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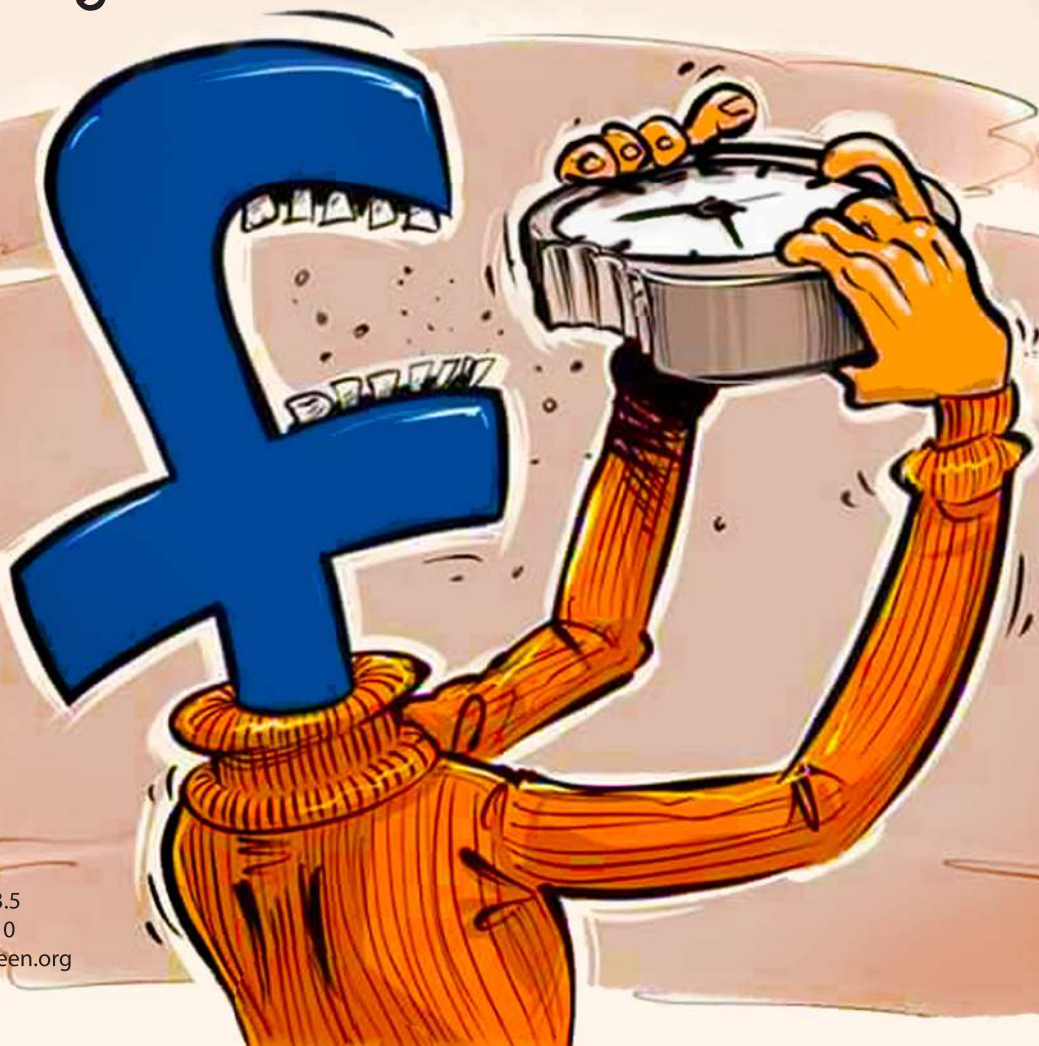
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# Real winners, real losers



Come Ramadan and we Pakistanis face a weird predicament. Not that we are already not guilty of spending Ramadan in careless activities like wasting the blessed nights shopping away, dining out for Iftar and Sehri feasts at posh restaurants, killing time by watching Iftar and Sehri television shows, etc; but since the last two years there had been these cricket matches too and this time it was the final of Pakistan versus India!

There's something seriously amiss somewhere... Just imagine! Did our beloved Sahabah or any of the pious predecessors spend their Ramadan playing or watching games all day long, getting themselves involved and the whole nation too Naozobillah?

In the blessed month of Ramadan, even the habitual sinners are forgiven if they ask for it and strive

in making Allah ﷻ pleased with them. But envision the plight of those who even wasted those valuable moments.

Those who waste this precious life in Laghw (useless pursuits), they would remain the worst losers no matter how many crucial matches they win and no matter what victory embraces them.

See what Allah ﷻ says in the Holy Quran about such people: *"And of the people is he who buys the amusement of speech to mislead [others] from the way of Allah without knowledge and who takes it in ridicule. Those will have a humiliating punishment."* (Luqman: 6).

There's no doubt that the real way to support and cheer for Pakistan would be by being a support for them in the real ground called Kashmir where the Indians are beating them badly! Millions of

people have been brutally tortured and Allah knows how many more are yet to sacrifice their lives.

So let's always remember to make dua for the children of Kashmir, Syria, Afghanistan, Burma, Iraq and Palestine as well as pray that may Allah ﷻ make us amongst those who can help them in some way. Ameen.

And lets also pray for our own guidance and the guidance of our fellow Ummatis who don't seem to realise what they are losing by wasting their life and this battle against time - the deciding battle between real winners and real losers

Was'salam,

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# The Radiance Magazine Club Event

letter  
to the  
editor

by Hafsa Kamal

It was incredible to see how people from all over the world poured in and kids started participating with great zeal in the **Radiance Kids WhatsApp Club**. The fruitful lessons have taken a turn for the better and resulted in an extremely fun ceremony to appreciate the commendable efforts of the parents and children for persevering in making their journey of Ilm a huge success.

On Saturday noon of 24th May 2017, the kids who had simply heard each other finally met their teachers for the very first time. It proved to be an amazingly colourful and joyful day Alhamdulillah with the children being handed over their certificates and gifts and especially the sweet smiles on their faces which didn't leave them even for an instant Masha'Allah.

The Radiance Magazine has left me in awe. It is not just a magazine anymore, no. It is not just a club either. It has turned into this knit of kindred spirits loving each other solely for the sake of Allah subhanahu wataala and striving to push boundaries surpassing what seemed surreal, to begin with. Who could have thought a Whatsapp group of children could change so many perspectives and reach out to so many hearts?  
I can't wait for what Radiance does next!

Below are some of the reviews that were received from the mothers:

Alhamdulillah, what a lovely experience....the very much awaited day finally realised for my girls. It was such a kind and generous gesture by the Radiance team. The children couldn't get their eyes off the humble teachers with radiating faces, showing how much Ikhlās they had in their eyes. Thoroughly enjoyed the ceremony and of course the gifts. What an enlightening bayan and what a memorable day! JazakAllahu kheiran kaseera to everyone who made it possible.

**Umm Aisha And Hania**

Assalam o alaikum, it was truly a pleasure meeting you all today. May Allah Subhanahu waTaala reward this effort in the best way. Aameen!

**Umm Muhammad Abaan Atif Khan**

Assalam u alaikum wr wb,

JazakAllah khair to one of my friend who added me to this amazing Radiance group. Alhamdulillah, my daughter benefitted a lot from it and while being here in Riyadh she was learning Arabic words, kalimahs and duas SubhanAllah ...couldn't attend the event but received the certificate and gift too through a relative. JazakAllah khair to her too ... she enjoyed being there.

JazakAllah khair to all the admins and all who were involved in this beautiful deeni work.

May Allah bless you all immensely and I pray Allah join you all with the righteous in the hereafter and bless you all in duniya too. Ameen.

**Umm Maham Zeeshan**

Assalamualaikum it was a fantastic day.  
I was really thrilled upon seeing you.

May Allah pak give you lots and lots of blessings and happiness here and hereafter Insha'Allah. JazakAllah Khair for acknowledging our children ... May Allah pak give you and the entire team of Baitussalam masjid loads of rewards. Ameen.

**Umm Tooba Abdul Haseeb**

Everything gone so well MashaAllah, smile on our kids' faces were for you today, really happy to meet the teachers and the kids are already asking when will you start new lessons for the next meet up.

May Allah ﷻ give you a great reward for your deeds as you are doing so well along with your own kids, giving so much time in Allah's way.

Insha'Allah we will be eagerly waiting for a new course after Eid.

**Umm Aroosh Aisha**

JazakumAllahu khairan kaseeran. Alhamdulillah we enjoyed a lot. May Allah bless you all with lots of happiness and success in this world and in the hereafter. Ameen.

**Umm Muhammad Asr**

Jazakillahu khairan kaseera. Today's ceremony was amazing MashAllah. May Allah Taala accept your good deeds. Ameen.

**Umm Rumaisa and  
Muhammad Yousuf**

May Allah bless you all always. We really admire the work of the Radiance team. The efforts put in and the devotion you have for the little children of the Ummah are simply outstanding.

**Umm Mustafa Rehan**

Alhamdulillah it's an honour for my daughter to be a part of Radiance. This is such a great effort from the Baitusalam team and I'm especially thankful to the admins who warmly welcomed our children as well as the mothers in the ceremony. May Allah bless loads and loads of rewards to all of you. Ameen.

**Mahjabeen Bilal**

I loved the event. Keep working like this. It's a great initiative to bond engaged readers and academicians.

**Ayesha Marfani - writer**



# This itch to write

Let's find out  
what is riding high  
on Hafsa Kamal's  
priority list and feel inspired

Dear diary,

I want to write. As simple as that. But, I can't.

I started with so many sentences which I simply erased and I can't understand. I feel that my creativity has been sapped by what's going around me. However, I know of many women, and mothers even older than me, who write regularly. How and why have I allowed myself to wilt away with the hectic routine and life in general? Being a mother is a full-time job, especially when the child is of the tender age of only three months. I console myself that I'd kick start on writing as soon as he grows a little older. I'll let you all chuckle in silence. Yup, not going to happen.

If not now, then when? If I can't make time to push myself to write for the sake of Allah ﷻ, will He accept me for this humble task in the future? The questions cast a shadow of doubt.

I know that writing comes naturally. If I have my creative writing juices flowing, it simply flows to the extent that I manage to write not just one, but two or more stories/articles. But I've reached a dead end. Even now, I'm groping for topics and words. Especially words. But writing is my comfort and strength.

**Apparently, I have more time for useless stuff and less time for what I should be doing. I struggle to knock sense into my sleepy self.**

Currently, I had transitioned from stories to personal diaries. I started noting down every moment of my baby boy. I felt that that somehow helped. Not entirely.

Acceptance of Allah is what I seek. Writing helped me feel this fulfilment I had never felt before. But now have I left writing? Nope. Did I write for the magazine in the past year? Again, the answer is a sad no. Do I have an excuse? I wish I could throw the 'too busy to write' card and justify my uselessness by mentioning my so-and-so responsibilities, however, the fellow mothers writing for the magazine have the same job that I do, if not more. My justification is not sound and just a ruse to do away with the guilt gnawing within. I have to do my part. I have to write. And why shouldn't I? I love writing.

However, I confess that every minute I get to rest is spent in mindless activities like WhatsApp. That is such a lethal time killer. I mean, why is communication an integral part of our day? Doesn't a ten-minute conversation over the phone suffice? And then that narcissistic social media platform where people either like to create a positive image of themselves or simply stalk- Instagram. Apparently, I have more time for useless stuff and less time for what I should be doing. I struggle to knock sense into my sleepy self.

I stress upon priorities. I need to prioritise with my time. Please pray this aspiring writer continues to write for seeking Allah's pleasure Insha'Allah.

# Hadhrat Khubaib bin Addi رضي الله عنه

Beautiful lives are worth reading again and again. Zawjah Junaid Mukaty fascinates us with one such blessed life of a beloved Sahabi

**H**adhrat Khubaib bin Addi رضي الله عنه, a pious companion of Hadhrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم belonged to the tribe of Aus in Madinah Munawwara. He had accepted Islam before the Apostle's صلى الله عليه وسلم migration. Though he was a young man but was known to be a learned person among Muslims. The first battle that he fought with the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was Ghazwa e Badr and therefore he was also known as one of the Badri companions of Hadhrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. His main duty during this battle was to take care of the belongings of the Mujahideen while he also fought bravely killing one of the leaders of Makkans, Haris bin Amir bin Naufal. Events that took place in the life of this sahabi contain many messages for us. He was surely an extremely patient, God-fearing and devoted follower of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.

In Ghazwa e Uhud, the husband and two sons of a rich Makkan woman, Salafah bint Saad, were killed by Hadhrat Asim bin Thabit رضي الله عنه. Burning in the fire of revenge she swore she will drink wine in a bowl made out of the head of Hadhrat Asim bin Thabit and therefore announced reward of hundred camels of best breed on his head. This offer attracted Sufyan bin Khalid of Banu Lahyan tribe and he plotted a menacing plan and prepared a few people of Uzul and Qara tribes to execute it.

These men proclaimed themselves as Muslims in front of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and requested to send some learned Muslims with them who they wanted to teach and preach Islam to their tribes. They also made sure that they showed special affection towards Hadhrat Asim. Hadhrat Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم formed a team of six or ten with Hadhrat Asim as their leader and sent them with those shrewd men not knowing their hidden intentions. Hadhrat Khubaib رضي الله عنه was also a member of this innocent team.

When they all reached a place called Rajee', two hundred militants attacked these unguarded Muslims and martyred Hadhrat Asim رضي الله عنه with his two or six men. The plans of Shaytaan and his followers are nothing against the plans of Allah. Before being martyred, Hadhrat Asim made



## Standing at the gallows, surrounded by hundreds of people he was asked, “Would you like Muhammad to be in your place while you go free?” The reply which this brave companion gave should be written in golden words

a dua asking Allah to guard his body, hence a swarm of honey bees covered his body making it impossible to touch him and cut his head. But in the whole skirmish, three Sahaba were taken captives, Hadhrat Khubaib, Hadhrat Zaid bin Dasna and Hadhrat Abdullah bin Tariq. Hadhrat Abdullah was then martyred on his way by the polytheists.

The agonising story does not end here but rather takes a miserable twist. These chosen men who were taken prisoners were then sold in Makkah’s market and their buyers were children of those who were killed by them in Ghazwa e Badr. It is reported that Hadhrat Khubaib was bought against a hundred camels by Zainab bint Haris with the intention of martyring him as a revenge of her father. As it was the month of Dul Qaada and killing was prohibited in this month, therefore he was imprisoned in the house of Maria, slave woman of Hajeer binabi Wahab. She accepted Islam later.

Hadhrat Khubaib ؓ was a pious man and his piety did not decrease in these hours of tragedy. He demanded three things: first was to give him pure water, second was not to give him meat of animals slaughtered without taken Allah’s name upon them and the last was to inform him sooner when Quraish decided to kill him. Maria reports she had seen her prisoner eating grapes while it was not the season of this fruit. She also accepted that she had never seen a pious and honourable prisoner like him before.

When Quraish finally decided to kill

him after the forbidden months, they prepared gallows at Taneem near Makkah and spread the word around as they wanted to celebrate the event. They drummed and danced with triumph and raised their flags in the joy of killing a helpless and powerless Muslim whom they had cheated. These crafty and coward people brought Hadhrat Khubaib near the noose and asked if he had any wish before he was hanged. Hadhrat Khubaib, full with love of Allah, asked them to let him pray two rakahs upon which they agreed. He then raised his head and prayed to Allah to inform the Prophet ﷺ of his happenings.

Standing at the gallows, surrounded by hundreds of people he was asked, “Would you like Muhammad to be in your place while you go free?” The reply which this brave companion gave should be written in golden words; he replied, “*By Allah, I would not want to be safe and secure with my family while even a thorn hurts Muhammad ﷺ.*” This statement rippled a wave of anger among the Kuffar and they started shouting and demanding his execution. The polytheists brutally hanged him and stabbed his body with spears.

Before his death he said, “Count them all, O Allah, don’t let a single one of them escape.” Hadhrat Saeed bin Amir, a companion of Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ was present in this crowd while he had not accepted Islam. He revoked that time and as soon as these words came out of Hadhrat Khubaib’s mouth he said: “I was sure no one

will be now spared”. He sometimes used to faint suddenly. Hadhrat Umer ؓ asked him if he had any ailment on which he replied, “I am a healthy man and have no ailment. I was there when Khubaib ؓ was hanged to death and whenever I recall those scenes I cannot control myself and faint.”

Allah accepted Hadhrat Khubaib’s dua and sent Hadhrat Jibraeel to inform the Prophet about his agony. After a few days, the Prophet ﷺ asked Hadhrat Umro bin Ummaya to go and pull down the body of Hadhrat Khubaib as it was still hanging. He reached there and climbed the tree from which his body was hanging and cut the rope due to which the body fell down. But the body was not there when he himself climbed down: the ground had swallowed it. This is the reason Hadhrat Khubaib ؓ came to be known as Balee’ ul Arz (swallowed by the earth).

Another narration reports that two companions, Hadhrat Zubair bin al Awam and Hadhrat Miqdad bin Aswad went to bring back the hanging body. They saw fresh blood dripping from his body although forty days had passed. They quickly took the body and headed towards Madinah but polytheists somehow came to know about their intentions and followed them. Hadhrat Zubair placed the body on the ground. The ground swallowed it immediately and the polytheists returned back without a fight.

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Teacher: Millie give me  
a sentence starting  
with i

Millie: I is

Teacher: No millie  
always say I am

Millie: OK I am the  
ninth letter of the  
alphabet  
-----

Police: Where do you live?

Kid: With my parents.

Police: Where do your parents live?

Kid: With me.

Police: Where do you all live?

Kid: Together

Police: Where is your house?

Kid: Next to my neighbour's house.

Police: Where is your neighbour's  
house?

Kid: If I tell you, you won't  
believe me.

Police: Tell me!

Kid: Next to my house!

# Lol

Patient: The problem is  
that obesity runs in my  
family.

Doctor: No the problem  
is that no one runs in  
your family.



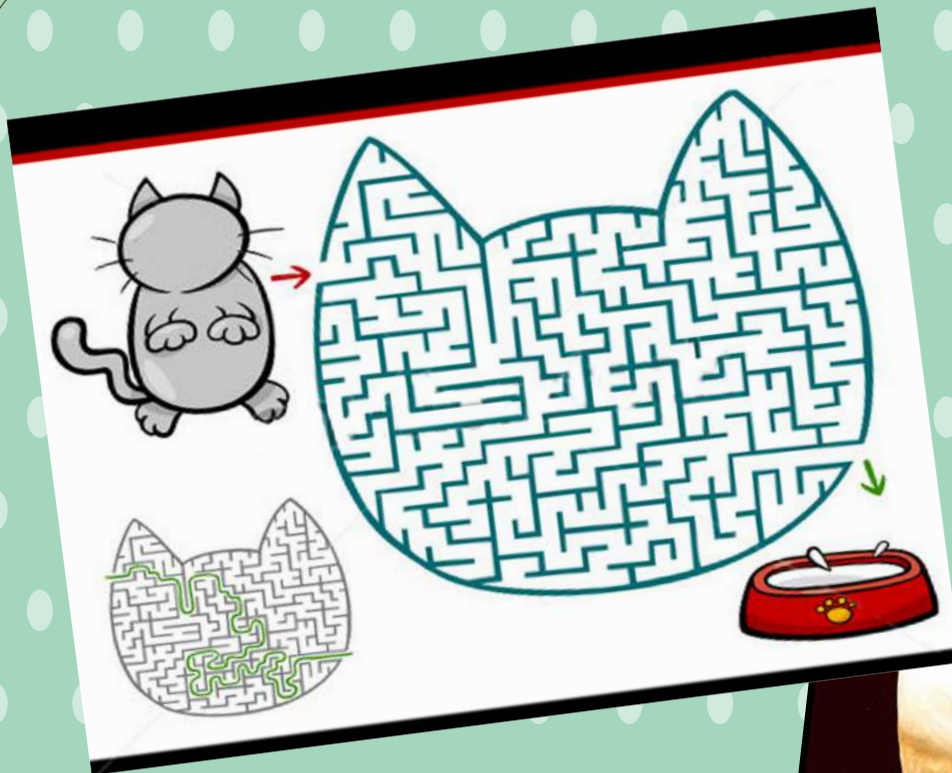
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the picture above

Grapes  
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Birdhouse  
Knife  
Peach  
Camel

Mushroom  
Red chilli  
Globe  
Butterfly  
Bucket  
Engine

Glove  
Heart  
Ship  
Lamp  
Crow  
Fork



## Can metal pieces get stuck together in space?

Yes, when in outer space, two pieces of metal can become permanently stuck to each other if they touch directly, with absolutely nothing between them. This is known as “cold welding.”

In our atmosphere, oxygen molecules cover metal surfaces, preventing direct contact. But in the vacuum of space, rubbing can scrape off this oxygen coat. This allows cold welding to occur and can cause space-probe instruments to malfunction.

For example, in 1991, the Galileo spacecraft’s antenna (above on the right is the artist’s drawing here) never fully opened. It was later determined that some of the ribs of the umbrella-like antenna, which were locked down for launch, remained closed because they had cold welded together after lift-off.



by Zainab Loya  
Jaffar Public School

Every single parent today keeps on buzzing behind their kids to stop using Facebook or other social media networks and stay attentive with their studies. Seeing the growing number of Facebook-addicts around, it is obvious that not many of these helpless parents are being paid heed to.

It is not hard today to find some youth piercing their eyes into the screen and saying things like, "Oh my goodness, what a selfie! ...or....my friend is so cool she got above 100 likes and 56 comments!! Uhh I am going to beat her, where is my Snapchat??"

This social media craze is doing weird things to us really and making us into weird people too! Let us see in a few ways, how:

- A person gets away from the human society.... wait don't think that Facebook is ruled by aliens! No, only humans interact there but by human society I mean the people around them. We spend most of our time socialising on Facebook whereas losing the gems - the people around us. We get glued to our gadgets as if they are everything to us. Believe me, have a look around you and then feel others. You will then not crave for Facebook.
- A person even puts on weight using Facebook (Yes! That's true all you weight conscious young people out there!). See, if you just stay glued to this computer or your cell phone, you don't move much and then you end up just eating and getting fatter and fatter and using thin filters to deny the reality online.
- One goes through issues of emotions, aggression and possession. You suffer lack of confidence in yourself and end up in depression thinking that you are not as pretty as the lady whose pic has received many likes or not as cool as the guy who apparently got a new sports car. Life is not lived to make others like you, it is that you believe in yourself and think good about yourself.
- Often people stalk others and become friends with strangers leading to betrayal, deception, some evil plot or even death. Some strangers find out your information and misuse it. Some may meet you and



## The many faces of FACEBOOK

intend to murder you or threaten you for money. So if you must do it, then at least stay away from complete strangers for the sake of your lives and your family.

- A person gets lazy! They just have fun by themselves enjoying what they can see on the screen and don't feel like going out and interacting with their family members. Their lives revolve around their Facebook friends only. Somehow, I do agree it removes shyness and makes us talk to people but simultaneously, without us realising, you then don't have the courage to talk to real people.
- It also makes a person desensitised gradually. You see, we can't feel other's pain on Facebook alone; we don't even know who is truly a friend or an enemy.
- Facebook makes us jealous! We think that we are not that rich or as cool as our friend. That makes us lose self-confidence and creates jealousy which is a big sin. When a person finds someone more attractive or intelligent than they are, they just feel bad about themselves and have psychological issues.

So dear friends, like most things having both a good and a bad side, Facebook too can be used for a lot of good. So why not support the Islamic campaigns and groups in there instead of showing off things about ourselves and stalking others and getting envious of them.

So be wary of the many faces of Facebook and remember that certainly there are better things to this life than burning away precious moments over the screen

Take our fun weather quiz and see how much you know about climate and weather conditions. The weather can play a big role in our everyday lives with rain, snow, wind, temperature and sunshine all affecting our daily activities.

The weather can also come in extremes with storms, tornadoes and hurricanes common in various parts of the world. Test your knowledge with our range of weather questions and answers and learn more about this interesting science topic.



1. A thermometer is a device used to measure what?
2. Stratus, cirrus, cumulus and nimbus are types of what?
3. What country experiences the most tornadoes?
4. True or false? A rainbow is a spectrum of light that appears when the Sun shines onto water droplets in the air.
5. Blizzards feature low temperatures, strong winds and heavy \_\_\_\_\_?
6. Breeze and gale are common terms used to describe the speed of what?
7. Earth's recent temperature rises which have been linked to human activity is known as global \_\_\_\_\_?
8. True or false? The highest recorded temperature on Earth of 57.8 °C (136 °F) was recorded in Tirat Tsvi, Israel.
9. What is the name of a scientist who studies weather?
10. What is the driest desert on Earth, the Sahara, the Kalahari or the Atacama?
11. True or false? The lowest recorded temperature on Earth of 89.2 °C (-128.6 °F) was recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica.
12. Balls or irregular lumps of ice that fall from clouds (often during thunderstorms) are known as what?
13. An avalanche features the rapid descent of \_\_\_\_\_?
14. True or false? The most rain fall ever recorded in one year (Cherrapunji, India) is more than 30 meters.
15. What is the name of a weather instrument used to measure atmospheric pressure?
16. An anemometer is used to measure what?
17. At what temperature is Centigrade equal to Fahrenheit?
18. Trying to predict the weather is known as weather \_\_\_\_\_?
19. The area of central USA that features many tornadoes is known as Tornado \_\_\_\_\_?
20. True or false? You see lightning and hear thunder.

**Answers on pg 17**

# When a heart ached...



Every now and then,  
Just think of a moment,  
When you have mocked a person  
Or satirised their appearance  
Or ridiculed their flaws  
Or played with their feelings  
Or laughed at their sensitivities  
Just hold your breath and wonder  
Of the times  
When somebody broke into tears  
Or when somebody lost their confidence  
Due to your scorns  
Or also when somebody turned into a monster  
Since you disgraced their dignity  
Just recall the junctures  
When somebody's heart ached because of your

Straightforward words  
Whilst you bullied someone in the name of fun  
So oh you! Just remind yourself that there is the  
One; who is looking upon you  
Don't think that he's unconscious  
He sees and notices everything  
He binds your rope every time you bring a tear  
To an eye,  
Or break a heart  
Or degrade a human  
He sees  
And he might break the rope someday  
Therefore do not mock nor bully  
For it might happen to you today, tomorrow or  
any other day.

# 6 RIGHTS OF ONE MUSLIM OVER ANOTHER

01

If you meet him, greet him with  
Salaam



02

If he invites you, accept the  
invitation



03

If he asks for advice, give sincere  
advice



04

If he sneezes and praises, say  
Yarhamuk Allah



05

If he falls sick, visit him



06

If he dies, attend his funeral



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# ONLY FOR RAMADAN?

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**T**ing! Ting! Ting! The phone bell rang! Hajra got up annoyed at the person who had dared to disturb her during her favourite program.

“Assalam-u- Alaikum Hajra!” A familiar voice oozed out of the phone.

“Walaikum-as-salaam, Maryam!” Hajra replied in spiking tones, not forgiving her.

“I hope I did not disturb you.” Maryam was surprised to hear the spite in Hajra’s voice.

“Oh no! You did not!” Hajra answered in a voice dripping with sarcasm.

“Hajra... What are you doing that you are so annoyed to be disturbed?”

“I am watching my favourite program which comes once a week. I thought you knew that!”

“But I thought you had quit watching television!” Confused, Maryam replied after a few moments of silence.

“Oh!!! That was only for Ramadan.”

“Only for Ramadan? Did you stop watching television so that people would call you religious?”

“Of course not! What makes you say that? We do good deeds in Ramadan so that we can earn rewards, yea?” Hajra exclaimed.

“Let me ask you a question, do you celebrate Mother’s Day?”

“No.”

“Why?” inquired Maryam.

“Because I love my mother every day and equally each day, not for one day!” Hajra replied after racking her brains.

“So do we love Allah for one month? Are we Allah’s slaves for one month, only?” Maryam asked softly.

“No,” Hajra said understanding where Maryam was heading her to.

“So....good deeds only for Ramadan.....???????”

“I get your point Maryam. Ramadan is the month in which we can strengthen our taqwa and fuel our trains of imaan to make the journey throughout next year peacefully.” Hajra rattled off whatever she had learnt.

“And so you know that it is easy to avoid sins in Ramadan as Allah locks up the Shayateen and makes it easier to adopt good habits to adopt for the rest of the year. Also in Ramadan, our imaan and taqwa is tested during fasts and gives us the lesson of patience. It brings us closer to Allah.”

“Oh... Masha Allah! I did not know that!” said Hajra eager to learn a new lesson.

“So you get my point?” Maryam finally asked.

“Yes!!”

“So... No television, am I right?”

“Of course! Wait.. let me shut the television so that we can talk peacefully!” said Hajra, all her annoyance evaporated, and she rushed off to close the weapon of Shaytaan

## Weather Quiz Answers

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Temperature                 | 11. True                |
| 2. Clouds                      | 12. Hail stones         |
| 3. USA                         | 13. Snow                |
| 4. True                        | 14. False (25.4 meters) |
| 5. Snow                        | 15. A barometer         |
| 6. Wind                        | 16. Wind speed          |
| 7. Warming                     | 17. -40 degrees         |
| 8. False (Al ‘Aziziyah, Libya) | 18. Forecasting         |
| 9. A meteorologist             | 19. Alley               |
| 10. The Atacama Desert         | 20. True                |



# March to Tabook

You know you are onto an enlightened path when you take the first step no matter how daunting it is. Ayesha Marfani explains through a remarkable story from the seerah

Everyone shouted slogans against the viciousness and cruelty. There were seminars and gatherings in our society. A lot of people stood on roads for hours demanding peace and justice. I felt overwhelmed when my people showed this love and care for Islam and Muslim brothers, but I thought, *what good will these slogan and media coverage give us. It's not the right way to fight. It gave the victims no benefit.*

I thought that I must make a great plan to help the victims. I carefully drafted a proposal. Then I went from house to house telling them I appreciated their emotions for the victims and was there for two reasons, I needed volunteers and monetary sums so that we could help the victims in real. I felt sure that by the end of the day I would

have a great army and a hefty amount as relief fund.

The results were offending and heartbreaking. Very few people gave me money, and even fewer agreed to volunteer. What I had at the end of the day were few cheques and four volunteers from the locality of 200 hundred houses and thousands of people. This devastated me and shattered my plans. Melancholic and gloomy, I threw those few cheques on my bed, went inside the blanket and then there was a flood of tears. The hypocrisy of the people broke me. Those who gave emotional interviews last day refused financial help due to their lack of funds which I never believed. They told me that their kids would have volunteered, but they had their major exams, and some of them are

so young and innocent that they wouldn't tolerate the sights of inhumanity, and the list of reasons extended.

Dada came in my room and then asked me about the result of my mission. I said my mission broke before it had even started and then I narrated to him all that had happened to me. He smiled and said, "I remember an event from the life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that is the battle of Tabook. The event will give you some strength and a lot of hope Insha'Allah."

## The Roman army got ready for a surprise attack

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prise attack against Muslims. Romans were proud of their expert warriors and advanced weapons.

## Prophet's ﷺ call for a war

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ urged the Muslims to war, and in this war, the hypocrites and true Muslims became identified. The weather was sweltering and it was the time of the ripening of dates. A lot of hypocrites did not want to leave their wealth and gardens unattended.

## Hypocrites giving reasons after reasons for not going to war

The hypocrites revealed themselves by giving vague reasons for not going to war. Some said their homes were unsafe while others had other reasons. They also tried to stop the Muslims with weak faith to avoid Jihad and showed them the way to destruction.

## Exemplary sacrifice from the faithful followers

The true followers of Islam stood beside Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

and around 30,000 persons declared their readiness to participate in the battle. They gathered in the camping ground of Madina. Out of these 30,000 men, 10,000 were mounted soldiers. 20,000 of the people in the army were infantry men.

## Prophet ﷺ left with the best-spirited warriors

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ left Madinah with the true believers. The army faced a lot of hardships during its travel. The weather was hot and they went long distance with fewer resources. The title of Jysh-ul-yusrah was rewarded to the firm army because of their exemplary bravery.

## The mighty army gave tremors to the Romans

The Muslim army reached a place called Tabook and stayed there for 20 days. When the Romans saw such a vast army with escalated spirits, they decided not to fight. Their valour and pride shattered when they saw the Muslim army.

## The war ended before it

## had started

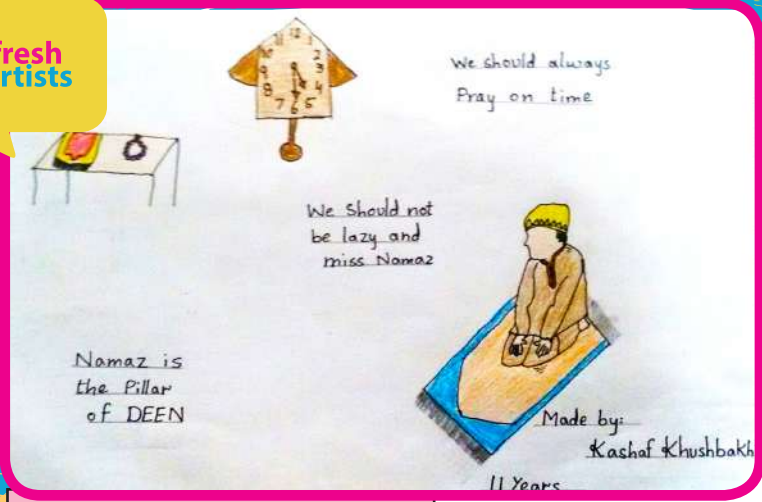
The war ended before it had even began. However, a lot of Christian's tribes got impressed and accepted Islam.

Dada finished saying, "The four volunteers you got are exemplary young lads with love of Islam. It takes courage to start a journey of truth."

I felt vivacious and then picked up the checks I had abandoned. We created a group of five and then made papers and posters and spread the message of our mission to rehabilitate the victims of the war. We left after three days. When we reached the site, we felt devastated by seeing the destruction. However, we were their hope. We started our mission, then funds kept on pouring and volunteers kept on joining.

We can't undo the devastation completely, but we had attempted to make things better. The smiles on the kids' face tell us we had made it a lot better for them Alhamdulillah

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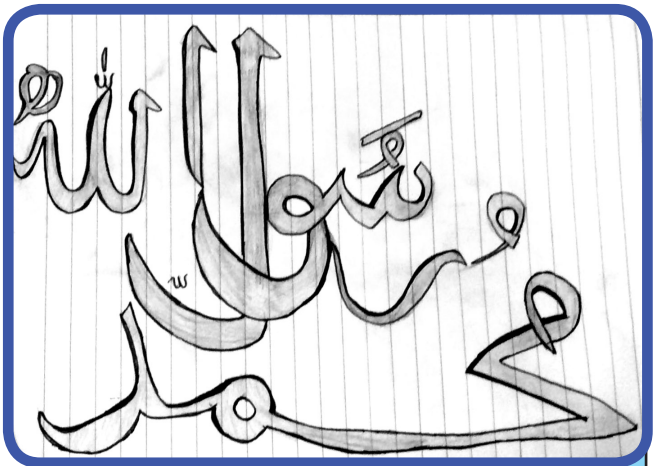
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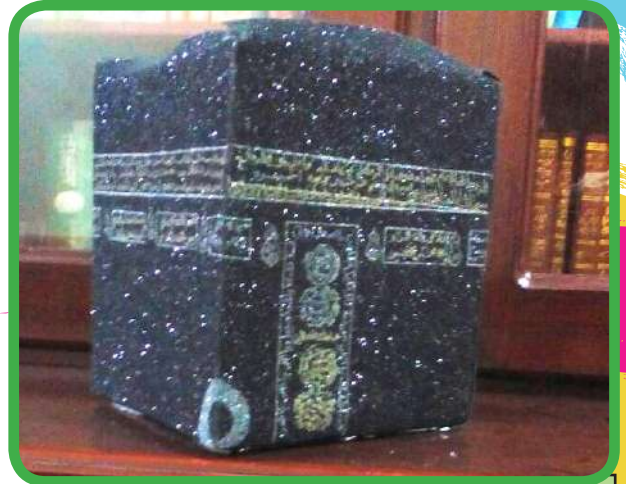
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# Reshaping the world

Zohra Noushin Ahmed takes us on a magnificent travel of the world that was shaped by the Muslim scientists, set on simple, ancient premises

For centuries, the Islamic world hailed as the pillar of greatness. When the superpowers of today did not even know what freedom and civilisation meant, it was the Islamic kingdoms that brought enlightenment to the rest of the world. Great names are associated with the Muslim Ummah; men and women of science and knowledge, who have laid down the foundations of the modern day technology. From **Abu Al-Qasim Al-Zahrawi**, who is hailed as the *father of modern surgery*, and **Al-Khwarizmi**, renowned as the *father of modern algebra*, to **Ibn Hazm**, the author of one of the first works on *comparative religion* in the world, the Islamic world was seen by all and sundry as the ultimate House of Knowledge.

Similar to how the world today flocks to the United States of America, Canada, and the United Kingdom for pursuing their careers and gaining knowledge; Syria, modern-day Iraq and Egypt were considered the caretakers and forerunners of the Enlightenment. The Golden Age of Islam was the era where science, socio-economic development and various cultural works flourished under several different Caliphates. One of the peaks of this age (which is typically considered to span from the 8th to the 13th century) was the House of Wisdom, built by Harun al-Rashid in Baghdad. This was a major intellectual centre of the world, where scholars studied and pursued different fields of knowledge in order to spread light through the darkness of the world. Contrary

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to modern-day belief, the Golden Age of Islam cultivated intellects from all backgrounds, whether Muslim, Jew or Christian to contribute to the progression of society.

Today, the average Muslim is reluctant to embrace the very identity that makes us who we are. Years of watching Islam-bashing on the media has made the average, educated Muslim afraid of acknowledging the Deen, and the path leading to it: the path of knowledge and light. Today, the Muslim world is severely lacking the scholarship that led the world out of the folds of ignorance and into the bosom of modern technology. Without Al-Khawarizmi and his algorithms that are used today for complicated calculations in the modern day world there would be no laptops, no planes, and no machines at all; and without Ibn Sina (who is known as Avicenna in Europe and the West), modern day medicine and philosophy would not be where it is today. Ibn Sina also wrote several hundred books on astronomy, alchemy, geography, psychology, Islamic theology, mathematics, physics and poetry. There are many hundreds, if not thousands, of Muslim scholars that have heralded the Golden Age of Islam, and have led the way to lay down the foundations and making the world the race to the future it is today.

Daniel David Levering, the Pulitzer prize-winning author of *God's Crucible: Islam and The Making of Europe*, points out that there would be no Renaissance, there would be no Reformation in Europe, without the role played by Ibn Sina, Ibn Rushd and some of the great Muslim theologians, philosophers, scientists and scholars in bringing this knowledge to Europe and the rest of the world.

Muslims are being cornered around the world, whether in battles on the ground, or on the progressive front, be it in the media or institutions of learning. Schools and universities today need to teach students about Islamic history. The Muslims of today do not wish to learn; they prefer to remain

in ignorance and *jahla* and *ghafila* as compared to learning the history of the Deen, as compared to putting in effort to study the blueprint of the great scholars and thinkers of the Golden Age of Islam, as compared to thinking about the different aspects of our Deen, from Fiqh and Hadith to basic tafseer. The Muslims today would rather offer five times salat and get the tiresome act over with quickly, before rushing back into the busy world of the Duniya. Those few who learn *ilm* or knowledge of the Deen are mocked and made fun of, by people who profess to be Muslims but who would rather not put in the effort required.

According to a Hadith in Sahih Muslim, Book of Faith (Kitab Al-Iman, Hadith Number 370): Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه stated that the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

*“Islam began as strange,  
And it will go back to being just as strange  
As it was when it first started;  
So give glad tidings to The Strangers.”*

So to those seeking knowledge, do not be cowed by those who stand in your way. Learn about your Deen. Learn about everything that is related to the Deen, so that people may not take advantage of your ignorance and lead you astray; so that you may guide those who are less knowledgeable than you are; and so that you may play your part in making the world progress towards a better future for all of us.

Do not be afraid of scholarship and toil; for it is the learned pen that conquers the world, not the ignorant mind which is angry at a world it cannot understand. Follow the footsteps of the great scholars of Islam so that you may be able to understand what the Deen asks of you; so that you, too, may make your mark like the Muslim thinkers of the past; so that you may know how you can give back to the world by becoming a stronger and more knowledgeable Muslim.

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## Seasonal Muslim or Rahmani Muslims

**Naveera Muhammad Anwar** improvises wise ways by which we can save our good deeds even after Ramadan

Ramadan came and went in the blink of an eye...It was the second day of Eid now. Abdullah hurried towards the Mosque, pretty sure to get space in the last row only. But, to his utter surprise, not even the second row was completely occupied, let alone the last one!

Most of us are found complaining that as soon as Ramadan bids farewell, all the zeal and eagerness to perform good deeds vanishes away. The mosques are apparently vacant, the recitation of Quran and the determination to stay away from the bad deeds fades away... the spiritual attachment with our Bountiful Rabb is no more and all the worldly lusts return back! Let us take a look at some practical steps that might help us in being Rahmani Muslims rather than Ramadani Muslims.

### **My creator ﷻ neither sleeps nor disappears**

Al-Awal (The First) and AL-Akhir (The Last) are two vivid attributes of Allah ﷻ mentioned in the Quran and very well known amongst the believers. If we worship in Ramadan then even when it ends, the worshipping shouldn't end or lose that level of purity

because Allah ﷻ was there in Ramadan and will always be there all your life. HE's the First and the Last. We use this month as a ladder to attain His love and consent for our remaining lifetime but what about the other 11 remaining months? What if we sin all year with a thought that we would apologise in Ramadan and we die before Ramadan comes? \*Got goose bumps?\*. Therefore, as a Momin, my Ibadah shouldn't be time-bound.

### **Taqwa**

Islam is not a seasonal or weekend religion. The core purpose of refraining from food and other desires during the blessed month is no other than attaining piety (taqwa). In Surah At-Talaq, Allah ﷻ mentions the fruits of taqwa by saying: ".....and if anyone fears Allah, He will remove his ills from him, and will enlarge his reward." (At-Talaq :05) Hence, a true Muslim is the one whose sole motto is to seek the fear of Allah during his whole life span. Therefore his good deeds are not seasonal. He knows that with every passing day, he gets nearer to his meeting with the Lord and thus leads an exemplary life which is based on taqwa.



## Let the bad deeds remain buried

May it be the devil box(TV), turning through the pages of a silly magazine or being in the malls uselessly, let them be buried deep under the ground the same way as they were during Ramadan. If we can control ourselves during this blessed month then surely we do have the capability to fight Iblees and all his ways during the rest of the months too. The one whose state of heart is the same as it was before the start of Ramadan, he is likely to fall prey to committing more sins. The heart might detach from the understanding of the Holy Quran and the obligatory prayers might go unanswered if not paid serious heed to. A hadith narrates: "The most beloved of deeds to Allah is the one that is continuous, even if it is little."

## Follow the footsteps of Saliheen

As we read through the biographies of our ancestors, Saliheen, we come across the fact that they were

# Islam is not a seasonal or weekend religion

more concerned about the continuance of good conduct after the passing away of Ramadan. Therefore they used to stay firm on the good acts and remain conscious not to act in any such way which results in wasting one's efforts and righteous acts.

## DUA - A believer's supreme tool

A Dua that is made sincerely never goes in vain. It is a treasure that never gets rusted or stolen. Use it as a tool to achieve the valuable goals aimed through Ramadan. With determination to stay steadfast, let's ask our Rabb to keep us firm on His obedience and may we continue to strive in the glorious journey of understanding and implementing the Quran in our lives as well as in the lives of our near and dear ones till Allah ﷻ puts an end to it. Insha'Allah!

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

"Oh turner of the hearts (Allah, the Most High), keep my heart firm on your religion."

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The death of this noble and honourable man sets many lessons for us. We can now understand why sahaba are considered the best people on earth after the prophets. This whole story might bring tears to many eyes but please make sure that we try to make these tears worthy by bringing a positive change towards our attitude in respecting and following these great personalities.

## Its Quiz Time

Dear young people, this time we would be happy to read some lessons which you learnt from the story of Hadhrat Khubaib bin Adi ؓ. Please write to us what you learnt. Those who send in the best answers their names will be mentioned in the next issues Insha'Allah and they will also be able to avail a 50% discount on any subscription for themselves or any that they want to send as a gift in their friends or family.

- Can you give a name to the story of Hadhrat Khubaib bin Adi ؓ?
- Can you complete the following statements:
  - Salafah wanted to drink wine in the bowl .....
  - Hadhrat Khubaib bin Adi is known as Balee' ul Arz because .....
  - "By Allah, I would not want to be safe and .....
  - Main duty of Hadhrat Khubaib bin Adi during Ghazwa e Badr was to .....
  - The three companions who were taken captives were .....

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