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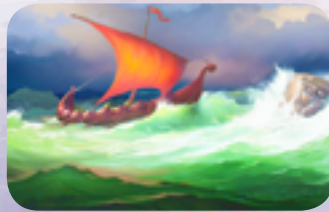
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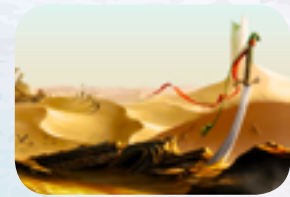


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A journey within yourself...

A thought often clouds my mind... life is ticking by but when would I set down for the most important to-dos: When would I travel within myself? When would I enter a mine of diamonds and bathe in the splendour of their light within me?

But maybe I don't even know myself. Maybe I don't even know that there is a divine light within me that can enlighten and guide me. Maybe I don't realise that I'm a manuscript of a noble letter, my life story in the Hands of the Ultimate Being capable of everything... just everything!

Yet, more often than not, I find myself seeking the universe outside of me. When there is a better universe inside me. The struggle for the universe outside makes me frustrated and dejected. But the search of my inside universe brings me real peace and ease. And oh, it is not a choice for me, but my promise with my Lord.

Yes, I remember my covenant with Allah ﷻ.

When humans were created, they all testified that He ﷻ is their Lord. "And [mention] when your Lord took from the lions of the children of Adam and made them testify of themselves, [saying to them], "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified." [This] – lest you should say on the day of Resurrection, "Indeed, we were of this unaware." (Al-A'raf: 172)

We agreed to worship and obey Him. So, we really have no excuse to shun this covenant NOW due to our busy lives. Our true purpose is not to prove ourselves successful in this world but to believe and follow the straight path leading to Him. However, success will also come when we persevere and remain purposeful on our pact, against all odds.

It is true that each day comes with its challenges. It's overwhelming how our powerful desires surround us. How they frighten us in other situations. But we need to keep our eyes on the prize, not the distractions on our journey to reach the prize.

Remember even if you are the most famous, affluent and coolest person out there you would still not be happy as can be gauged from the lives of the countless such personalities who commit suicide. On the outside, they look full. But inside, they are empty.

They searched for completion with temporary joys. They ran after it all the time. They ran after things they thought would make them whole. Their hands became claws, always digging, always outstretched.

The lowly desires pull people towards several objects of veneration; from the social media hype and blingy technology to the 21st century feministic ideology. They tell us success is all about making money; having it all in the material sense. Seeking fame, authority, recognition and being a part of the popularity contest.

But lets ask ourselves: does being an all-time thrill seeking person really bring about any fulfilment? Our Nafs makes us think, 'your youth only comes once, so smash it!', but is there any truth in that at all?

It is actually the contrary! The youth that we think is for being wasting, is, in reality, the easiest way to get closer to Allah ﷻ. As the best way to win our Lord is to utilise the best time of our lives i.e. the young age, in His worship and His love.

So lets buckle up our desires, lets seek rewarding ways and the pious company of friends to feel good and relaxed inside out. Alhamdulillah, Ramadan is less than a month away from us and we already feel excited for the extra efforts that we go through in this month. Why would we love this month so if we were not designed to worship and find joys therein?

We surely have no need to travel anywhere when we can instead voyage within ourselves and rejoice in the grandeurs of our own light, bestowed by the Almighty

Was'salam,
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Heartfelt Duas for Radiance

letter
to the
editor



by Maria Armoghan
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Rays of Allah's mercy are with them
And our earnest duas are also with them

May Allah reward the Radiance team abundantly
May He help them to keep working this diligently

May He bless them with goodness in this world and in Jannah
After all, they are doing such a great work for Allah

May Allah easy all their difficulties
May He bless them with peace and harmony

May Allah forgive all their sins
May He throw each one of them in a bin



May Allah always keep them happy
As the Radiance team makes us happy

May Allah grant them success in every field of life
May they never come to the point where they have to strive

As they increase our Islamic knowledge
May Allah lead them to Paradise

May they meet Prophet ﷺ in Jannah
Then the little ummatis will tell him the great work they did for Allah and him

May Allah never let them go astray and earn His wrath
For they are indeed on the right path

May Allah shade them on the Doomsday
And may He reward them the best of aboards, closest to Him.

Ameen!

dear
diary

A lost friend

Muqaddas Ali reminisces about the good ol' days with her best friend

Dear Dairy,

Today I would be writing a letter to my best friend whom I'm terribly missing. But oh, my telling him that I miss him might make him homesick too! But at least I can tell you what I feel, dear diary, even if I don't send this letter to him.

Dear best friend,

I am not fine. I'm not fine at all. I

about the days when we used to ride around the town, the times when I had shared all my problems with you.

You know what! Throughout the entire journey from home to school and from school to home I keep thinking and of course, my thoughts revolve around you only.

And when I step into the house and

here to buy me my favourite books, no one would listen to my entire stories, no one who will teach me those complex algebra numericals, and most of all, no one is here to tease me.

No one can replace you. I wish you can see my tears when you call me at night and tell me your stories.

I know you will never accept it that

But they say, when life sets you up for a challenge, there's a reason for it; it's meant to test your courage and willingness to make a change.

always acted like I don't care if you ever shifted to Dubai and like I will not miss you and I don't care about our friendship, but now when it is almost two months without you, I realise that it's extremely difficult to live without people you love the most.

But you know what is worst! I don't only love you, I also need you in every instant of my life, to share my triumphs and sorrows with you... in every moment when I am on the verge of tears.

The lifestyle I had been living no longer fits. The specific routines and things I had known forever no longer align with my values. So I cherish all the memories; I think of the times we had shared, the moments you spent with me. I think

when I flung into mama's arms and when I make my way to the room and from the room to the kitchen, I walk around like a zombie, searching for you. I know you are not here but I forget it every time.

And whenever I use the laptop which you used to call your territory (and yes, of course, it was yours but now it is mine), I smile remembering the things you used to call me.

Those names no one uses anymore.

And when mama gives me the corner piece of a cake and the golden yellow fried egg, I miss you again as you loved them more than I do.

I cry for you too. My heart sinks every time I think that there is no one in Dubai with you. And no one is

you miss me, neither will I do so in front of you.

But I know you miss me.

But they say, when life sets you up for a challenge, there's a reason for it; it's meant to test your courage and willingness to make a change. So you would be pleased to know that I also tried to accept the change, I wanted to busy myself and thus started memorisation of the Holy Quran Alhamdulillah.

I wish you can come back soon Insha'Allah and we could live together forever.

I miss you.

Love,

Your ever-loving niece

Earth Quiz

By a Staff writer

Put your knowledge of the earth to test with our fun earth quiz. Learn interesting trivia and answer a range of questions on topics such as rocks, air, deserts, oceans, mountains, gas, volcanoes and more.

Have you got what it takes to answer them all? Give it your best and when you're done, check your answers.

1. What is the name of the largest ocean on earth?
2. What are the two main metals in the earth's core?
3. Which is hotter, the center of the earth or surface of the sun?
4. What do you call molten rock before it has erupted?
5. What do you call it after it has erupted?
6. The Great Barrier Reef is found off the coast of which country?
7. What do you call a person who studies rocks?
8. Name the three time periods of the dinosaurs.
9. True or false? The Grand Canyon is around 10000 feet (3000 meters) deep.
10. What is the name of the deepest location in the world's oceans?
11. Over a long period of time while under extreme heat and pressure, graphite turns into which precious mineral?
12. Outside of Antarctica, what is the largest desert in the world?
13. The gemstone ruby is typically what color?
14. What is the name of the highest mountain on earth?
15. Do stalactites rise from the floor or hang from the ceiling of limestone caves?
16. 'Cascade', 'horsetail', 'plunge' and 'tiered' are types of what?
17. Someone who studies earthquakes is known as a what?
18. What is the name of the layer of earth's atmosphere that absorbs the majority of the potentially damaging ultraviolet light from the sun?
19. The mass of the earth is made up mostly of which two elements?
20. What is the second most common gas found in the air we breathe?

Earth word Scramble

Test your puzzle solving skills with our Earth word scramble.



1. LAEK
2. OLDG
3. CAVOLNO
4. AKTQURAHEE
5. TANMINUO
6. VIRER
7. STEDRE
8. ONCAE
9. KRCO
10. TREWA
11. TEER
12. VALA
13. OCNTTINEN
14. MAMAG
15. STEROF
16. GREIECB
17. ASRGS
18. LIOS
19. RIAN
20. ROLDW

- 1. LAKE
- 2. GOLD
- 3. VOLCANO
- 4. EARTHQUAKE
- 5. MOUNTAIN
- 6. RIVER
- 7. DESERT
- 8. OCEAN
- 9. ROCK
- 10. WATER
- 11. TREE
- 12. LAVA
- 13. CONTINENT
- 14. MAGMA
- 15. FOREST
- 16. ICEBERG
- 17. GRASS
- 18. SOIL
- 19. RAIN
- 20. WORLD

- 1. The Pacific Ocean
- 2. Iron and nickel
- 3. The center of the earth
- 4. Magma
- 5. Lava
- 6. Australia
- 7. A geologist
- 8. Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous
- 9. False - 5000 feet (1500 meters)
- 10. Mariana Trench
- 11. Diamond
- 12. The Sahara Desert in Africa
- 13. Red
- 14. Mount Everest
- 15. Hang from the ceiling
- 16. Waterfall
- 17. Seismologist
- 18. The ozone layer
- 19. Iron (32%) and oxygen (30%)
- 20. Oxygen (21%)

Earth Word Scramble
Answers

Earth quiz
Answers

The change is you!

When desires deceive us and the self finds faults in everything, Tooba Saad's story beautifully reveals the principles through which we can hold onto our sanity

There lived an infinitely rich and a prosperous landowner who was not only famous for his posh landmass possession but was also popular for his narcissism. His overly concerned self-glorification and fulfilment of his own desires had made him supercilious. His family, particularly his daughter, Umna, was upset with pride that had began to overflow in her father's personality with time.

Umna was the youngest and beloved child of the landowner who often used to accompany him on his trips. One day the landowner planned a week's visit with his managers, workers and daughter Umna to far-flung areas of his own land. While walking in the fields, he experienced different weather conditions each day due to change in climate. One day it was hot and sunny which made the landowner anxious of getting skin burns and

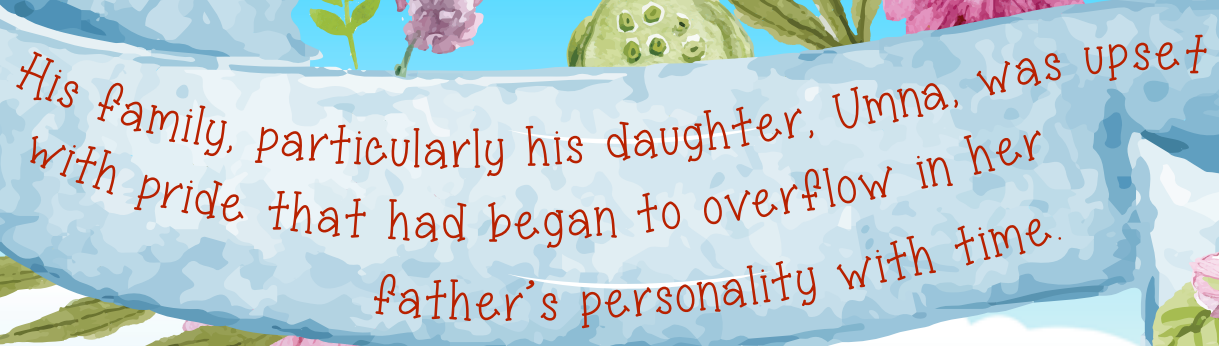
the other day was faced with an unanticipated downpour that drenched him entirely.

He was so used to mould things according to his wishes that he immediately reverted back to his mansion and exploded on his staff about his bothersome visit. He gathered all of his officials and managers and put forward his brilliant idea. He ordered sheltering of the entire land against rain and sun to guard him whenever he surveys the land.

Definitely, this required a huge amount of money and effort.

This time his innocent daughter Umna, who was also the part of the visit and meeting, dared herself to





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put forward a suggestion to her father.

She asked him: "Father, why do you need to spend a heavy amount on sheltering the entire land? Instead, you can buy an umbrella for yourself, can't you?"

The father was surprised to receive an effortless and intelligible advice from her daughter. After giving it a thought, he agreed to his daughter's suggestion and ordered a specially designed umbrella for himself.

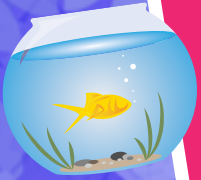
This simple story contains a precious hidden message of life for all of us. Firstly, to progress wisely in life, it is mandatory to focus on changing our own behaviours, our

minds and our hearts and certainly, not the world. As it is beautifully said in Quran: "Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves." (, 13:11)

Furthermore what the story makes us realise is, we should also avert giving our own self over admiration, that our pride negatively influences other important decisions of our life and as taught by Prophet ﷺ that whoever has in the heart as much pride as a grain of mustard seed, will not enter paradise.

May Allah help us to check and correct our faults and protect us from the Satan who clutters our minds with arrogance





Mom: Why haven't you given the goldfish fresh water?
 Daughter: Because they haven't drunk the water I gave them yesterday.

Q: What do you call an old snowman?
 A: Water!

What's the different between a cat and a comma?
 A: A cat has claws at the end of paws; A comma is a pause at the end of a clause.

Q: Which dinosaur knew the most words?
 A: The thesaurus.

After cleaning my five-year-old patient's teeth, I accompanied him to the reception area, only to see him struggle with the oak door. "It's heavy, isn't it?" I asked. "Yes," he said. "Is that so children can't escape?"

The topic for my third-grade class was genetics. Smiling broadly, I pointed to my dimples and asked, "What trait do you think I passed on to my children?" One student called out, "Wrinkles!"



Summer Days Word Scramble

Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to figure out the secret message.

Hint: The secret message is scrambled too.

cheab

H

ensrsecun

S **C**

esbablal

S **L**

oplo

O **O**

iacnotva

T

rbueecba

U

reamwntelo

O





Design and Test a Parachute

Learn about air resistance while making an awesome parachute! Design one that can fall slowly to the ground before putting it to the test, making modifications as you go.

What you'll need:

- A plastic bag or light material
- Scissors
- String
- A small object to act as the weight.

Instructions:

- Cut out a large square from your plastic bag or material.
- Trim the edges so it looks like an octagon (an eight-sided shape).
- Cut a small hole near the edge of each side.
- Attach 8 pieces of string of the same length to each of the holes.
- Tie the pieces of string to the object you are using as a weight.
- Use a chair or find a high spot to drop your parachute and test how well it worked, remember that you want it to drop as slow as possible.

What's happening?

Hopefully your parachute will descend slowly to the ground, giving your weight a comfortable landing. When you release the parachute the weight pulls down on the strings and opens up a large surface area of material that uses air resistance to slow it down. The larger the surface area the more air resistance and the slower the parachute will drop.

Cutting a small hole in the middle of the parachute will allow air to slowly pass through it rather than spilling out over one side, this should help the parachute fall straighter.

Secret Message: School's out!

- Watermelon
- Barbecue
- Vacation
- Pool
- Baseball
- Sunscreen
- Beach

Answers

THE HEAVENLY HUES

by Asma Khalid

Soaring above the infinite sky,
Dazzled by the immense stretch of blue,

Liberated from the clutches of the world,
Eventually, I discovered the heavenly hues,

Gently trod on the realm of happiness,
Ecstatic to be amongst the fortunate few,

What little virtue had elevated my rank,
No, I hadn't the slightest clue,

But then the whisper of an angel so holy,
Indeed, His Majesty blesses the worthless too.

BE THE ONE

by Bint Mohsin

Be the one like you've never been before
Go on, keep in mind that you can be more

Be the one, raising the power of positivity
Do it by analysing your core competency

Be the one, wearing your invisible crown
Rule the hearts, don't let yourself down

Be the one people say, "you can never be!"
Remember that being different is not easy

Be the one, saving other people's day
Lift up their thoughts, along your way.



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Had Suhoor and read Fajr on time																															
Remembered Allah when I woke up																															
Made Dua for the Muslim Ummah in my prayer																															
Made Dua for my parents																															
Read 1 quarter of Qur'an minimum																															
Read one new Hadeeth and its meaning																															
Made at least one Muslim smile																															
Made my parents smile • Hugged and kissed them																															
Did not argue with anyone																															
Made Dua for the Prophet (saws)																															
Prayed all prayers on time																															
Made Dhikr after salah																															
Read my 3 Quls before bed. (Surah Ikhlas, Surah Falaq, Surah An-Nas)																															

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Run-On Sentences

A run-on sentence is a sentence with at least two independent clauses (complete thoughts) which are forced together instead of being properly connected.

To correct these sentences, you have several options:

- 1) Separate clauses using punctuation.
- 2) Separate clauses using a conjunction.
- 3) Rearrange the sentence (you may add or remove words).

Run-on sentence: He put on some sunscreen, the sun was so extremely hot, and he wanted to go inside.

“He put on some sunscreen” → 1st clause

“the sun was so extremely hot” → 2nd clause

“he wanted to go inside” → 3rd clause

Corrected sentence: He put on some sunscreen because the sun was extremely hot. He wanted to go inside.

In the corrected sentence, we separated the 1st and 2nd clauses using the conjunction “because”, and we removed the word “so”. We also separated the 2nd and 3rd clauses using a period.

Note: Just because a sentence is long does not necessarily mean it is a run-on. Some long sentences are grammatically correct, while some short sentences are run-ons.

Note: Simple, short sentences are the easiest to read and understand!

Directions: try to correct the following run-on sentences.

1. My mother and father and sister are coming to dinner tonight.

2. I like learning English it makes me tired.

3. My sister was taller than me when we were young now I am the tallest it is fun.

4. I love school, I love learning, my teacher is nice.

5. Blue is my favourite colour it is the colour of the sky and the sea and it reminds me of my favourite insect which is the butterfly.

6. When I get older I want to have a big family I like big families.

7. We usually leave at 11:00 but today is different we are leaving at 10:30.

Answers on pg 25

The quest of Khyber

Pride makes one fall face-down! The sooner we learn that, the safer we are Insha'Allah! Ayesha Hakeem explains.....

I coiled the wire of the phone and listened to Umar who said, “A lot of students are of the view that Ghaffan has slim chances of winning the science competition and they say you might be defeated this time and.....”

Before he could continue, I cut him impatiently, “Do you think I can be defeated; I am Subhan - the star and future scientist... I can shake the world, how these boys think that someone can ever supersede me!!!” Umar replied that he had just narrated the voices around and before he could complete, I said arrogantly, “I don’t have time to listen to what few students with twisted views have to say, I will win the competition, and that is what will happen and has always happened in the past.”

I hung up and went back to my room with a mocking smile. I worked on my experiment on creating oxygen under water so we can breathe normally. I ran the demo. It worked. I felt ecstatic. Umar’s words played back in my mind, and I smiled devilishly thinking who can ever compete me in school in science. No one. I had won all the science competitions so far, and thought ‘I will win this one as no one has an IQ like mine.’

The day of the competition came, and I had a complete setup. The administration allotted me station 29, and

the last station belonged to Umar. The panel neared me, and I felt a little nervous, but then my pride assured me that none was better than me. The panel came to me, and I demonstrated my experiments really well. They had a nice expression on their faces, and it made me more self-assured. I started performing, and then there was something wrong with one of the gadgets. It wouldn’t work. What followed hence was not less than a nightmare for me!

I couldn’t produce oxygen under water! It was my life’s first failure. Anxiety ate up my intellect and my scientific skills. I stood gaping at my failing experiments. I couldn’t stand the embarrassment, and I ran instead of fighting and proving myself. I ran with tears in my eyes out from the school gate to my home and my bedroom. My mind cluttered with a single thought, “What had gone wrong?”

I didn’t eat the whole day and suffered from an inability to sleep. When my father came to me, I laid speechless, unmotivated to talk to him. After a few consoling words, he began a narration, completely ignoring my current disinterest.

“After the treaty of Hudaibya, the defeated Jews instigated the non-believers for a war against Muslims and

The pride and arrogance of the Jews made them make fun of the Muslim army when they reached Khyber.

made themselves ready. Then the following events took place:

Settling of Jews in Khyber

Khyber was a settlement about 100 miles from Medina. After the expulsion of Jews from Medina, they took refuge in Khyber. It had six to seven forts lead by Jews from different tribes. The Jews of Banu Quraizah sided with the non-believers in the battle of the trench and faced execution which enraged them. They decided to take revenge and asked the non-believers of Makkah to side with them.

Pride of Khyber- strongest forts, advanced weaponry, and bravest soldiers

The Jews felt pride because of their strongest forts and their unmatched weaponry. They thought themselves to be undefeatable. When Prophet ﷺ got to know about the Jews intentions, he arranged an army that reached Khyber.

Initial attitude of Jews towards the Muslim army

The pride and arrogance of the Jews made them make fun of the Muslim army when they reached Khyber. They thought their forts were unconquerable.

The success of Muslims

Muslims conquered the first fort by the name of Naima and then gained control over many others. They soon reached the strongest fort named as Qamus.

Twenty one days of siege around the grandest fort

Qamus was the strongest and grandest fort of Khyber and Muslim sieged it for twenty-one days without success. Our beloved Prophet ﷺ sent the armies, but the result remained the same. On the 21st day, Prophet ﷺ sent the army under the leadership of the Lion of Allah;

Hadhrat Ali ؑ.

Army sent under the leadership of Ali ؑ

Ali ؑ killed Mehrab in no time and accepted the challenge of the bravest man from Qamus named Rabih. Rabih, the great swordsmen, met his fate at the hands of Ali ؑ and Muslims conquered the fort and Jews saw their pride and arrogance shattered to pieces.

The fall of Khyber's pride

The thoughts of Jews about them being unconquerable led them blind, and they didn't fight their enemies efficiently. They thought of the Muslims as weak and fragile and the Muslims' success made them know the reality of their false pride."

My father sighed and said, "I think you are smart enough to process the events and find the answer to your worries!"

I knew my faults; it was pride that destroyed me. I thought myself unconquerable, and Allah ﷻ gave me a lesson to learn.

This feeling of redemption made me relaxed. The next day, I reached school with confidence. I saw anxious eyes looking at me to see me shattered but I walked smiling towards Umar saying, "Assalamualaikum dear brother, Masha'Allah you won the competition, accept my hearty congratulations. Those who are humble and those who strive gain true rewards in life. I wish you very best in future."

My words seemed very surprising to Umar, and he smiled beautifully, "Waliakumassalam dear brother, I know there might have been a technical fault or else I had very thin chances against you. You are a great scientist and may Allah ﷻ accept your efforts.

The words soothed me, and I tried not to let any trace of pride develop inside me again. I aim to become Deen's scientist now, Insha'Allah

Allah's ﷻ attributes can be found through His names. So how about portraying Allah's ﷻ names and showing our love for Him?

Here are some pieces by our tiny tots in the Radiance Club; recruiting artworks with the most beautiful names of Allah ﷻ.



Aatika Khalid
Nakhlah School



Ayesha Salman
Rozah tul Salaam



Aisha Ali
South Africa



Aqsa Irfan



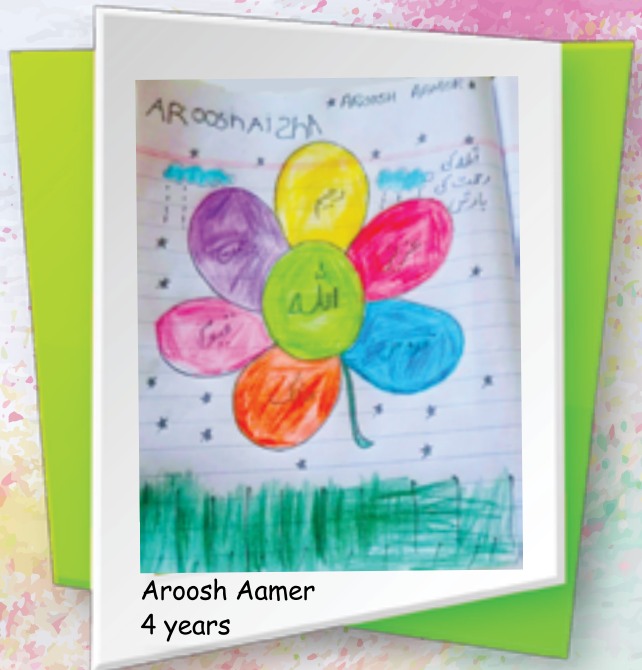
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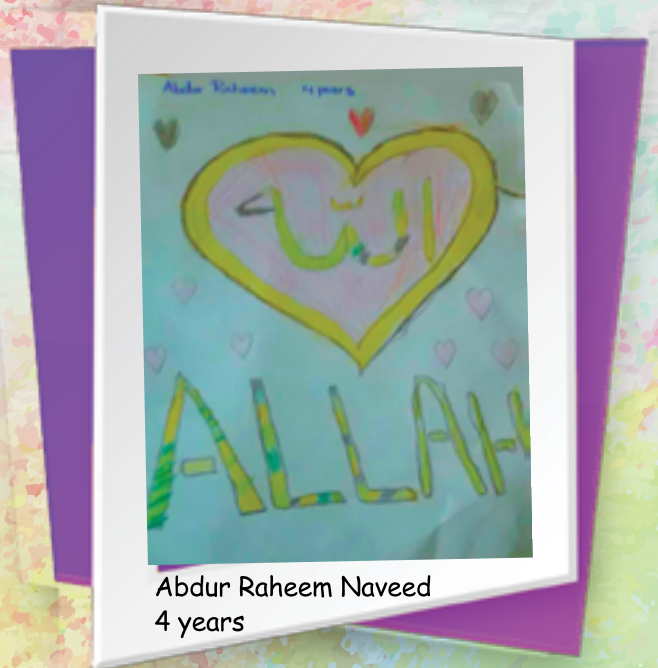
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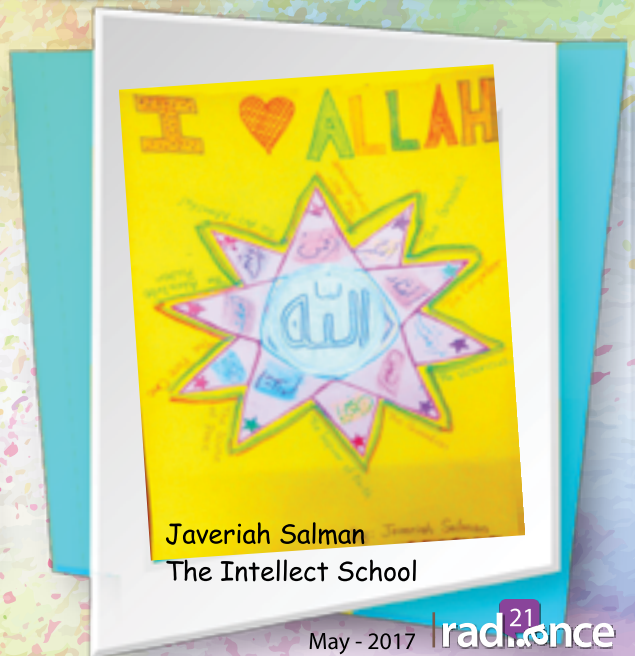
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HADHRAT MIQDAD BIN AMAR ﷺ



Zawjah Junaid Mukaty astounds us with some glimpses from the life of a beloved companion of Prophet ﷺ, Hadhrat Miqdad bin Amar ﷺ, the chosen one who had phenomenal skills and intelligence

Hadhrat Miqdad ﷺ was a tall broad man with a dark complexion who was born in Hadramout, Yemen. While he was young, he got indulged in a fight in which he injured the opponent's leg. He got frightened and left his birthplace and reached Makkah. Makkah was a city full of ignorant people who had many negative aspects in their personalities amongst which was enslaving people who had no strong support on their back. Trying to take precaution, Hadhrat Miqdad made a deal with Aswad bin Qarshi Zuhri who belonged to the Zuhri tribe. This way he attained safety from anyone who would try to enslave and harm him.

Hadhrat Miqdad ﷺ was very brave, a quality which was highly appreciated by the Makkans. Aswad Zuhri was so impressed by this attribute that he declared Hadhrat Miqdad as his son and his heir,

from where he got his new name: Miqdad bin Aswad Qarshi Zuhri. History remembers this courageous man by other names too like Miqdad bin Amar Kindi, bin Amar Behravi and bin Aswad Hizrami.

An early convert

Hadhrat Miqdad ﷺ had heard during travelling that it was about time for a messenger to arrive. He immediately reached to the decision that he will follow the Apostle and when the time came, he executed his plan by becoming the seventh Muslim.

It was not a piece of cake for him to embrace Islam. He lost his position among the Makkans and was seriously persecuted.

Migrations

The weak Muslims were an easy target for the most ignorant Kuffar

of those times. However, the light of Imaan kept on burning in the hearts of these sacred companions of Prophet ﷺ. When this behaviour of Kuffar became unbearable, Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ ordered some Muslims to migrate to Abyssinia and Hadhrat Miqdad was among those 83 Muslims.

His story of second migration which was towards Madinah is also very interesting. Two hundred polytheists left for Madinah under the leadership of either Ikramah bin Abu Jahl or Abu Sufyan as spies. When the Prophet ﷺ heard of this news, he sent a small group of seven to deal with them. Hadhrat Miqdad and Hadhrat Utbah bin Ghazwan hatched a plan and feigningly joined the group of Kuffar. In this skirmish, Kuffar returned back without fighting while these two, very cautiously united with the Muslim group and

reached Madinah.

Life in Madinah

When Hadhrat Miqdad reached Madinah he was destitute. Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ himself gave him protection with other two sahabah. After some time he got settled in his new life and married Hadhrat Zubair bin Abdul Muttalib's daughter, who was a cousin of the Prophet ﷺ. They had only one daughter who was named Kareema.

In the second year of migration, Abu Sufyan was leading a caravan back from Syria which had profits of looted and stolen property of Muslims. Muslims wanted to get hold of this caravan but Abu Sufyan changed his direction. They,

Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ was extremely happy with these words and this was the time when the decision of attack was taken.

In this battle there were only two horses with the Muslim army, one of the riders was Hadhrat Miqdad and the other was Hadhrat Haritha bin Surraqqa. Hadhrat Haritha got martyred leaving behind only one rider against hundreds. This daring companion of our beloved Prophet ﷺ was a master in horse riding, archery and sword fight and was well known to be equal to one thousand soldiers. Hadhrat Miqdad proved himself for what he was famous for.

During the caliphate of Hadhrat Umer ﷺ, Hadhrat Amr bin Aas

which had seen Prophet ﷺ, I wish I could have also seen the Prophet ﷺ. The reply that Hadhrat Miqdad gave to this man shows that he was a man of great intellect and deep insight. He replied that do not say so because if you would have been at that time to see him, then there were so many people who saw him and are now thrown in Jahannum. It was such a huge test at that time as we were persecuted and we were harmed. Thank Allah that you are born a Muslim and a believer. Please don't say that I wish I would have been there because you don't know which side you would have died on.

This above statement teaches us a lesson that we should be thankful we were sent on this earth to a

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on the other hand, were also prepared with a large army back at home. Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ wanted to devise a planned strategy to face the storm, therefore he discussed the issue with his devoted companions.

Hadhrat Miqdad, at this troubled time, expressed his deep rooted love for Islam and its last Messenger ﷺ by saying these words: "We will not tell you what people of Moosa had told him that you and your Lord go and fight, and we will sit back! But we'll tell you that you go and we will come with you. We will fight in front of you and behind you, on your right and your left. There is nothing that you will instruct us and we will not do."

who was on the battle front in Egypt asked for help. The caliph sent four thousand soldiers under four military officers including Hadhrat Miqdad saying that each officer is equal to thousand soldiers.

This lion-hearted valiant man was not only a gallant soldier but also a Hafiz e Quran and a successful businessman. He took part in many battles while he also performed Hajj with the Prophet ﷺ. He was also there at the time of the Pledge of Rizwaan.

It was the period of Hadhrat Usman bin Affan ﷺ when a man came and met Hadhrat Miqdad and said I would love to look at those eyes

Muslim family. We did not need to search right from wrong, we were not maltreated, we were not persecuted. We just need to polish our beliefs, we just need to come out of our comfort zones and be closer to our Almighty All-Loving Allah.

Death

Hadhrat Miqdad ﷺ died at the age of seventy in 33 Hijrah. Hadhrat Usman ﷺ conducted his funeral prayers and was buried in Jannat ul Baqi in Madinah.

May Allah ﷻ give us strength to surrender to the instructions of Allah ﷻ and his Messenger ﷺ the way these chosen companions did. Ameen

Fun at cleaning my room

by Raveeha Muneer
10 years
Peace Terrace Academy

Once in summer vacations, I was really bored so I asked my mom what to do. She told me to go and clean up my room. I told her, "Oh Please Ammi, I don't like cleaning my room."

After that, she said, "First go and clean your room and then you can do something fun."

So I went upstairs to my room and sat down. I thought of a game my sister and I could play while cleaning up.

I told her, "You know how Mama orders things on-line? So we can get bags and pretend we are delivering things, and the shelves could be the houses."

My sister happily agreed.

So then we got bags and stuffed everything inside them. We pretended that we were knocking on the shelves. It was really exciting. That day I learned that something as boring as cleaning my room can be fun too

A letter to a Syrian child

by Fahad Amin
8 years

Dear brothers,

Assalam-Ò-Alaikum!

I feel really sad about the tough times that you all are going through. May Allah taala ease them, we are constantly making dua for you all. May Allah take you to the highest ranks in Jannah.

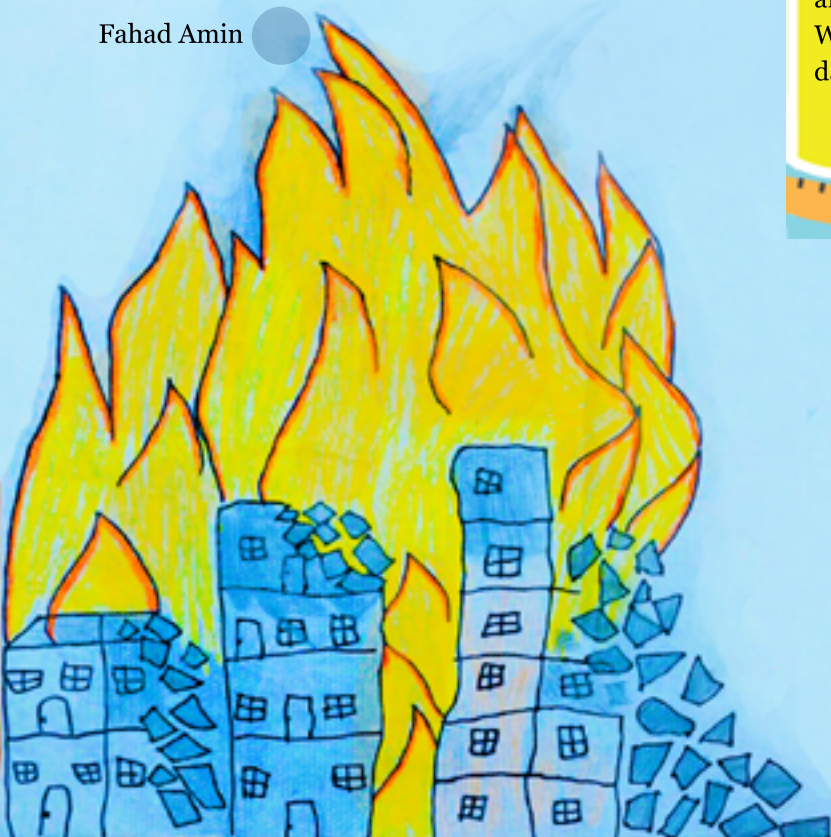
Out of so many people who wish to have a death of shahadah, only you are lucky enough to gain it. The world is actually not the place to enjoy as quoted in the hadith by Prophet ﷺ that this world is a prison for Muslims and paradise for disbelievers, for Muslims are yet to get the real paradise in the hereafter.

Whatever problems you have faced in this world, you are definitely going to get high rewards for it.

Hoping to meet you in paradise,

Yours friend,

Fahad Amin



Run-On Sentences Answers

(from pg no 17)

1. My mother, father, and sister are coming to dinner tonight.

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2. I like learning English, but it makes me tired.

3. My sister was taller than me when we were young. Now I am the tallest, which is fun.

4. I love school and learning. I have a nice teacher.

5. Blue is my favourite colour. It is the colour of the sky and the sea. Also, it reminds me of my favourite insect which is the butterfly.

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6. When I get older I want to have a big family; I like big families.

I like big families. When I get older, I want to have a big family.

I like big families. So, when I get older, I want to have a big family.

7. We usually leave at 11:00 but today is different; we are leaving at 10:30.

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