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Do not lose hope in the Mercy of Allah, for Allah forgives all sins,
for He is Most-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”**

[Sûrah al-Zumar: 53]

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, Lord of all that exists and may His peace and blessing be upon His Prophet and Final Messenger Muhammed (pbuh).

In Islam the real term Salvation is used to describe freedom from Allah's Torment. It is called 'Itq'. Messengers of Allah have been sent to salvage people through the Guidance of Allah Subhanahu Wataalaa. As Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be up on him) described that the similitude of him is like Moths flying around a fire and as they love the light they would fall in to the fire but they are kept away. The Prophet is keeping people away from the fire. Believers have been commanded in the Quran to ward off themselves and their family members from the Hell fire. The ultimate reward of many rituals is leading to forgiveness from Allah and salvation from the Hell fire.

Fearing the Hell fire is part of Fearing Allah Subhanahu Wataalaa. The prophet Salallaahu alaihi wasallam has said "avoid the Hell fire even if with a piece of date." In other words, even by giving that much charity. All these encircle around the issue of salvation from the Hell fire. The reward of the final stage of the month of Ramadhan is salvation from hell fire. Therefor we should not forget that as the prophet is warding off people from Allah's torment a believer follows the same path in attempting to secure salvation for himself/herself and other fellows and take this mission as their duty as it is prescribed by Allah Azza Wajjal.

Wasalaamu aliakum.

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Salvation in Islam

“O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls!”

By Sheikh `Abd Allah b. `Umar al-Dumayji

Allah says: “Say: O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Do not lose hope in the Mercy of Allah, for Allah forgives all sins, for He is Most-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [Sûrah al-Zumar: 53]

This verse speaks about those who repent. It tells us that any sin, no matter how major, is expiated by sincere and proper repentance.

There are conditions for repentance to be sincere and proper. The first of these is that the penitent person desists from the sinful act. The second is that he feels deep and genuine regret for having committed the sin. The third is that he resolves in his heart never to return to the sin again. Finally, if the sin caused a transgression against the rights of another person, he needs to do his best to make amends.

When Allah sees this sincere repentance from one of His servants – a servant who truly turns to his Lord in fear and hope – He not only forgives the sin, but replaces those sins for good deeds to the servant’s credit. This is from Allah’s infinite grace and munificence.

Allah says: “Unless he repents, believes, and works righteous deeds, for Allah will change the evil of such persons into good, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful,” [Sûrah al-Furqân: 70]

Allah says this right after mentioning the sins of polytheism, murder, and adultery. However, this blessing is only for one who have faith, whose repentance is sincere, and who strives to work righteous deeds. This shows us that no matter how great the sin may be, Allah is willing to forgive if take the right steps.

Allah’s generosity is so far-reaching, that we are not only forgiven through our specific repentance for each sin that we commit, but we can attain forgiveness simply through our constant appeals Allah to forgive us.

Another way that we attain Allah’s forgiveness is through the performance of good deeds. Allah says: “Establish worship at the two ends of the day and in some watches of the night. Lo! Good deeds annul evil deeds. This is reminder for the mindful.” [Sûrah Hûd: 114]

Some scholars are of the view that his verse is only speaking about the forgiveness of minor sins, and that major sins need specific repentance. They cite the following verse in support of this interpretation:

Allah says “If you shun the most heinous sins which you are forbidden, We will do away with your small sins and admit you to a gate of great honor.” [Sûrah al-Nisâ’: 31]

They also cite a number of hadîth, including the hadîth related by `Uthman that the Prophet PBUH said: “Any Muslim who offers the prescribed prayer, doing justice to its motions and to the humility that it requires, it will expiate for the sins that preceded it, as long as the person did not commit a major sin.” [Sahîh Muslim]

However, Ibn Taymiyah and a number of other scholars consider the verse “Good deeds wipe out evil deeds” to be general in meaning. It applies to all sins, major and minor. Even if a person’s good deeds do not expiate for the sin directly, there can be no doubt that those good deeds weigh in the balance of deeds on the Day of Judgment in a person’s favor. Whoever has his good days outweigh his evil deeds on that Day will attain salvation.

Allah says: “The balance that day will be true: those whose scale (of good) will be heavy will prosper, and as for those whose measure (of good deeds) is light, their souls will be in perdition, for that they wrongfully treated Our signs.” [Sûrah al-A`râf: 8-9]

Ibn Mas`ûd said: “People will be taken into account on the Day of Judgment. Whoever has a single sin to his account more than his good deeds will enter the Fire. Whoever has a single good deed to his account greater than his sinful deeds will enter Paradise.”

Then Ibn Mas`ûd recited Allah’s words: “...those whose scale (of good) will be heavy, will prosper”.

Then he said: “Indeed, the balance will weigh an atom’s weight one way or another.”

Allah also forgives us our sins through the difficulties that we face in life. When we are stricken with illness or suffer from circumstances, we will earn forgiveness if we bear them patiently seeking Allah’s reward. So we should not complain or feel distraught when we get sick or face some other hardship in our lives. These hardships may be the things that save us from the fires of hell, if only we knew. We need to be patient, not complain, and even thank Allah while the hardship is occurring. Of course there is also nothing wrong with asking Allah to remove the hardship from you.

“When Allah sees this sincere repentance from one of His servants – a servant who truly turns to his Lord in fear and hope – He not only forgives the sin, but replaces those sins for good deeds to the servant’s credit. This is from Allah’s infinite grace and munificence.”

Allah forgives our sins on account of the supplications that others make to Allah asking for our forgiveness, including our funeral prayers. We earn forgiveness through the charity we gave in our

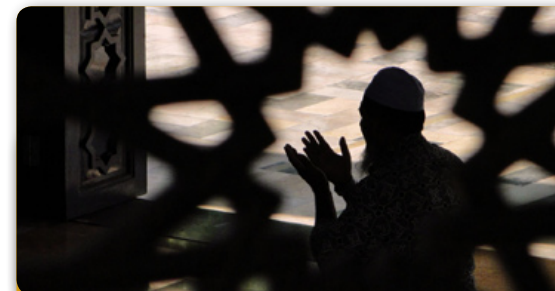
lives that continue to provide benefit to others after our deaths. We earn forgiveness if we have pious children who beseech Allah on our behalf. You can contact Human Appeal International or IICSA if you wish to donate for the sake of Allah to expiate some of your sins.

A Muslim’s sins are likewise forgiven through the punishment he may receive in the grave – although I’m sure none of us want to have to depend on that! Those sins are also forgiven by the intercession that the Prophet (peace be upon him) will make on that day, and then by the intercession those who are granted intercession. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “My intercession is for those who committed major sins from among my followers.”

Above and beyond all of this is the mercy of the Most-Merciful Lord who pardons on that Day all sins as He pleases, as long as the person meets Him worshipping Him alone without ascribing to Him any partner. Allah’s mercy knows no bounds, and Allah SWT will judge so mercifully that it is better to have Allah judge you than your own parents, as He will be more forgiving and kind. In fact, Allah is more merciful to you than you are to yourself! So take this opportunity to enter into Allah’s mercy.

How?

Make Wudu carefully, pray 2 Rak’at, and sincerely ask for forgiveness for all your previous sins. Take the time to speak from your heart, and beg Allah for forgiveness with real regret and sincerity. Many of us have a vision in our minds of what kind of Muslim we eventually want to be one day. Make it today. Be that Muslim right now. Step one is to turn to Allah and repent.



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Hajj

Assalamou Alaykum,

Let me begin by saying Alhamdulillah for all that Allah had blessed us with, albeit hardships, ease and everything in between.

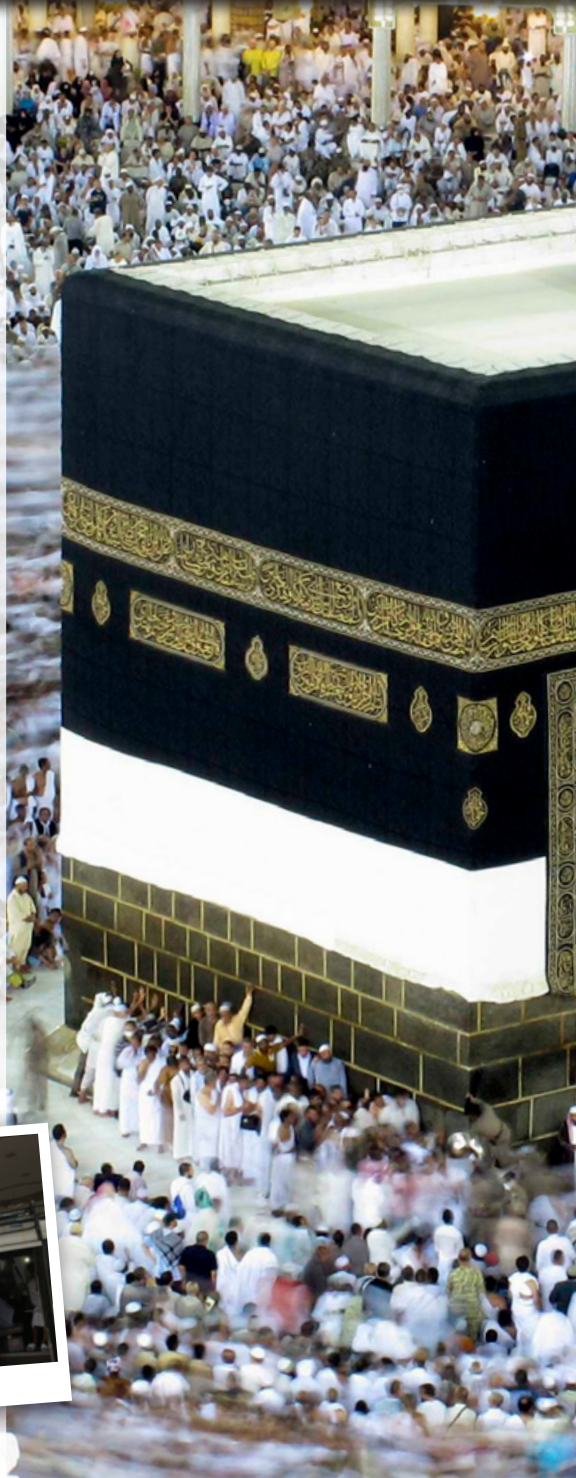
This years Hajj group was the second group to go from its IICSA headquarters in Adelaide.

Alhamdulillah it was larger than last years group which meant that there was more opportunity to serve the guests of Allah. The group was made up local brothers and sisters in the community and Alhamdulillah due to the cheap price, there were many who were able to bring two people for the price of one.

It was amazing to visit the blessed places of Makkah and Madina once again, and no matter how many times you visit them, everytime you go, its like the first time.

Alhamdulillah the trip was a typical Hajj trip with its hardships, sweetness, emotions and fatigue, however with the help of Allah we managed to get through them and come back safely to Adelaide.

Back in Adelaide, we ask Allah to protect us from evil and sin and to keep us as pure as we were leaving Hajj. Hajj Mabruur to the hujaj and to the rest of the Muslims of Adelaide, get ready for Hajj 2013!



DAILY DUA' : THE WEAPON OF THE BELIEVER

By Abu Imran

The Islamic perspective of salvation is simple: we, as created beings, have to ask the Creator for salvation. Easy! So how do we do this and when do we do this? From the authentic narrations there are numerous times and places to ask Allah for His forgiveness and salvation. It is recommended to ask Allah directly for forgiveness 100 times a day by saying Astaghfirullah – meaning “I seek Allah’s forgiveness”. Others that come throughout the day are:

Upon the completion of Wudhu:

Subhanakal-laumma wabi hamdika ashhadu an la ilaha illa anta astaghfiruka wa atoobu ilayk.

How perfect You are O Allah, and I praise You, I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except You, I seek Your forgiveness and turn in repentance to You’.

In the morning:

amsaynaa wa amsal-mulku lillaahi wal-hamdu lillaahi, laa ilaaha ill-allaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah, laahul-mulku wa laahul-hamdu, wa huwa 'alaa kulli shay'in qadeer, rabbi as'aluka khayra maa fee haadhi-hil-laylati wa khayra maa ba'dahaa, wa a'oodhu bika min sharri haadhi-hil-laylati wa sharri maa ba'dahaa, rabbi a'oodhu bika minal-kasali wa soo'il-kibari, rabbi a'oodhu bika min 'adhaabin fin-naari wa 'adhaabin fil-qabr

We have reached the evening and at this very time unto Allah belongs all sovereignty, and all praise is for Allah. None has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone, without partner, to Him belongs all sovereignty and praise and He is capable of all things. My Lord, I ask You for the good of this night and the good of what follows it and I take refuge in You from the evil of this night and the evil of what follows it. My Lord, I take refuge in You from laziness and senility. My Lord, I take refuge in You from torment in the Fire and the torment in the grave.

allaahumma innee as'aluk-al-'aafiyyata fid-dunyaa wal-aakhirah, allaahumma innee as'aluk-al-'afwa wal-'aafiyyata fee deeneek wa dunyaaya wa ahlee wa maalee, allaahumm-astur 'awraatee wa aamin

raw'aatee allaahumma-fadhnee min bayni yadayya, wa min khalfee, wa 'an yameeneek, wa 'an shimaalee, wa min fawqee, wa a'oodhu bi-'adhamatika an ughtaala min tahtee

O Allah, I ask You for well-being in this life and the next. O Allah, I ask You for pardon and well-being in my religious and worldly affairs, and my family and my wealth. O Allah, veil my weaknesses and set at ease my dismay. O Allah, preserve me from the front and from behind and on my right and on my left and from above, and I take refuge with You lest I be swallowed up by the earth.

The next is for using various forms of transportation like a car, train, or horse

Upon mounting the animal or the vehicle:

“In the name of Allah”

and then say after mounting the beast, or a being already seated in the vehicle:

“All praise is for Allah. How far from imperfections He is, the One Who has placed this (transport) at our service and we ourselves would not have been capable of that, and to our Lord is our final destiny. All praise is for Allah, All praise is for Allah, All praise is for Allah, Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest. How far from imperfections You are, O Allah, verily I have wronged my soul, so forgive me, for surely none can forgive sins except You.”

bismillaah

al-hamdu lillaahi, subhaan-alladhee sakhkhara lanaa haadhaa wa maa kunnaa lahu muqrineen, wa innaa ilaa rabbinaa la munqaliboon. al-hamdu lillaah, al-hamdu lillaah, al-hamdu lillaah, allaahu akbar, allaahu akbar, allaahu akbar, subhaanak-allaahumma innee Zalamtu nafsee faghfir lee, fa innahu laa yaghfir-udh-dhunooba illaa ant



EXPLANATION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

“By the Time, Indeed, man is in a state of loss, except those who believed and did righteous deeds, and advised each other to truth, and advised each other to patience.”

Chapter 103 (Al 'Asr)



Imam Shafi'i says that if people thought about Surah Al-'Asr carefully, it would be enough for their guidance. It is a concise but comprehensive Surah, which in three verses, outlines a complete way of human life based on the Islamic worldview.

In this Surah, Allah swears an oath by the 'Time' and says that mankind is in a state of loss; exception, however, is made of people who are characterized by four qualities: faith; righteous deeds; advising each other for Truth; and advising each other for patience. This is the only path to salvation in this world, as well as in the next world. The Qur'anic prescription comprises, as we have just seen, of four elements. The first two of them relate to man's own personal betterment [They are not in need of elaboration], and the other two relate to other people's guidance and reform.

The last two principles ['advising each other for truth'] and ['advising each other for patience'] require some elaboration. These two concepts may be explained in different ways. One way to explain them is that haqq ('truth') refers to the package of 'correct faith' and 'good deeds', and sabr ('patience') refers to abstinence from all sins and evil deeds. Thus the first concept refers to 'enjoining good actions' and the second concept refers to 'forbidding evil actions'. The cumulative sense of the Surah is that believers have been enjoined not only to adopt right faith and good deeds themselves, but to advise others strongly and effectively to adopt them, and thus help in the creation of a healthy atmosphere around them

Hafiz Ibn Taimiyyah has stated in one of his monographs that there are normally two factors that restrain a person from faith and righteous deeds: The first cause is some doubts about the true faith. When such doubts arise in the mind of people, it destroys their faith and leaves them confused and confounded. As a result, it adversely affects their righteous deeds. The second cause is the selfish desires that stop man from doing good, and involves him in evil deeds. In this situation, he theoretically believes that he should do good and abstain from sins, but his selfish desires lead him to stray from the right path. The current verse indicates to remove both causes of one's distraction

This Surah lays down the important principle of guidance for the Muslims that inviting other Muslims to keep to the true faith and good deeds is as much necessary as their own submission to the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah. Without sincere efforts, to the best of one's ability, to invite others to the right path, one's own good deeds are not enough to one's salvation. Especially, if a person does not take care of the spiritual and moral welfare of his wife, children and family and turns a blind eye to their unrighteous deeds, he is blocking his way to salvation - no matter how pious he himself might be. Therefore, the Quran and the Sunnah make it obligatory upon every Muslim to do his best to invite others to the good deeds, and warn them against the evil acts. May Allah grant us the ability to act upon this verse.

HADITH

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Allah, the Exalted, and Glorious said: 'A slave committed a sin and he said: O Allah, forgive my sin,' and Allah said: 'My slave committed a sin and then he realized that he has a Rubb Who forgives the sins and punishes for the sin.' He then again committed a sin and said: 'My Rubb, forgive my sin,' and Allah said: 'My slave committed a sin and then realized that he has a Rubb Who forgives his sin and punishes for the sin.' He again committed a sin and said: 'My Rubb, forgive my sin,' and Allah said: 'My slave has committed a sin and then realized that he has a Rubb Who forgives the sin or takes (him) to account for sin. I have granted forgiveness to my slave. Let him do whatever he likes'."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

The Friendly Reminder.

'And remind, for indeed the reminder benefits the believers' (51:55)

By Abu Abdullah

In this life, we float in Allah's Mercy. We wake up every morning with blessings we can't count. We go to sleep trying to forget these blessings because we feel guilty not doing what He asks in return.

Think sincerely to yourself for a moment. Some of us don't pray, yet Allah still gives us. Some of us don't fast, yet Allah still feeds us. Some of us don't give zakat, yet Allah still provides for us. Some of us sin, yet Allah still forgives us when we ask. Until when? Until when will we remove this burden off our hearts and humble ourselves to obey the One who keeps our heart beating? Nothing on earth can give you the same pleasure as knowing Allah, obeying him and refraining from that which He forbade for our own good.

Change for the better NOW and know that Allah will replace that which you left for His sake with that which is better for you in this world and the next.

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The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "Convey from me even if one ayah (verse) for it may be that the one being informed will comprehend better than the one listening (at present)." (Al-Bukhari)

Alhamdulillah there has been a big response to The Friendly Reminder SMS's and it could be bigger and earn a lot more rewards if we all participate. Forward the SMS's you receive to your friends and family around Australia and abroad, whether it be to 1 person or 1000 'And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers' (51:55) I look forward to investing in our akhira.



"TRULY IN THE HEART THERE IS A VOID THAT CAN NOT BE REMOVED EXCEPT WITH THE COMPANY OF ALLAH. AND IN IT THERE IS A SADNESS THAT CAN NOT BE REMOVED EXCEPT WITH THE HAPPINESS OF KNOWING ALLAH AND BEING TRUE TO HIM. AND IN IT THERE IS AN EMPTINESS THAT CAN NOT BE FILLED EXCEPT WITH LOVE FOR HIM AND BY TURNING TO HIM AND ALWAYS REMEMBERING HIM. AND IF A PERSON WERE GIVEN ALL OF THE WORLD AND WHAT IS IN IT, IT WOULD NOT FILL THIS EMPTINESS."
— IBN QAYYIM AL JAWZIYYA

Allah guides whom He wills!

By Abu Anwar Ibraheem

In mid December 2012, 3 non Muslims came to IICSA and said their Shahadas on the same day. All 3 did not know each other, they came from different backgrounds, and were different ages. Despite these differences, within a few moments, Allah SWT caused their paths to cross, and their lives to change forever.

As soon as they testified that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad PBUH is His messenger, they were bonded and transformed. Eyes filled with tears as they said the words, and felt the closeness to Allah in their hearts. IICSA staff told them that at that moment Allah not only wiped out all their previous sins, but turned them into good deeds, to be rewarded on the day of judgement, such is the generosity of our Lord. Some of the sisters who happened to be present also became emotional, and rightfully so.

Allah SWT has guided each of them to Islam. Some had been learning about Islam for many years, others only a few months. By guiding them to Islam, Allah SWT has given them the best chance possible to go to paradise. Before that day they did not have the knowledge or ability to pray to their creator, now they do. Before that day they were not clear in their minds as to what their purpose in this life is, now they know. Before today, they did not know how Allah wanted to be worshipped, and not they can worship Allah as much as they want. The feelings this knowledge and worship will create within them will soon be worth more to them than the whole world, if that's not the case already.

Allah has saved them from hell fire. Allah has given them salvation.

Over the coming months, and for the rest of their lives, they will continue to learn, grow in their Islam, and ask lots of questions.

Allah is the only one who can give this guidance, even our beloved Prophet Muhammad PBUH did not convert everyone around him to Islam. Even his own uncles, Abu Talib and Abu Jahl died as non-Muslims. Allah SWT made this clear to Muhammad PBUH in the verse: "It may be that you (Muhammad) will torment your soul with grief (to death) because they do not believe. If We wished, We can send down on them from the heavens a sign so that their necks would bow before it" (26:3-4). Allah SWT is telling Muhammad PBUH not to be sad because people do not believe, if Allah wanted to, He could send down an undeniable sign, a miraculous event, that would cause them all to bow down their heads and submit to Allah. That is not Allah's way, otherwise He would show each individual person a miracle to make them enter Islam. Instead He commands the human race to use their minds, to think, to reflect, to reason, and to decide of their own free will to give their hearts to Allah. Once that happens, the tears start to flow.

None of them will forget the night they entered into Allah's people, into Allah's mercy, and eventually in sha Allah, into Allah's paradise.

...Motivation...

By Khalil Abdul Malik

5 Sources of Motivation for Muslim's

Here are 5 top sources, to becoming a motivated Muslim:

1. The Qur'an

- Reading the Qur'an and understanding the words of Allah, is one of the most biggest sources of motivation.
- Reading the Qur'an, during the day or after Fajr is almost a daily requirement, to be able to maintain a level of Iman, to keep going and push yourself towards Allah.
- The moment you lose your relationship with the Qur'an, is the moment you lose your main source of energy and motivation.

2. The Sunnah

- Study the amazing life of the most influential person in history, Prophet Muhammad PBUH (Seerah).
- Read the various Hadith, hear about the rewards of good deeds and things you should avoid.

3. The HereAfter

Remember, we will soon be standing in front of Allah and be judged for every action we made in our lives. The pleasures of Heaven or the punishment of the Hellfire is close.

4. Good Company

Having good friends that treasure Islam, people you can talk to, advise you, help you and support you, is really important.

5. Allah's Creation

Walk in the parks, along heart-warming scenery. Realise the majesty and beauty of Allah's creation.

Try to work on all 5 sources to keep motivated and insha'allah, you will feel the spiritual benefits! Our goal in life, is to please Allah Azawajal!

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Ya Allah, Forgive Me!

By Abu Anwar Ibraheem

Allah says in a Hadith Qudsi:

'O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness as great as it.'

Allah also has 2 names with similar meanings:

Al Ghafoor

The one who forgives a great many sins.

Al Ghaffar

The one who forgives major sins.

So no matter how many sins you have, no matter how great the individual sins are, if forgiveness from Allah is what you seek, there is hope for you.

Allah will forgive you and He shall not mind, so do not delay, turn to Allah right now.



The Clinic

MUSLIMS AND SUMMER

By Dr. Zaki Ibrahim. MBBS (Adel), FRACGP

As Muslim lives in Adelaide, we know its summer when unleashed dogs are running through parks and the temperatures reach degrees that make hijab seem unbearable for the sisters (what a strong message shown by our sisters when they are still wearing hijab on 40 degree days).

The following is a list of some recommendations on how to enjoy the hot weather without harming our health. These lifestyle tips are designed to help Muslims live productively while staying true to their identity even in a hot day.

STAYING HYDRATED

You probably heard this a lot throughout your life, but one of the most important tips for good health during summer is to drink plenty of water.

1. Eat your water: Foods that are filled with water, like watermelon, provide a healthy and juicy source of nutrition, which makes staying hydrated easy and delicious.
2. Hydrate before exercising
3. Stay hydrated at work:
4. Have enough on hand: Water is a luxury.
5. Keep a reusable bottle with you: This is a really easy way to keep the habit of water consumption.

SUMMER SKIN CARE

Our Muslim sisters cover a lot of their skin regardless of season. But in summer time, the exposed areas, such as face, hands, and maybe feet, deserve some attention. The following are tips that will help you stay safe while keeping it halal when you step outside.

1. Moisturize to hydrate

2. Apply Sunscreen:

Sunscreen helps to protect our skin from getting burns, so its helpful to use on sun exposed areas. According to dermatologists high a number of sun protection factor (SPF) you need depends on how fair you are.

3. Don't forget the skin on your feet: Every day we place significant stress on our feet, and hot weather prompts us to partake in even more activities, so don't forget about your feet! If you experience peeling, cracking skin, or callous on your heels.



IICSA Arabic School



By Muhammad Gadi

Achieving something significant and meaningful require us to do things in a constant, hardworking way and persevere in times of hardship, trouble, uncertainty and doubts. Persistence is the key.

What would an ant that carries a grain larger than its body do when it drops it? It would go back to it, bite the grain and try again. It would keep doing it until it reaches its home. Ants are an excellent example for us in this. What can a drop of water do? Perhaps nothing much. However, if the water drop happens continuously and constantly, it can surely create a hole in a hard rock.

We are not talking about blind persistence. Persisting, as a human, includes learning and improving based on our new knowledge and experience that we don't have yet when we start. Persistence doesn't mean inflexible attempt but to hold on to our meaningful goals and values all the time and not lowering our standards. Too easily do we drop our tasks and accomplish nothing.

Having a clear goal that we value highly will help us to persevere on the journey.

What better goal can we have for ourselves and our children than becoming the people of the Quran? Allah says in Chapter Al Qalam (54:32), "And certainly We have made the Quran easy for remembrance, but is there anyone who will mind?"

Reading each letter of the Quran will bring a reward. 'The one who recites the Quran beautifully, smoothly and precisely will be in the company of the noble and obedient angels.

And as for the one who recites with difficulty, stumbling through its verses will have twice that reward' (Bukhari and Muslim). There are so many other blessings of the Quran that will give its people goodness in this life and the hereafter.

Let us have a strategic plan for ourselves and our family with regards to the Quran. The journey will be lifelong and we can easily lose it if we don't persevere.

1. Able to read the Quran with the correct letters pronunciation (Makhraj) and tajweed. The Quran that was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), was not only the text but also its correct reading. Spend enough time everyday to read the Quran. It would be better if someone could listen and correct it.

2. Finding pleasure in listening to the Quran. Listening to it will bring comfort to the hearts, but also will improve your reading skills. There are so many beautiful Quran recitations that we can easily access nowadays in the internet.

3. Memorise the Quran. It may seem like a mountainous task, but throughout history millions of individuals of different ages have done it. Allah has promised that the Quran is easy for remembrance, so we need to put in the effort.

4. Understanding the Quran. Spend some time to read the meaning of the Quran in your language from cover to cover. Don't you want to understand what your Creator is saying to you?

5. Practice the teachings of the Quran. Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) was a great example – his wife described him as 'the walking Quran'. Learn about his life and make him your role model.

Sisters Section

The Female scholars of Islam

O Mankind! Fear your Lord who has created you from a single soul, and from it He created its mate; and from them both, He brought forth multitudes of men and women. Be mindful of Allah through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and revere the wombs that bore you. Surely, Allah is ever watching over you. (Quran 4:1)

From the very beginning of the human saga, Allah makes it quite clear that men and women are equal beings created from one single soul, sharing the same father and mother, and subservient unto the same Lord.

The first revelation: Read in the name of your Lord who created... (96:1) left the Prophet, peace upon him, severely shaken, after three years of secrecy he was ordered by Allah to call his own family to the faith. He, peace upon him, gathered his family and openly called upon the tribe of Hashim and the tribe of Abdul Muttalib to believe in his message. Towards the end of the narration of this event, he, peace upon him, specifically says to 'Abbas b. 'Abdul Muttalib, May Allah be pleased with him: "I cannot benefit you on the Day of Judgment." He uttered the same statement to his aunt, Safiyyah bint 'Abdul Muttalib and to his daughter, Fatima, May Allah be pleased with both of them. In this address the Prophet, peace upon him, specifically named two women and one man, demonstrating that women possess independent religious responsibility that has no connection to their gender.

This independence in faith is exemplified by the fact that the wives of Noah and Lot, peace upon

them, both rejected faith. Hence, the Qur'an affirms that even the wife of a Prophet is free to believe or disbelieve. Furthermore, Umm Habiba became a believer while her father, Abu Sufyan, May Allah be pleased with them both, was a staunch opponent of the Prophet, peace upon him.

In the time of the Companions, the question never arose concerning the validity of learning directly from women. If we were to consider, for example, the books of prophetic tradition (Hadith), in every chapter you will find women narrating as well as men. Imam Hakim Naisapuri states: "One fourth of our religion depends on the narrations of women. Were it not for those narrations, we would lose a quarter of our religion."

We all know that performing ablution is essential for the validity of Ritual Prayer (Salat). A female companion, Rubiyya bint Muawidh b. Afrah, may Allah have mercy on her, whose family members died in the Battle of Uhud, was a great narrator of Hadith. Her narrations can be found in Bukhari, Muslim, Ibn Majah, and other compilations. She narrated how the Prophet, peace upon him, performed ablution after actually witnessing his performance of the purificatory ritual. The companions would go to learn from her despite the fact that Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali, Muadh b. Jabal, and Abdullah b. Masood, may Allah be pleased with them, were all present in Madinah.

She was regarded as the expert in the performance of ablution. Her students included the likes of Abdullah b. Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him and his father, the great Qur'anic exegete, and also a member of the family of the Prophet, peace and blessing of Allah upon him. He never asked: "Why should I learn from her when I am from the family of the Prophet and great exegete?" The same is true for Ali Zain ul-Abideen, the great grandson of the Prophet, peace upon him, and a great scholar himself. Their philosophy was to go to whoever possessed knowledge, irrespective of their gender.



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AUCTION

On Sunday the 9th of December 2012, the Islamic Information Centre of SA (IICSA) working in collaboration with Human Appeal International (HAI) organized a fundraising dinner and auction for the Palestinian victims in the Gaza strip. In the weeks leading up to the fundraiser, the most densely populated had been bombarded by well over 1000 missiles.

This bombardment leveled whole buildings, schools, Mosques, as well as killing hundreds, and injuring thousands. In an area so densely populated, it is impossible to launch this kind of attack without killing non combatants, women, and children.

The people of Gaza needed help, and the people of Adelaide stood together to support them. As IICSA had previously organized a similar event for the victims in Syria, this time Adelaide knew what to expect. As soon as the event was announced, well before the event itself, people approached IICSA volunteers in the community to help in any way they could.

We were flooded with donations, items for the auction, and requests to buy tickets at \$50 each by the fistful. Local Adelaide artists painted canvasses and vases to be donated for auction at the event. Families took decorative items from the walls of their own homes to donate, and everywhere closets were being emptied to donate brand new clothes, still with tags on, for our brothers and sisters in Gaza.

We were so inundated with auction items that we could not possibly auction them all in the time we had on the night, so a silent auction was suggested for almost half the items, with the more upmarket items taking centre stage to be auctioned one by one. Even after the event we had donated items left, which will all be sold and the money sent to Gaza.

The night started with a packed hall, and some mild footage of what the Palestinians endure day after day. Even though everyone watching the videos wanted to look away from the screen when a rocket hit or when an injured child appeared on screen, we kept our eyes glued to the

footage, because we knew that the Palestinians cannot simply turn their heads and look away – they live with that reality every single day.

Staff from HAI had flown into Adelaide especially for the event, and spoke on stage about what they do with donations, and how they support the people of Palestinian people. One of the figures burned into my own memory is that they support more than 25,000 orphans in Gaza. That figure is staggering, considering there are more orphans not supported by HAI, and that the Gaza strip is so small.

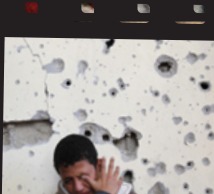
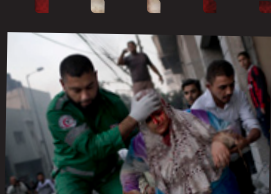
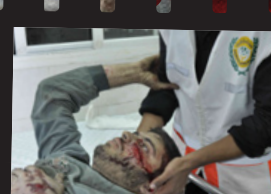
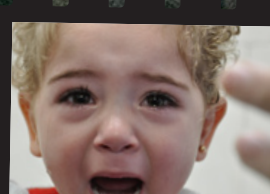
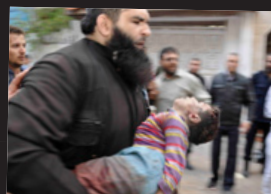
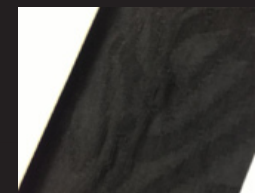
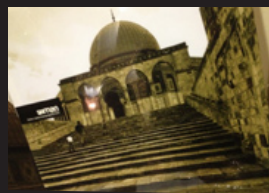
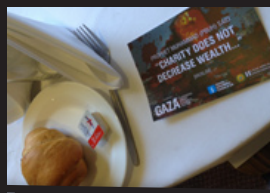
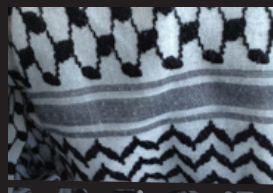
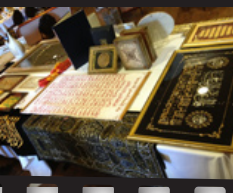
HAI ran a pledge drive, where attendees were asked to pledge ten thousand dollars at a time. Several people in the room only hesitated for a moment then raised their hands to hand over their wealth to strangers who needed it more. The pledges continued in smaller amounts until, in less than 20 minutes, the pledge drive had reached over fifty thousand dollars.

After a short break the auction started, with some fierce competition breaking out as guests vied to outbid each other for items that caught their eye. Their generosity was clear as everyone knew auction items sold for many multiples of what they were actually worth. Canvass painting and prints worth \$100 were auctioned for thousands. Islamic wall hangings, decorative prints, and artifacts sold one after the other, some even bought back by those who donated them for hundreds of dollars.

Guests were not there for a bargain. They were there to help those in need for the sake of Allah, and they were there to invest in their own after-life. In hindsight, I recall the story of the woman who gave a drink of water to a thirsty dog and was granted a palace in paradise just for that. If Allah gives so generous a reward for kindness shown to a thirsty animal, what reward does He have in store for those who gave hundreds, thousands, and tens of thousands for human beings with no other means of support. Only Allah knows the rewards He has prepared for them. Everything good comes from Allah, and Allah has blessed this community by allowing them, out of His generosity, to be part of the global fundraising and assistance effort for the people of Palestine. As with Syria, seeing so many people give so much for the sake of Allah was truly humbling and heart warming – the kind of sight that restores one's faith in the compassion of the human race.

We ask Allah to accept every cent, every minute, and every bead of sweat that went into this event, and we ask Allah to bless us all by allowing us to always be involved in anything that pleases Him. Finally, we ask Allah to help the poor, helpless, and defenseless all over the world. He is truly the Most Generous, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

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People of Action!

By Dr. Zaki Ibrahim

Have you ever felt like you were getting mixed messages from someone? Has someone's actions, or reactions, ever surprised you? Have you ever wondered what someone was thinking?

To get insight into what someone is thinking simply look at their actions because thought precedes action. What people do, especially over time, represents their intentions, priorities, attitudes, and beliefs. Actions are very revealing. As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.

O you who believe! Why do you say that which you do not do? Most hateful it is with Allah that you say that which you do not do (As soff 2-3)

As the saying goes, actions speak louder than words because it is easier to talk about something than to actually do something. Actions, in the form of reactions, are particularly insightful because reactions tend to be more spontaneous and less internally censored towards doing the "right" or "acceptable" thing. A person's actions and reactions reflect their inner reality.

"O mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into races and families so that you may know each other. The most honoured of you in Allah's sight are those who best keep their duty." (49:13)

Sudanese Community

By Dr. Motaz Bahageel

Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk! Here I am at your service, oh-Lord, here I am -here I am, no partner do you have, here I am .. truly, the praise and the favor are yours, and the dominion, no partner do you have.

As a member of the Sudanese community I was fortunate enough to attend Hajj recently. Being in the holy land during the holy days was my marvelous experience of Hajj with sincere friends from Adelaide and Darwin. Aiming to fulfill the fifth pillar of Islam memorizing the sayings of prophet Mohammed PBUH "There is no reward for an accepted hajj (mabroor) except Paradise." [al-Bukhari and Muslim] Every step and every moment of Hajj carried many lessons all in harmony to accomplish an effective life-transforming experience and consolidate the positive change through regular orders and rewards, that deeply root the concept of trading with Allah SWT.

No doubt, Hajj teaches the servant the beauty of obedience to Allah SWT, driven by both fear and desire. Prophet Mohammed PBUH said: "There is no day on which Allah ransoms more of His slaves from the Fire than the day of Arafat. He draws close then He boasts about them before the angels and says, 'What do these people want?'" (Narrated by Muslim) Moreover, following the footsteps of prophet Mohammed PBUH as closer as possible based on authentic Hadith, both during Hajj and more importantly in all aspects of life.

One of the essential tools of Hajj is Patience. In a hadith narrated by Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri: "Whoever will strive to be patient, Allah will grant him, and no one is conferred a blessing better or greater than patience." [Bukhaari and Muslim]

Saudi Community

By Humood (Abu Basil)

Assalam Alaikom Wa Rahmatu Allah Wa Barakatu

A recent study conducted by (King AbdulAziz Centre for National Dialogue) about (Media reality and its development from a Saudi society prospective) stated that the Islamic programs being broadcasted in the Arab media are ranked # 1 among Saudi viewers. The study also showed that the cultural and social programs came after the Islamic programs. Sport, entertainment and political programs came fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. 60% of those Saudi interviewed said that the Islamic life-style and traditions of the Saudi society controlled the media to present what suits the society's identity. In the last decade, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of the Islamic programs in many Arabic speaking channels. Those programs can be classified either as one way Islamic lecturing or Q & A "Fatwa" programs. This is plus, of course the seasonal programs, like in Ramadan, Hajj and Eids. The programs can be further classified based on the age of the viewers, so we have kids-oriented, teenage-tailored or youth-based ones,...etc. The Saudi clerks being presented in the media have many followers from the Arab World, and each of those clerks has his own way of taking the attention of his viewers, so it's all about the Islamic content and presentation skills. Dr. Mohammad AlAreffi, Sheikh Saleh AlMaghamisi and Dr. Ayedh AlQarni are examples of those Saudi clerks. Dr. AlAreffi has many Q & A "Fatwa" programs presented in many TV channels. If you are really interested in "Tafseer", you should follow Sheikh AlMaghamisi lectures. Sheikh AlMaghamisi is well known of his in depth Tafseer skills and sometimes using poems and historical events to deliver his message. Dr. AlQarni is famous of his ability of mixing the Arabic poems with the Islamic content being conveyed.

Malaysian Community

By Mohd Hisham Mohd Sharif

Assalamualaikum,

Artikel untuk Lights of Adelaide.

MALAYSIAN LOVE SUMMER!

Summer is here again. This is one of the most anticipated times of the year by Malaysians in Adelaide. The warm weather, fun times in the beach, cockling in Goolwa, crab racking season, cherry picking, lots of sweet and juicy fruits, warm nights and more importantly this is the time where it reminds us of what it is like back home in Malaysia, hot and humid. Summer for Malaysians is surely not the time to be cold and miserable; it is the time where we can enjoy eating ice cream during warm night and don't have to bother with heavy clothes to bog our bodies.

The most important thing during summer is; it is the time where we can go out with families and spend quality time with families and friends in lots of places. Some choose to travel across Australia with caravans; some choose to swim in the beach while some choose to enjoy picnics in the beautiful park. Whatever the activity is, with so many lights from the sun and long vacation, summer is definitely a special time for us to strengthen family ties and build greater bond with friends. Malaysians really love summer.

Poetry Competition

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Go for it! Bismillah!

University of Adelaide

by Khalil Abdul Malik

With this year coming to a close, unfortunately, we lose some great Muslim, role model students. But at the same time, it is quite refreshing to see new committee members eager to participate for next year.

This year really exceeded our expectations. As time goes by, Islam seems to be always improving at the University, which is a really encouraging sign, for the future.

We are planning some big events next year, by the will of Allah, insha'allah. More big guest speakers from the Islamic world are visiting Australia for inspirational talks on Islam and life.

We are also trying to focus on providing more Qur'an Studies, for both Muslim and Non-Muslims next year.

Also, the Islamic Student Societies at all Major Universities are really getting involved in the da'wah work and also offering services to support the Muslim community. We hope we can all work effectively, on collaborative projects in the future.

Insha'allah, May Allah guide us and give us the opportunity to be the tools, to spread the beauty of Islam around the world.

Pakistani Community

By Fahim Ghouri

Recently in Adelaide we had a fund raising dinner organized by IICSA (Islamic Information Centre of South Australia) in Collaboration with Human Appeal International. Like every other community, Pakistanis took part in the fund raising activities such as providing sadaqah, zakat and ensuring that all our friends know about the event so more and more people can make it to the dinner. The fund raising dinners, including the earlier one for Syrian refugees and this one for Gaza shows how much Muslims feel for their brothers and sisters living far away from them. As Prophet Muhammad said in a Hadith (not the exact translation) 'Muslims are like one body, if one part is in pain, whole body feel the pain'.

Now with reference to the theme of this magazine, it is very important for us as Muslims to understand that Without sincere efforts, to the best of one's ability, to invite others to the right path, one's own good deeds are not enough to one's salvation. Especially, if a person does not take care of the spiritual and moral welfare of his family and turns a blind eye to their unrighteous deeds, he is blocking his way to salvation - no matter how pious he himself might be. This is very important to realize as we are a role model for our family, friends and our neighbors. If we are lax in educating our family about Islam, how can we expect our Salvation in hereafter.

May Allah guide us to the right path. Ameen.

SCORE BOARD



By Patrick Ernst

Asallaam Alayku dear brothers and sisters from SA Centrals Football Club.

Soon, in sha Allah, we will be starting preparation and training for our 2013 soccer season. May Allah give us success through good planning and commitment and through the efforts of our community.

This will be our third year of competition and we hope it will be the best yet in sha Allah. To achieve success as a club and to help build and develop the potential of all of our young players, we will need your help and assistance. We need people to step up and be prepared to coach our teams, referee games and be linesmen, throughout the season.

The controlling organization, the Football Federation of South Australia FFSA, has courses available in each of these areas, so you will have support and training. This is available to parents, current and former senior players and if you just want to get Allah's reward for contributing to this worthy effort. We will also need volunteers, on a casual basis, to help set up our home ground for games and other assistance as needed by the club. We would expect all fathers of players to be willing to volunteer a few hours per month to help with these simple tasks.

Our first training is expected to be on Wed 2nd January at 6:00pm to approximately 7:30pm. The following dates will be 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th. Sessions will be between 6:00 - 7:30pm. These short sessions are for team tryouts where we will assess player fitness and skills. Generally, we are looking for players 6 years and older. This year, we are expecting to field a senior team, so please, even if you haven't played for us before, feel free to join in and enjoy the friendly atmosphere. Of course, this invitation extends to all age groups.

During the tryouts, a parent or guardian is expected to remain at the ground with junior players. Please do not drop your child off and return later. We will provide you with our club rules and fee schedule. Preferably, players should wear soccer kit and boots. If these are not available now, regular sports clothes and sneakers are acceptable short term but could affect play and may increase the potential for injury.

After tryouts, players, a parent, committee and coaches are expected to attend a FFSA Respect Program presentation. This is not optional and is an FFSA requirement.

So, in shaa Allah, we will see you all on the 2nd of January and may Allah grant us success and a great time paying soccer!

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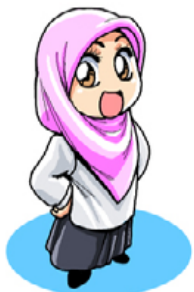
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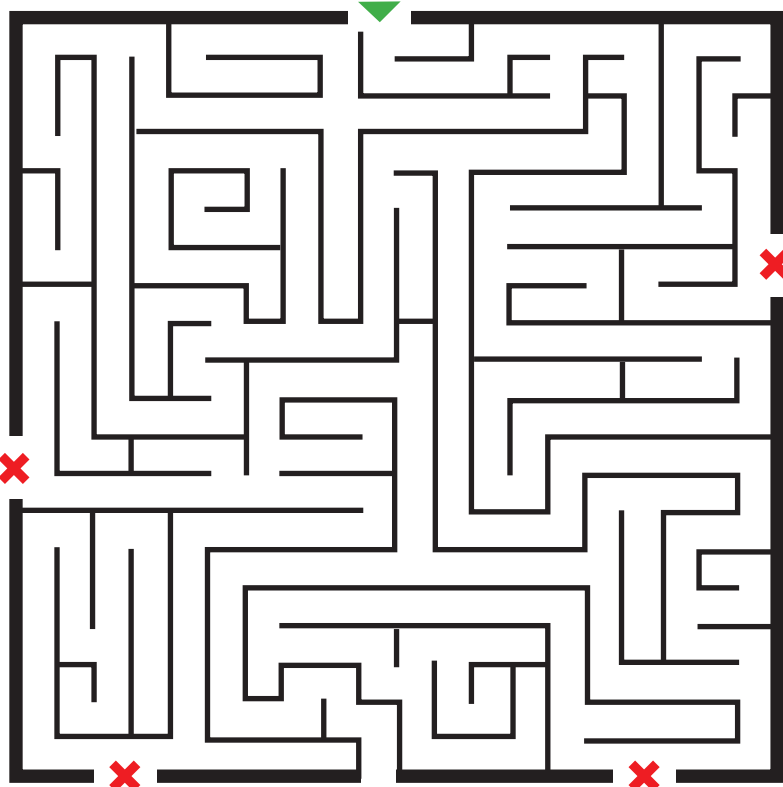
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PATH TO ALLAH!



**ASSALAMOU ALAYKUM,
I AM SEEKING THE PLEASURE OF
ALLAH AND TRYING TO AVOID
THE EVIL PATH OF SHAYTAN.
CAN YOU HELP ME?**

*Hint: Be extremely careful not to follow
the direction of shaytans path.*



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PARENTS**

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Street Talk!

Assalamou 'Alaykum

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, Lord of all that exists and may His peace and blessing be upon His Prophet and Final Messenger Muhammed (pbuh).

The biggest dilemma our youth are facing is abusing time in vain pursuits. What we fail to realize is that at the age we are at is most precious, and the responsibility of carrying Islam to the next generation is on our shoulders. Our purpose isn't to waste our endeavours in living a life to earn the respect of others it's much higher than that.

Allah SWT will only restore the honour of Islam through the youth with zeal towards serving His deen. This is no different to Osama bin Zayd the 17 year old sahabi who led an expedition that contained the likes of Abu Bakr Assidiq. Why? Because Islam was embedded deeply within the roots of their soul, they had a vision. The veil of deception needs to be lifted so we too can have this vision.

As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure, we are on a direction that sees a generation of youth practicing Islam with this same vision. If we don't live to see it, we ask Allah that our children will.

Your brother,

Ibn Uthman

ISLAMIC QUIZ?

1) The shirt worn by an inmate of Jahannam is so hot it could:

- a) Dry up all the sea's & oceans of the earth
- b) Incinerate the earth
- c) Incinerate the heavens and the earth and all in between

2) Jahannam has enough space for:

- a) All humans and Jinns
- b) Just the sinners
- c) All humans, animals and Jinns

3) What beach was the last Youth Day at?

- a) Silver Sands
- b) Aldinga
- c) Bondi

SMS your answers with your full name to 0432 056 474 for your chance to win an Islamic DVD valued at \$25!

Answers for last quiz:
1) 11-17 2) His own father 3) For my Lord to be pleased with me

**"A CALAMITY THAT
MAKES US TURN
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BETTER THAN A
BLESSING THAT
MAKES US
FORGET THE
REMEMBRANCE
OF ALLAH"
- IBN TAYMIYYAH**

Hidden Haram – “Did I just eat that!?”

CAUTION! HARAM AHEAD

By Abu Anwar Ibraheem

Many Muslims want to take their families for a nice evening out, which almost always includes a meal. Because there are not many halal restaurants in Adelaide, and even fewer with a relaxed family dining atmosphere, many Muslims head to non-Muslim restaurants to eat. Their intentions are good, they intend to eat only seafood for example, or go to a restaurant that does not serve any pork or bacon (for example an Indian restaurant). However, there are many traps that a Muslim can fall into if they are not knowledgeable and careful as to how alcohol is used in restaurants during the cooking process.

! Meat and Pastas

Many sauces for meats and heavy pasta dishes are made with alcohol. This can include glazes for meats, such as a whiskey-based chicken glaze or port wine reduction sauces that commonly accompany pork, beef or pasta dishes. Meats are often marinated in alcohol-based marinades, because alcohol can help break down the meats and make them more tender. Other popular dishes include chicken or sirloin marsala, chicken piccata and various risottos. Any and all creamy pastas and risottos are made with white wine – even if it does not say so in the menu. Restaurants are not obligated to list any and all ingredients in their menus, they just want to explain to customers what they are getting. They are well within their rights to leave ingredients out if they wish. Even a creamy vegetarian risotto is made with white wine.

! Vanilla Extract

Vanilla extract contains alcohol and is a popular additive in many dessert recipes, such as cookies, cakes and pastries. Vanilla can also be used in more savory dishes such as chili or as part of a meat marinade. While the alcohol usually cooks down to very low levels in these foods, a small trace amount is still present, so if you are seriously avoiding alcohol, avoid foods in which vanilla extract has been used.

! Asian Restaurants

Most Asian restaurants are places to avoid for any Muslim. For most Muslims the sheer amount of pork dishes available would deter them from eating there. Even if you are out with other non-Muslims and decide to avoid haram by eating seafood or ordering a vegetarian dish, you have to remember that the staff there are not Muslim and may not think twice using the same knives, plates, cutting boards to chop up your bok choy as they did to chop another customer's pig stomach. Also be careful with sauces, all authentic Asian soy sauces contain a lot of alcohol, and when this soy sauce is used as a base for another sauce (eg hoisin sauce) then the alcohol is there too.

! Filled Candies

Alcohol-filled candies are a popular treat for which alcohol isn't used in the preparation of the food but is used as a filling instead. Some chocolates are filled with creamy liquors such as crème de menthe and coconut rum. Government guidelines require that these candies carry a warning of their alcohol content, so make sure you read any packaging on candies to insure they don't contain alcohol.

! Beer Infused

Beer is used in a number of different foods, such as soups and stews and even bread. Usually food prepared with beer will have it in the title, such as beer bread or Guinness stew, but if you are uncertain, read the label or ask the chef. Beer can also be used in grilling by pouring it over the grill as food is cooked atop it to raise the flames. As a result, alcohol can be present in the food cooked on the grill.

Uyghur Stir Fry

Healthy
Lamb &
Snow Pea

By Blarra Jeroff

Ingredients:

- 300g lamb back strap, sliced thinly
- 1 small brown onion, slices
- 1 tomato, diced finely
- Big handful of snow peas cleaned and sliced in half
- 1 tsp ground Sichuan pepper
- 2 cloves of garlic finely diced
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp chilli flakes (optional)
- Oil

Method:

- 1) Prepare all ingredients ready to be cooked
- 2) Heat wok on very high heat, & add 2-3 tbs oil
- 3) Add lamb and cook for 2 minutes
- 4) Add the thinly sliced onion along with the salt, pepper and chilli until softened
- 5) Add the chopped tomatoes and cook for 2 minutes or until softened
- 6) Add the snow peas and toss for a few minutes more
- 7) Lastly add the garlic

Note: Wok must be very hot during the whole cooking time



Grapes

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“He causes to grow for you thereby herbage, and the olives, and the palm trees, and the grapes, and of all the fruits; most surely there is a sign in this for a people who reflect” (16:11)

When Allah mentions grapes in Qur'an, He mentions that He provided them for us in this world and also in Paradise. They are sweet and healthy and are mentioned in Qur'an so by default they are beneficial for the body, soul and mind. They contain a lot of water so are good during the summer days too.



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Dua before eating:

Bismillah
In the name of Allah.

Dua if you forget to say it before you ate:

Bismillahi awwalahu wa aakhirahu
In the name of Allah in the beginning and the end.

Dua after eating:

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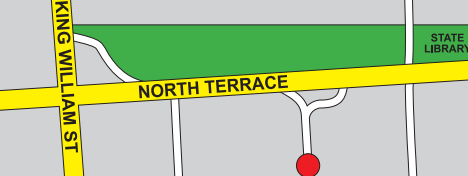


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