ability to judge the situations, take the decisions and then stand on them firmly. He sensibly matched the information about the Prophet ﷺ with Torah and then didn't waste any time in accepting Islam. We must also be rational and cool-headed in always accepting the truth and to tame our lives.
- Hadhrat Abdullah was a well-planned individual. He had divided his time properly, managing his family, religion and worldly affairs. All successful people have a managed timetable for their visions to be achieved. We must also check our schedules and set our goals sharply set in front of us.
- The pride and stubbornness of Jews squandered them, but a famous rabbi from among them accepted the truth and prospered. We must accept the truth heartily and must not be obstinate.
- Hadhrat Abdullah always led a purposeful life. He was a chief rabbi of Ahl e Kitab (People of the Book) before he embraced Islam and a pious Alim and Hafiz after Islam. Be always full of purpose, this will keep you on a move and be helpful in achieving high targets.

These companions of Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ were chosen men on Earth. They are the best examples for the Ummah. May Allah join us with them on the Day of Judgment. Ameen

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