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Of loyalty, longing and love

Nowadays my and my kids whopping favourite activity is reading the Seerah of Beloved Prophet ﷺ: the miracles, the lessons, the fighting spirits, the tears, the joys are all worth writing in gold on the memories of our hearts. It's not the first time we are reading it by the way, but that's the beauty of Seerah: every time you read it, you find yourself increasing in love for Rasulullah ﷺ.

During one of these emotional journeys, the kids had their eyes wide open, mesmerized and lost in a world 1400 years ago when to test them, I asked, "So who was our beloved Prophet ﷺ?"

The elder one replied: "He was neither tall nor was he short. In complexion, he was neither very white, nor very dark, nor brown but he was illuminant, more luminous than even the full moon on the 14th night. The hair of Rasulullah ﷺ was neither very straight nor very curly but slightly wavy. When he attained the age of for-

ty, Allah ﷻ granted him nu-bu-wwah (prophethood). And he is someone whom we wish to love and follow."

The younger one then responded, "Bhaiyya wishes to love and follow him but I wish to see and talk to him too."

Upon this, I tell them this hadith: "Among those of my Community who love me most intensely are certain people who will come after me and who would give away their family and property in exchange for seeing me." (Muslim)

So are you willing to give away your everything in exchange for just seeing him?"

Oops, I felt I had asked a tough question for a seven-year-old. But surprisingly, his answer rather came instantly: "Of course Ammi, after all, what can be better than meeting your favourite personality?"

"Then we should follow the ex-

ample of his companions who loved him deeply. It was narrated that Anas said: 'I saw Rasulullah ﷺ when the barber was cutting his hair and his companions were going around him wanting to ensure that his hair would fall only into someone's hand.'

It was narrated that Anas ﷺ said: 'On the Day of Uhud, Abu Talhah ﷺ stood before Prophet ﷺ, covering him with a shield. Abu Talhah was a powerful archer who broke two or three bows that day. Whenever the Prophet ﷺ raised his head to look at the people, Abu Talhah would say: O Prophet of Allah ﷻ, may my father and my mother be sacrificed for you, do not raise your head lest you be struck by an arrow shot by the enemy. My neck is before your neck.' (Bukhari and Muslim)

To love the Prophet ﷺ means to obey him, to remember him, to follow him in everything, and to be proud of him as Allah is proud

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The plights of Injustice

Umm Muhammad's story echoes the feeling of a little child sodden with the horrors of war, injustice and terror

His tiny, bare feet were running, just like his empty eyes, wandering to find where his refugee camp was. He was carrying bread after suffering through a massive blast in the area and wanted to give it to his little sister before the chance ran out. He was only five years of age and suddenly everything had gone upside down in his life. Nothing was the same. Nothing at all.

The pain of his groaning stomach and freezing temperature was almost naught as compared to the recent pain of having seen his parents take their last breaths before his very eyes. He longed to meet them in heaven though, but he was also concerned about the many other young lives in Burma and Syria - shattered, destroyed, facing the horror of war every day.

Everywhere there were cries, racing feet, sounds of explosions and voices of kalimah. From the threat of being forced to flee from their lands to the threat of chemical attacks, they don't know what their fault really was. Someone tells the young boy, "We are Muslims. That's what our fault is."

He looked shocked as if someone had just told him that he was not a human. But soon, rather abruptly, the self-reliant lad burst out, "Then Allah will take our revenge from the unjust executioner."

He is spot on for our beloved Prophet ﷺ has said:

الظُّلْمُ ظُلُمَاتٌ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

"On the day of Judgment, injustice will be in darkness (misery)." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Injustice will be counted as multiples of transgressions on the day of Resurrection: one for disobeying Allah ﷻ, another for his oppressing fellow humans, and thirdly for initiating and opening the gate of transgression and oppression for others to imitate.

Oh Allah, please save us from such transgressors who are bent upon killing all Muslims. Please come to the aid of those who have no safe place to stay, help them to endure and remain faithful, knowing that nothing can separate them from Your love. Protect the little bodies of Burmese and other children of the world and bring healing to those injured. Keep away predatory people who are looking to harm or profit from them. Bring compassionate people to watch and nurture them as they strive to survive the harsh realities in which they are living. Oh Allah, make us of those kindhearted people too who can awaken to their needs. Ameen

And that his effort will be seen...

Let's learn how Allah ﷻ guided Faria Adil to an answer to her mystery amid a low patch of her life

"And that his efforts are going to be seen - Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense and that to your Lord is the finality." (Surah An-Najm: 40-42)

It was a balmy day when I was sitting on my lounge couch, holding the Holy Quran, when an ayah all at once captivated my attention. I started pondering about this Ayah: what does it mean that *his efforts will be seen?*

Honestly, this was not the first time I got confused over Quranic ayahs. As a matter of fact, this does not only happen to me. Ah! We as Muslims have a feather in the cap that we are born into Muslim families and this is enough for us. Unfortunately, some of us never bother to dig deep into the Quranic meanings. We never bother to leave our TV serials and spend at least some time of our lives to understand the Quran.

Anyways, I closed the Quran with a bitter heart. I often used to think that Allah ﷻ has revealed Quran and made it easy to understand as He states in one of the surahs of the Quran, then why these ayahs seem to me like mysterious jigsaw puzzles or some interesting riddles?

As the days passed, these questions diminished from my mind in my daily hectic college routine but one day (maybe Allah had decided to open my mind and eyes towards the Quran), it was the third period of chemistry when our teacher burst out into the classroom and started calling out the names of the students who had failed in the examination, held a few days ago.

That was the first time in my life when I got utterly disheartened, dispirited and frustrated from my studies. But you won't believe that that very day proved to be a turning point in my life.

And to my dismay, I was also among them! I already knew that my test did not go perfectly well but I never expected it to be at this level. The teacher did not care a fig about my excuse that I was seriously ill and had been prescribed bed rest by the doctor. Even though I worked hard the whole week and at the end of the week I got seriously ill and couldn't find any chance to study but still, I was badly insulted. That was the first time in my life when I got utterly disheartened, dispirited and frustrated from my studies. But you won't believe that that very day proved to be a turning point in my life.

I came home with a wounded heart. It was just scandalous for me because I was a position holder of my class and my teacher had said some rude stuff to me.

I even didn't eat lunch that day, and although my mother and siblings tried to cheer me up that it wasn't a big deal, it still was a hard pill to swallow. I saw the Quran on the top rack of my bookshelf of my study room. I put the stool next to the book-shelf and managed to bring down the Quran.

I swept the dust on its cover and once more I sat on the couch. I had forgotten where I left reading it last time but thanks to the bookmark, it never forgets. I opened the page which was bookmarked by me the last time. I got extremely surprised at what I saw. It was the same ayah, which I had stumbled upon last time.

Then I remembered that I stopped reading Quran at exactly that ayah. A flashback came to my mind and I remembered how my teacher humiliated me in front of the whole class not bothering how much effort I had put into my test. It was never my deliberate mistake. I had put in my efforts wholeheartedly to prepare for the examination. But like all examinations, they just want to see a good result, not caring for your efforts. But it was surprising what Allah says in the Quran. He says that he will value our efforts. He will value the thing which is hidden from the worldly folks. Subhan'Allah!

O, Allah! How great you are. Indeed you are the only one who can approach our hearts. Indeed, you are the One

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of him since Allah has praised him in the Holy Quran by saying: "Truly you are of a magnificent character." (Al-Qalam: 4)

Following his Sunnah in word and deed is the ultimate expression of love for him so that his Sunnah is the path you emulate in your whole life." I felt I could go on and

on but I ended quickly, as kids are best told things in bite-sized pieces to digest it all.

"So what would you all do from now onwards to follow the beloved Prophet ﷺ?" I wanted to hear from their own tongues all the good things they ought to be doing; reading namaz on time, reading Quran, being kind, sacrificing for each other and etc.

The elder child gave the answer, something that I hadn't quite expected: "I will pray that 'O Allah ta'ala, help us in loving Rasulullah ﷺ and make him dearer to us than our parents, families and our own selves. Ameen!"

Was'salam,

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Journey into the uncharted territory of space and beyond!

Space is a mysterious place but there are plenty of things we are sure about when it comes to that vast space that surrounds us here on earth. Challenge what you think you know with our fun space quiz. Perfect for kids, this quiz will get you thinking about the fascinating topics of space and astronomy.

Space Quiz

1. What is the closest planet to the Sun?
2. What is the name of the 2nd biggest planet in our solar system?
3. What is the hottest planet in our solar system?
4. What planet is famous for its big red spot on it?
5. What planet is famous for the beautiful rings that surround it?
6. Can humans breathe normally in space as

they can on Earth?

7. Is the sun a star or a planet?
8. Who was the first person to walk on the moon?
9. What planet is known as the red planet?
10. What is the name of the force holding us to the Earth?
11. Have human beings ever set foot on Mars?
12. What is the name of a place that uses telescopes and other scientific equipment to research space and astronomy?
13. What is the name of NASA's most famous
14. Earth is located in which galaxy?
15. What is the name of the first satellite sent into space?
16. What is Earth's exact shape?
17. What makes a planet a dwarf planet?
18. Olympus Mons is a large volcanic mountain on which planet?
19. Does the sun orbit the Earth?
20. Is the planet Neptune bigger than Earth?

11. No
12. An observatory
13. Hubble Space Telescope
14. The Milky Way Galaxy
15. Sputnik
16. Oblate spheroid
17. Shape and size
18. Mars
19. No
20. Yes

Space Quiz Answers

1. Mercury
2. Saturn
3. Venus
4. Jupiter
5. Saturn
6. No
7. A star
8. Neil Armstrong
9. Mars
10. Gravity

fun at mathematics

Invisible Ink with Lemon Juice

The problem with math puns is that calculus jokes are all derivative, trigonometry jokes are too graphic, algebra jokes are usually formulaic, and arithmetic jokes are pretty basic. But I guess the occasional statistics joke is an outlier.

Old mathematicians never die; they just lose some of their functions.

Q: How do mathematicians scold their children?

Q: Why do mathematicians like parks?
A: Because of all the natural logs.

A: "If I've told you n times, I've told you n+1 times..."

After a talking sheepdog gets all the sheep in the pen, he reports back to the farmer: "All 40 accounted for."
"But I only have 36 sheep," says the farmer.
"I know," says the sheepdog. "But I rounded them up."



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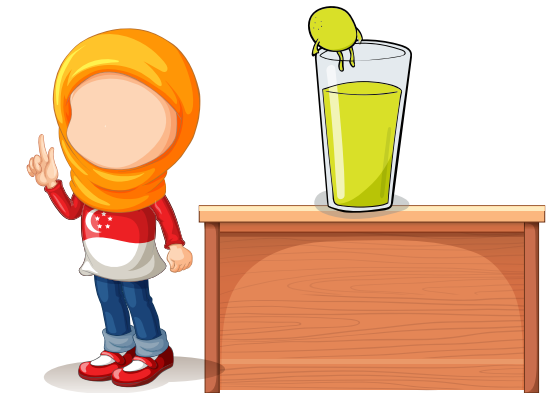
WOMEN IN ISLAM

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| Khadijah | Aisha | Aamina |
| Asma | Halima | Fatima |
| Umm Habiba | Barakah | Sumayya |
| Ruqiyah | Umm Kulthum | Zaynab |
| Sawdah | (may Allah be pleased with them all) | |

Making invisible ink is a lot of fun, you can pretend you are a secret agent as you keep all your secret codes and messages hidden from others. All you need is some basic household objects and the hidden power of lemon juice.

What you'll need:

- Half a lemon
- Water
- Spoon
- Bowl
- Cotton bud
- White paper
- Lamp or other light bulb

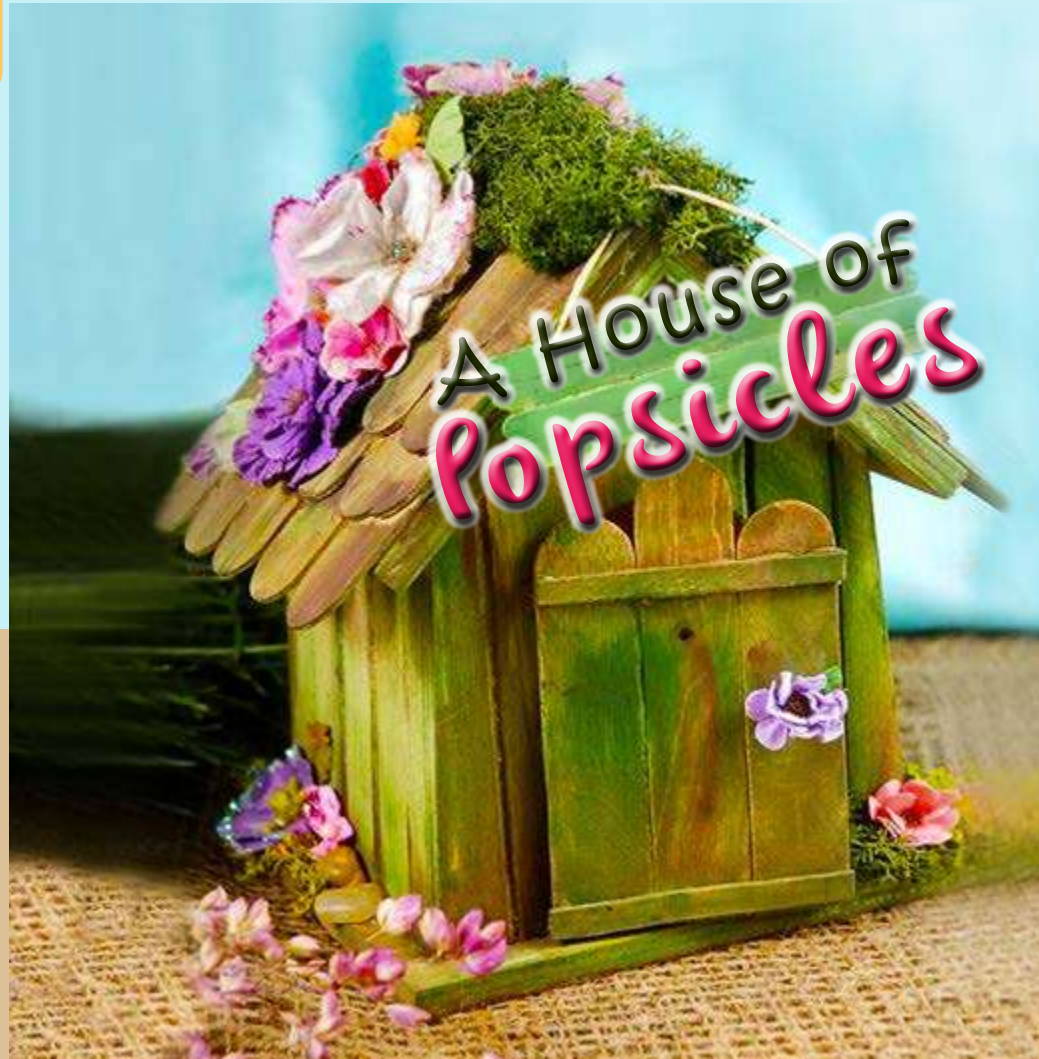


Instructions:

1. Squeeze some lemon juice into the bowl and add a few drops of water.
2. Mix the water and lemon juice with the spoon.
3. Dip the cotton bud into the mixture and write a message onto the white paper.
4. Wait for the juice to dry so it becomes completely invisible.
5. When you are ready to read your secret message or show it to someone else, heat the paper by holding it close to a light bulb.

What's happening?

Lemon juice is an organic substance that oxidizes and turns brown when heated. Diluting the lemon juice in water makes it very hard to notice when you apply it to the paper, no one will be aware of its presence until it is heated and the secret message is revealed. Other substances which work in the same way include orange juice, honey, milk, onion juice, vinegar and wine. Invisible ink can also be made using chemical reactions or by viewing certain liquids under ultraviolet (UV) light.



Tooba Saad has an exciting story for us to blow out the fires of anger from our hearts

Sarah was a beautiful girl with talent and unrelenting potential. Her future seemed to be as bright as the light shining through her eyes when she would be excitedly working on one project or another. She seemed to be blessed in every way by Allah; with a gaggle of supporting family and friends, and a thirst for life.

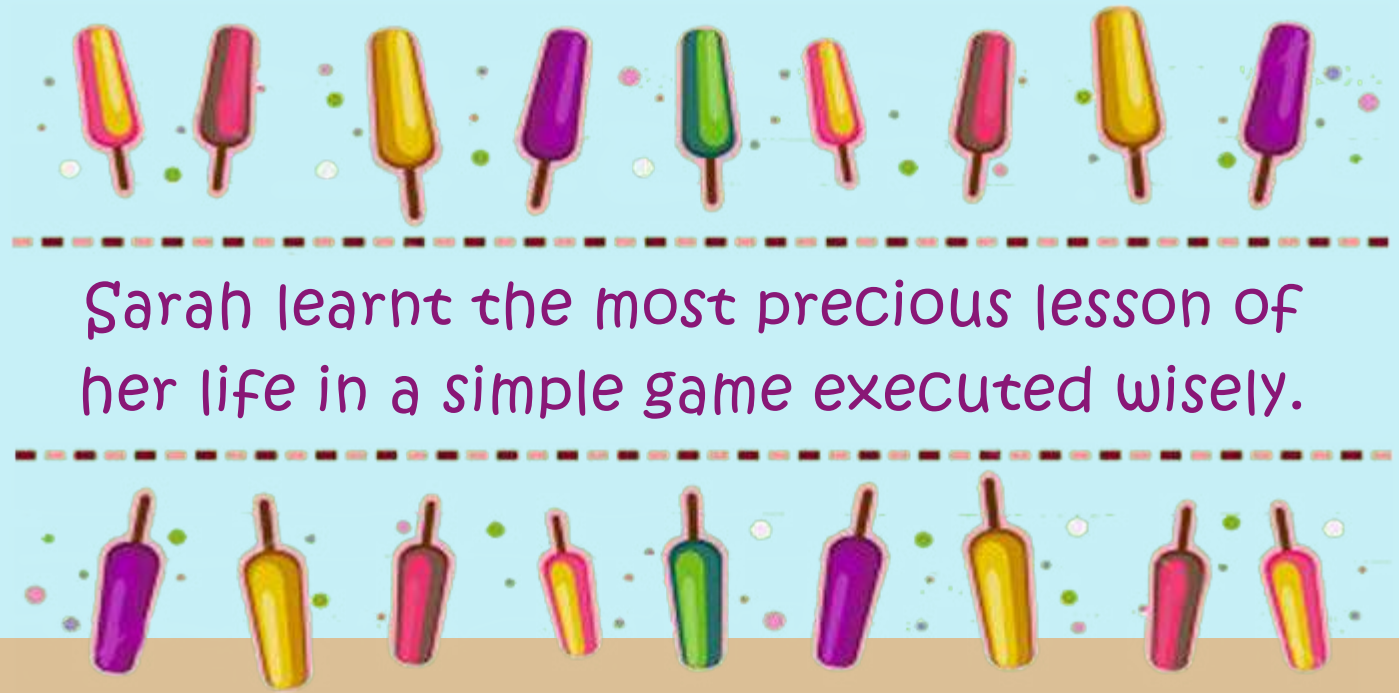
However, despite all the blessings in her life, one thing about Sarah terribly bothered her family and

friends: her short temper. Arrogance with regards to her many talents and beauty had made her haughty, and she had begun to act condescending towards her loved ones. She would constantly be bullying her siblings or tearing down her loved ones, often wounding their hearts in the process.

Her family began growing anxious about this dark side of her personality, and one day they decided to confront her about her

behaviour; hoping that intervention might be the cure needed to shake her off this horrid behavioural trip but to no avail. Desperate for help, they turned to a family friend, Mr Ayaan; who lived in the same neighbourhood.

Upon pondering the issue in private for a while, Mr Ayaan came up with an idea. He handed Sarah a gift, beautifully wrapped in coloured ribbons. Sarah was amazed at being the recipient of a gift



Sarah learnt the most precious lesson of her life in a simple game executed wisely.

from one of the victims of her vitriolic tongue. She accepted it and carefully unwrapped the gift: inside was a beautiful house of Popsicle sticks.

Uncle Ayaan explained to Sarah that this was a game and that every time she got angry she would have to break one Popsicle stick. Sarah agreed.

From that day on, every time she would lose her temper, she would pick out one Popsicle stick from the house and break it. In a few days, however, the beautiful Popsicle house was completely wrecked.

Furious at him for giving her such a fragile gift and angry at herself for falling for such a destructive game, she stormed back to his house to return him his gift. However, when she got there, instead of apologising to her he asked her a simple question: could she fix each Popsicle back to its original form and position, before she had

broken them? This was next to impossible, and Sarah was quick to remind him so!

Mr Ayaan then made Sarah sit and listen to the lesson of the game, and why he had given it to her in the first place. He explained calmly that the Popsicle house is her family and all the popsicle sticks represent each of her loved ones. "When broken with anger and hurtful words, they will break apart and drift away and no matter how hard you try to bring them back to how they were originally, they will never be the same. The scars hardly ever go away." He went on to say that spoken wounds were more painful than physical wounds, as the injury is on the heart, which is difficult to heal.

As a Muslim, it is our utmost duty to make sure that no human being is ever hurt – whether relative or stranger – by anything we say or do. How we communicate with others must reflect the life and

path of our Nabi, RasoolAllah Mohammad ﷺ; who has time and again emphasised on controlling one's anger and treating relations with respect, as it is the reflection of a true Muslim.

Sarah learnt the most precious lesson of her life in a simple game executed wisely. Everyone gets angry at one point or another, but it is important to remember that we should never be the cause of anyone's hurt. Allah will ask why on the Day of Judgment – every little word counts as a good deed if it makes the day of the other person happier and better.

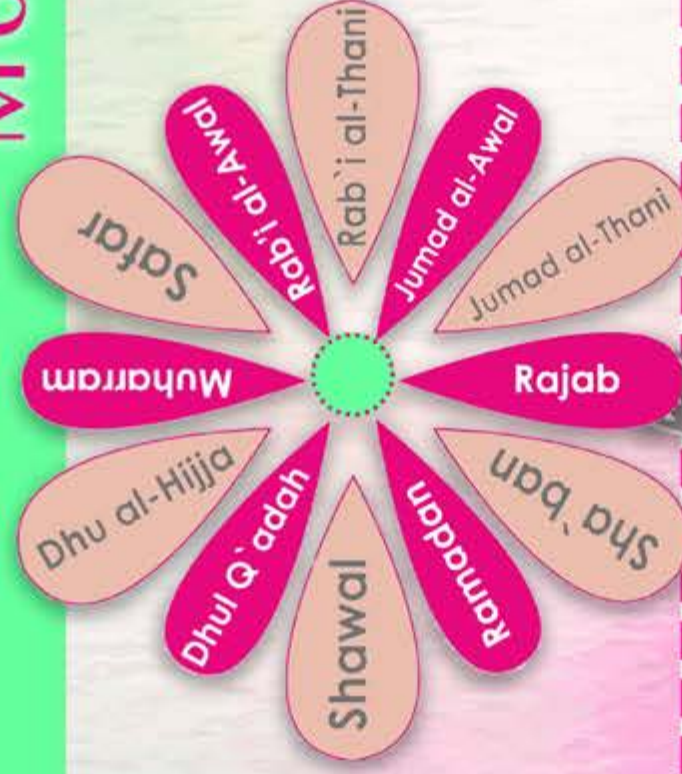
In our everyday lives, we too should follow Mr Ayaan's example and focus on constructing bridges, instead of burning them with razor sharp words that are as thoughtless as our actions.

May Allah ﷻ help us to guard our tongues and in always being gracious and kind in our words. Ameen

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History of ISLAMIC Months



Muharram

Takes the name because fighting
is prohibited in it

Safar

Takes its name from the sifr- which means to be empty, because the trails that Arab used for business and travel were empty, because the sacred month has ended and fighting returned.

Rab'i al-awal and
Rab'i al-sani

Took their name from rab'i al -ashab (dense grass) because it grew during these two months

Jamdu-al-awal and
Jamad-al-Thani

Took their names from Jamad-al ma (Eng, Ice) because these two months occurred when it was cold.

Rajab

it is coined as because it is a
sacred month

Sha'ban

is taken from the word which means to split and divide. It took its name because the Arab would return to fighting upon its onset and divide.

Ramadan

is named after ramada; Ramada are stone heated by the sun during summer

Dhul Q'adah

is named because it was the first sacred month that prohibited fighting. Thus people sat (refrained from fighting) during this month.

Dhu al-Hijja

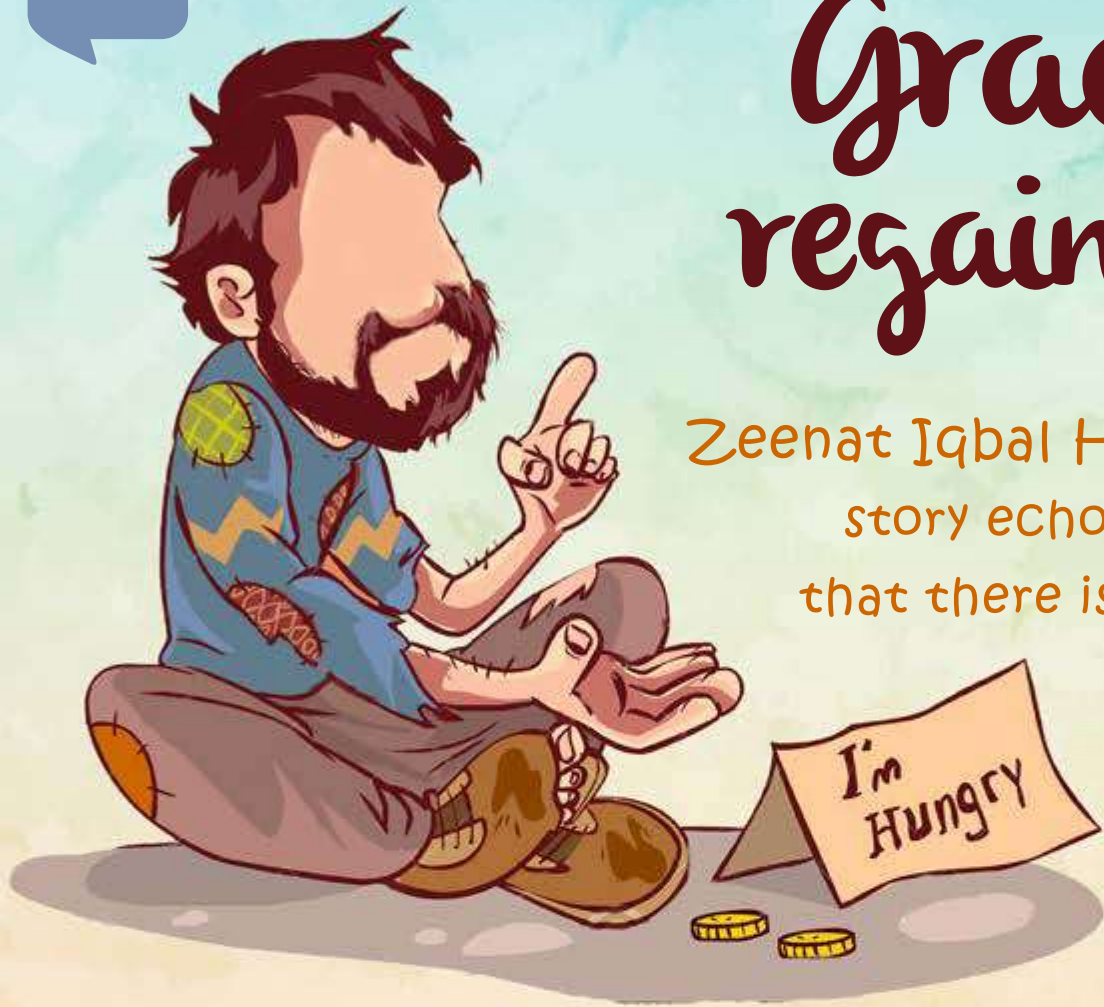
is named such because the hajj coincides with it.

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Grace regained

Zeenat Iqbal Hakimjee's story echos out loud that there is still hope



Mangoo stood at the corner of the alley waiting for me to give him his daily rupee. He was in tattered clothes and his hair was dishevelled. He had only one eye as the other one was damaged.

“Thank you” he smiled as I placed the rupee on his outstretched palm. Then he walked away from me towards a beggar who stood a short distance away from him. Later I was to learn that some beggars owned taxis and other wealth which they had accumulated from begging. Mangoo and this other beggar went to a stall and bought cigarettes.

I thought twice over why I gave the money to Mangoo if this is what he did with it. The next day as I left my house, I found Mangoo standing at the corner with his one eye.

“In God’s name, give me some alms,” he pleaded and again I felt sorry for him and gave him a rupee.

An item had appeared in the newspaper that morning which said, they were recruiting beggars and setting them up in camps. When I asked Mangoo why he did not stay in those camps he told me that he had tried and stayed in one, but the conditions there did not allow him to stay longer. Mangoo was so regular that he even came on Sunday’s to beg. Then when he did not come altogether for a stretch of a week, I thought maybe he had been ill. But after a week I spotted him near my house.

I asked, “What happened Mangoo?”

He told me with dignity, “Sahebji my children had started to beg. I wanted them to go to school like other respectable children. What better way to go about it then quit begging myself?”

So now Mangoo had given up begging and leads a decent life. I am glad for this drastic change and now I feel better about helping him whenever I can

The Torments of Hell

by Omar Zahid

If only you knew the torments of hell
It is the worst of places where anyone could dwell
It is in existence even as we speak
And for its inhabitants the outlook is bleak
On the day of rising, hell will be in view
A terrible sight, if only you knew
It will be brought forward by 70,000 reigns
And 70,000 angels will be on each of those chains

The Dark Hours

by Abira and Ayesha Muhammad

13 and 16 years

J.M.S and Shining Stars

South Africa

When the moon is high and people are low
When the milky way is on the show
When the curled lashes gently rest
The locks break and people rise from their nests
The ‘sss’ sound whistles as they whisper
These howls and they shiver.

When tears flow and hands rise
When there is fear and hope in the eyes
When the prayers are answered, the fate decreed
The roosters call out and they pow the seed,

When ring disturbs the peace and beds creak
When the call to success echoes, arising people from sleep
When time’s running out and the sun’s reaching its peak
Tears are dried, emotions buried deep.

After burning for a thousand years, its flames turned white
A thousand more years, now it’s as black as the night
You think the flames are bearable, you’re totally wrong
The flames of hell are sixty-nine times as strong
In a flash, it will disintegrate all of your bones
The hellfire will be fuelled by man and stones
The thickness of your skin will greatly increase
Causing your threshold for pain to greatly decrease

The people in hell are there to stay
They will melt to nothing, 70,000 times in a day
Seventy years it will take, for a stone that is thrown
To hit the bottom of hell and it won’t be alone
The food of hell resembles a devil’s head
And to drink, boiling water and blood bright red
Which cuts up the bowels, everything will fall out
The inhabitants of hell will scream and shout
Some will be taken out by Almighty Allah’s command
But the polytheists will stay eternally damned

Take up Islam, the only way to succeed
And if you don’t, you’re unfortunate indeed
Brothers and sisters, help determine your fate
Once you see hellfire, it’ll be far too late.

HADHRAT HAMZA BIN ABDUL MUTTALIB رضي الله عنه

Some wonderful lives just leave us in a daze, they are so picture perfect. **Zawjah Junaid Mukaty** mesmerises us with one such beautiful life of a dear Sahabi, **Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه**

A good-looking man who was also well respected amongst the Quraish was once returning from hunting, which was his passion. On his way back he met a slave girl of Abdullah bin Jidaan who told him that Abu Jahl had attacked and abused Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in public. Though he himself was not a Muslim yet but he knew his nephew's character and his love for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was immense.

He got enraged and first went to the Prophet ﷺ to confirm the news. His affirmation was the last nail in the coffin. Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه vouched towards Abu Jahl who was sitting proudly with many people of his tribe and struck him with a bow that cut open his head. Then came Hadhrat Hamza's words which surprised and frightened many over there...

He said, "Will you insult him when I am of his religion and say what he says? Hit me if you can." No one dared to come and stop him and then this robust man, Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه, went away confidently to Dar-e-Arqam to turn his words into a reality.

Dar-e-Arqam was a secret hideout of Muslims. After he accepted Islam he started guarding the door of this hideout. When Hadhrat Umer رضي الله عنه came to Dar-e-Arqam he prayed to Allah ﷻ that if goodness was intended by him, let him accept Islam and if he intended anything else, make it easy for them to overcome him. After this, history reports that he witnessed the next most powerful man entering the circle of Islam. Both of them then used to take the Muslims to Kaaba for prayers. They used to make them stand in two rows, each was headed by one of them.

Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه was fond of duelling, hunting and lance fighting. His accounts of bravery were far more than his age. When he was migrating, he courageously stood at Kaaba's door and announced his intention of departure. No one dared to harm him or obstruct him.

He always wore a red feather of an ostrich on his chest during the war, which was a sign of bravery. At the time of Badr, Utbah bin Rabeeah was drunk with his pride. He bellowed the Muslims to come forward and fight with him in a duet. Haz-

Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه vouched towards Abu Jahl who was sitting proudly with many people of his tribe and struck him with a bow that cut open his head. Then came Hadhrat Hamza's words which surprised and frightened many over there...

rat Hamza came forward and within a few moments returned victorious. He was the strongest man of Quraish who fought with swords in both of his hands and had then become a terror for them. He was the one who gave maximum harm to the enemies, who promised to themselves that in the next combat they will not leave Hamza.

He was the flag bearer and commander in Battles of Wadan and Abwa. In Battle of Uhud, he was leading the armour-less troop. As the encounter began, Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه proved to be lethal for the Kuffar. Islam frees its followers from fear of death, they know martyrdom is their gift from their Sustainer. And when these emotions grab people like Hamza رضي الله عنه, they can easily turn the tables. Many enemies lost their lives and things were not in their favour.

But Allah knows better. Wife of Abu Sufyan and daughter of Utbah bin Rabeeah, Hind, had a slave known as Wahshi ibn Harb who was an inch-perfect archer. Hind proposed him freedom in return of Hadhrat Hamza's death. It was an appealing idea to him and he agreed. Wahshi رضي الله عنه accepted Islam after the siege of Taif and then he narrated his story. When he saw Hamza رضي الله عنه in the battlefield, he didn't want to kill him as he saw a glowing face in front of him but he wanted to win his freedom. He was not interested in the ongoing battle so he just made up his mind and threw the javelin which proved to be fatal for Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه. Wahshi رضي الله عنه was now a free man but his conscience did not leave him, he was not able to sleep for years after that.

This was not enough for Hind. She slit open Hadhrat Hamza's chest and chewed his liver out. In other narrations, it is found that she mutilated his different parts of the face and made a necklace out of them and wore it around her neck. The flames of jealousy and revenge can plunder you into the most inhumane actions. Hind also accepted Islam

on the conquest of Makkah. Both Hind رضي الله عنها and Wahshi رضي الله عنه sought repentance for what they did in their ignorant lives. Allah is Ghafoor ur Raheem, he forgives all those who repent.

Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ was extremely vexed at his beloved uncle's death. Looking at his body in front of him he cried immensely and said, "I have never seen such a scene in my life. On all the seven skies Hamza is written as Lion Of Allah and Lion Of His Messenger." At this moment, he was also given the title of Syed ush Shuhadah (Chief of the Martyrs) by the Prophet ﷺ.

Hamza's رضي الله عنه namaz-e-janaza was the first to be offered that day. Then one by one all the martyrs of Uhud were placed by Hamza رضي الله عنه and Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ offered namaz of each of them. This way his namaz e janaza was offered seventy times. Hamza رضي الله عنه was given two sheets by his sister, Safiyyah, to be used as his shroud but according to the need, one was used for another companion who was also martyred in Uhud. When Hamza was buried, his feet were open as the sheet was short so green grass was put on his feet instead.

After a few years when Wahshi رضي الله عنه accepted Islam, he came to the Prophet ﷺ. Looking at him, the Prophet's agony of having lost his beloved companion Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه got renewed and he asked him that if he could hide his face from him then he should. Since then Wahshi رضي الله عنه did not face Prophet ﷺ.

May Allah guide us to the right path and pervade the importance of these blessed humans in our hearts. Ameen.

Quiz Time of Hadhrat Hamza رضي الله عنه on pg 23

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THE BATTLE OF HUNAIN

Ayesha Marfani has the secret to lifting up depressed spirits through a great event from the Seerah

I drank the cold water to subside the burning sensation in my mind. I never thought this would happen to my team. My team was perfect and proficient, I thought. My team was so sure of its success before the debate competition started. Where had their spirits gone?

I am in the middle of the international debate competition. I am here as a representative of the Muslim nations. I had participated in events of this kind in the past and had won some and lost few too. However, this time I was so proud of my team as I thought I had the best mates on board. All the speakers were experts and had great communication tactics. But still, somehow I could sense our failure coming.

The adrenaline level in my team members was constantly on the decline. I thought of something that could boost them up and give them the desired spirit. Leaders are meant to encourage. I tried to take help from the Seerah as grandfather always did with me. I tried to think of the incident from

Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ life, and then I remembered the battle of Hunain.

I asked them to form a circle. I said that I had a little motivational note for them. I started:

"I am telling you about an event from Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ life. After the conquest of Makkah, the spread of Islam sped up. This made the neighbouring nations perplexed and restless. They couldn't let Islam flourish as they did not want to end up like the people of Makkah.

The tribes got ready to attack the Muslims

The two tribes living between Makkah and Ta'if named as Hawazan and Saqif thought of themselves as outstanding and unbeatable. They had pride in their exemplary warcraft and skills at archery. They gathered a huge army to fight the Muslims.

The second thing is that we must fight back. We are here for the cause of Islam not for merely winning the event. This raised the morales and we went back feeling great.

Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ preparation for war

So Prophet Muhammad ﷺ also prepared himself for the war. An army of 12,000 marched towards the valley of Hunain. Muslims felt happy on their number and had positive feelings regarding the victory. They thought that with such a huge army they had high chances of winning.

The clash between disbelievers and Muslims

The people of Hawazan attacked the Muslims almost suddenly when they were setting up camps from all sides using their mastery at archery. Muslims felt surprised and the attack created a chaos. The army suffered the lack of motivation and they moved backwards. A small group of Muslims protected Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ motivational call and the miracle of a handful of sand

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ sent a motivational message to the Muslims and threw a handful of sand

in the eyes of the enemies. By Allah's order, it flew into the eyes of a significant number of people and they felt blinded. It was Allah's real miracle. The brave warriors received the encouraging message of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and their spirits soared to new heights. They fought with valour and attacked with full force.

Muslim victory

The Muslims defeated the army of pride and arrogance. The world knew that Islam would never be suppressed.

I then added, "We can learn two things from this account. One is that we must have faith in our abilities to the point that helps us move forward with confidence but we must also not underestimate the competitor. The second thing is that we must fight back. We are here for the cause of Islam not for merely winning the event. This raised the morales and we went back feeling great.

The competition continued for an hour. The final result showed that our determination and faith in Allah ﷻ had reaped significant benefits. We won the title of the best debating group for the sake of Islam.

Alhamdulillah! ●

Quiz Time of Hadhrat Hamza ﷺ from pg 19

Check out how well you remember the story of Hadhrat Hamza ﷺ by answering these questions.

- 1) How was Hadhrat Hamza ﷺ related to the Prophet ﷺ?
- 2) What were the titles given to Hadhrat Hamza ﷺ?
- 3) What was Dar-e-Arqam?
- 4) How many times was Hadhrat Hamza's Namaz-e-Janaza performed?
- 5) Can you name any two other companions who were martyred? You must have read it in other issues of the Radiance Magazine.

Initiate salaam



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him about his day at school so Hamza told him, "Today was great baba and you know what, I even got to learn something very good. The hadith of this month stated that we should initiate in saying salaam so for the whole day I said salaam to everyone before they greeted me."

Hamza and his friends were playing basketball when suddenly the bell for assembly went off and they left the game to form their queues. Soon the queues were formed and the assembly commenced. Firstly, few verses of the Quran were recited by Hamza's classmate Saad. Then Saad recited the hadith of the month the translation of which was, "Indeed the nearest to Allah are those who initiate salaam."

Now Hamza was a very well-mannered and intelligent child. He tried to implement every good thing in his personality and act upon it. He was just a sixth grader but unlike many children, he was brought up in an Islamic environment at home so he knew a lot

about Islam and tried to spend his life according to Allah's teachings.

After listening to this hadith, he decided to say salaam to everyone before they greeted him. So he began his new mission from the same day. After the assembly when his class was returning to their classroom he said salaam to every teacher who passed by. When he entered the classroom he said salaam aloud for everyone to hear it. Then at recess, he said salaam to all of the teachers, students and even the maids who passed by him. At dismissal when he came out of the school, he said salaam to his father and driver.

On the way home his father asked

His father was very happy and replied, "Good job my son! I am very glad to hear this new practice of yours and I hope that you'll continue it forever and will also teach it to others. Insha'Allah!"

So when they were back home, the first thing Hamza did was that he said salaam to everyone and prayed to Allah to make him firm upon this beautiful sunnah.

..... Now 25 years later, Hamza is a 36-year-old adult but his childhood habit of initiating salaam has not gone away. He still says salaam to everyone before they say it to him and teaches his children and others to do the same. After all, he wants to be the closest to Allah ﷻ!

The beauty of Hajj



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Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam. It is compulsory for every man to perform Hajj once in his life. Hajj is the pilgrimage to the holy city of Makkah. Hajj occurs every year during the month of ZilHajj, the last month in the Islamic calendar.

Hajj is only obligatory on those who can afford it. Every pilgrim wears an Ihram, which consists of two white sheets. Ihram shows simplicity and equality among pilgrims and also reminds them of death as when

one dies he is covered in a white cloth just like Ihram.

This is the day on which both the poor and rich walk together around the Kaaba, maintaining equality in their similar clothes. When a pilgrim is in the condition of Ihram and has done the Niyah then he cannot wear perfume. Other than that he cannot cut nails and hair. If a person by mistake cuts his nail or hair or he wears perfume he will have to give a penalty which is called Dum (sacrificing an an-

imal within the boundary of Makkah). During Ihram men should not cover their face, hands or feet.

Allah ﷻ loves the pilgrim when they come for Hajj dressed simply. They are even sweating badly but still they go on in the way of Allah under the scorching heat of the sun. They do so to make Allah happy. It is said that if a pilgrim performs Hajj keeping all the obligations in mind then that person would just be like a new born baby

Now I know how it feels

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Sweetie, would you like if this happened around you?



Ahmad dear, we know it is impolite and also against Sunnah teachings to whisper in ears in a gathering



Oh but amma, I was just asking Ali something, not saying anything bad.



(next day in school.... two kids whispering and giggling while Ahmed watching sadly)



Now I know what amma meant!!



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