

Darul Ihsan's Activities

"Feed a Pupil" project

Al-Hamdulillah our "Feed a Pupil" project - providing sandwiches to local schools for hungry pupils - has dramatically increased in the number of sandwiches supplied to the schools. Over 2400 sandwiches are prepared weekly for distribution to 25 schools. Darul Ihsan is assisted by house wives, individuals and staff. May Allah reward them all. Our Inanda Islamic Information Centre has also initiated a similar programme in the greater Inanda district.

Volunteers wishing to assist in the preparation of sandwiches & donors may contact our offices.

"Stationary Distribution" project

Darul Ihsan also distributed one thousand basic stationary packs to needy pupils at nine local schools. The centre also provided school uniforms, stationary, books and school fees to many deserving families.

"Meals on Wheels" project

Meals are prepared and served at various venues. One such venue is at the Joyce Rd. informal settlement to sixty eight families who were removed from Peters Rd. More initiatives in this regard are being planned for the near future, Insha Allah.

"Employment Placement" project

We invite businesses seeking staff or job seekers seeking employment to use our vacancy web page to advertise absolutely FREE. Call, fax, Skype or email us your details. A number of people have used this useful service provided by the centre.

"Skills Empowerment" project

Owing to the high unemployment rate and unskilled job seekers, Darul Ihsan would soon be embarking on a skills training and traders empowerment programme, Insha Allah. This will enable a person to support his family and household by earning with his own hands, rather than relying on handouts.

Wish to volunteer for community or Deeni work & earn rewards? Then sms us your details immediately

BRIEF PROFILE of

Hazrat Uthman bin Affaan ؓ

- He was known as "Zun Noorain" because he married 2 daughters of Nabi ﷺ ie. (Hazrat Ruqaya (R) & Hazrat Umme Kulthum (R))
- He was from amongst the foremost to accept Islam & he accepted Islam at the hands of Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ
- He was from among those Sahaba (RA) that made Hijra to Abyssinia & Madina.
- Nabi ﷺ said: "Every Prophet has a close friend (in Jannah) & my friend is Uthman."
- He was the 3rd Khalifa of Islam, during which he ruled for 12yrs.
- He was martyred at the age of 82.
- He played an integral role in compiling the Quran.
- He was a personification of modesty.
- He always displayed his generosity when spending in the path of Allah.

On the lighter side...

Once, the people of the city invited Mulla Nasruddin to deliver a Khutba. When he got on the minbar (pulpit), he found the audience was not very enthusiastic, so he asked "Do you know what I am going to say?" The audience replied "NO", so he announced "I have no desire to speak to people who don't even know what I will be talking about" and he left. The people felt embarrassed and called him back again the next day. This time when he asked the same question, the people replied "YES" So Mullah Nasruddin said, "Well, since you already know what I am going to say, I won't waste any more of your time" and he left. Now the people were really perplexed. They decided to try one more time and once again invited the Mullah to speak the following week. Once again he asked the same question - "Do you know what I am going to say?" Now the people were prepared and so half of them answered "YES" while the other half replied "NO". So Mullah Nasruddin said "The half who know what I am going to say, tell it to the other half" and he left!

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THESE WORMS WILL SOON DISAPPEAR IN A HEAP OF FILTH!

Mocking the Messengers of Allah has been the occupation of the lowliest scum on Earth. There are among the people those who thrive on the filthiest and most despicable of acts, such as reviling the Messengers of Allah. They are like the worms that thrive and survive in faeces and filth. This is their occupation. This is their nourishment.

"And so we made for every Messenger an enemy from among the devils of Jinn and Man...." (6:112)

No Messenger of Allah was spared the vilification of these "worms". Finally, the Seal of the Prophets ﷺ arrives in the world and the "worms" start doing their work.

HIS OFFSPRING NUMBERS IN THE BILLIONS

No stone was left unturned in Makkah in the miserable effort to vilify and denigrate him. One such attempt by some of these "worms" was to mock and taunt him on the absence of any male offspring surviving him in the world as an indication that soon after his demise, his name and fame and by extension, his message and mission would vanish and disappear from the world. What a preposterous and foolish notion! Not in their wildest imagination, these "worms" would have envisaged that every hour of every day, the opposite of what they had imagined is happening for the last 14 centuries! Says Allah Almighty: "Surely, it is your enemy whose traces are cut off." Surah Kauthar,3.

Allah's response to the "worms" was to grant to the Holy Messenger ﷺ an abundance of followers- his spiritual children and offspring. Thus the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the spiritual father of his entire Ummah till the end of time. What a massive family he has been blessed with!

HIS NAME AND GLORY ALL OVER THE WORLD

Imagine how Allah has raised the name of the Holy Messenger ﷺ and exalted his status in every nook and corner of the world from his time till this day and which shall continue till the end of time. Five times a day, from Tokyo to San Francisco, from London to Cape Town, his name is proclaimed from the tops of Minarets all over the world.


**Strange and wonderful are the ways of Allah!
Every new effort to vilify him only tends to
increase and enhance his honour, love,
reverence and reputation even more than
before!**

Many who hardly heard or knew of him are suddenly intrigued to learn about this man-a man who can command such loyalty and devotion from his followers that leaves the world awe-struck. Who is he and why are his followers so ardently zealous of protecting his image? Soon these questions lead them to want to learn about the personality who has been nominated the most influential leader in the whole world. Dr Michael Hart, a Christian scholar in his survey of the 100 most influential men in the history of the world has placed him No.1 on the list. And so his list of admirers and followers keeps growing and growing.

As for the "worms", they have virtually disappeared in the heap of faeces they so enjoyed living in, and became part of the muck they thrived upon. From time to time, new "worms" have replaced them, only to meet the same fate.

- Mufti Zubair Bayat
- Ameer, Darul Ihsan

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Shama'il

THE NOBLE FEATURES OF RASULULLAH ﷺ

Anas ؓ reports: "Rasulullah ﷺ was neither tall nor was he short (like a dwarf, he was of medium stature). In complexion, he was neither very white like lime, nor very dark, nor brown which results in darkness (he was illuminant, more luminous than even the full-moon on the 14th night). The hair of Rasullullah ﷺ was neither very straight nor very curly (but slightly wavy). When he attained the age of forty, Allah the Almighty granted him Nubuwwah (prophethood). He lived for thirteen years in Makkah and in Madina for ten years. At that time there were not more than twenty white hair on his Mubarak (blessed) head and beard."

THE MUBARAK HAIR OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

There are many narrations on the length of the hair of Sayyidina Rasulallah ﷺ as has been mentioned before. There is no contradiction as the hair is something which continuously grows. Hence, if at one time his hair reached the lobes of the ears, then at another time it was longer. It also has been proven that Sayyidina Rasulallah ﷺ shaved the hair of his head several times. A person who relates about his Mubarak hair at an earlier time, states he had short hair, whereas another who relates it at a latter time, states he had longer hair. Some of the Ulama have concluded that the Mubarak hair of Sayyidina Rasulallah ﷺ above the forehead, used to reach till half his ears and the hair of the middle of his Mubarak head was longer than that, and the hair of the back of the head reached till near his shoulders.

THE DRESSING OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Ummul Mu-mineen, Ummi Salamah (R) relates: "Of all the clothing, Rasulallah ﷺ preferred wearing the Qamis (Thowb, Kurtaa) the most".

TURBAN OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Hazrat Amr bin Huraith ؓ says, "I had seen Rasulallah ﷺ wear a black turban."

WALKING OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Ali bin Abi Taalib ؓ says: "When Rasulallah ﷺ walked he bent slightly forward as if he was descending from a high place".

SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH'S ﷺ WAY OF RECLINING

The uncle of 'Abbaad bin Tamim, 'Abdullah bin Zayd ؓ reports: "I have seen Rasulallah ﷺ lying flat on his back in the masjid, with one leg resting on the other."

DESCRIPTION OF THE EATING OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Anas ؓ says: "Rasulullah ﷺ used to lick his three fingers after having eaten". Abu Juhayfah ؓ says: "Rasulullah ﷺ said: 'I do not lean and eat'".

SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ USING ITR.

Abu Hurayrah radiyallahu anhu narrates: "Rasulullah ﷺ said, "The Itr of a male is the fragrance of which spreads and has less colour in it (eg. rose, Kewrah etc.), and the Itr of a female is that, which has more colour and less fragrance (eg.Hina, Mendhi, Za'faraan, etc.)".

THE SPEECH OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Aisha (R) relates that the speech of Rasulallah ﷺ was not quick and continuous as that of yours. He spoke clearly, word for word, sometimes repeating three times. A person sitting in his company remembered what he said.

LAUGHING OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Abdullah ibn Haarith ؓ relates, "The laugh of Sayyidina ﷺ was but a smile."

THE SLEEPING OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Baraa ؓ reports: "When Rasulallah ﷺ retired, he put his right hand under his right cheek.

WORSHIP OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

Mughirah bin Shu'bah ؓ reports that Rasulallah ﷺ performed such lengthy Nafl prayers, that his Mubarak legs became swollen. The Sahabah said : "You undergo such great difficulties, whereas Allah Ta'aala has forgiven your past and future sins. Rasulallah ﷺ said: "(When Allah Ta'aala has blessed me so much) Should I not then be a grateful servant?"

THE WEEPING OF SAYYIDINA RASULULLAH ﷺ

'Abdullah bin Shikh-kheer ؓ says: "I attended the noble assembly of Rasulallah ﷺ. He was performing Salaah. Due to his crying, such sounds emitted from his chest, like that of a boiling pot".

Sunnahs of Jumuah

1. To take a (Sunnah) Bath.
2. To wear clean clothes.
3. To apply Itr.
4. To read Surah Kahf.
5. To read Durood in abundance.
6. To proceed early to the Masjid.
7. To sit as close as possible to the Imam.
8. To listen to the Khutba attentively.

Quiz

- 1.Who was the first to openly declare their Imaan?
- 2.Who was the first to accept Islam from the Ansaar?
- 3.Who was the first to read the Quraan Shareef loudly in Makka?
- 4.Who was the first to make Hijrah with his family?
- 5.Who was the first woman to memorize the Quraan?
- 6.Who was the first Sahabi to be named Muhammed after Nabi ﷺ
- 7.Who was the first male Shaheed?

Submit your responses via fax, email, sms or post but do it FAST! The first 7 correct replies will receive a prize! (Make sure you provide your full address/contact details).

Q & A

Q: Can a person work as a teller in a conventional bank ?

A: It is not at all permissible to work as a teller of a conventional bank.

Q: Respected Mufti, Our company has an optional (not compulsory) provident fund for staff. The company and staff, each pay 50% of the contribution. What are the implications for Zakaat for a) the staff and b) the owners of the company?

A: If the fund is invested in Shariah compliant forms of investment, it is permissible to exercise one's option of contributing to the provident fund and Zakaat will be payable by the staff member on the value of his proportionate share in the fund as at the end of the Zakaat year which includes the companies contribution as well.

Q: I have a copy of the Quran with Arabic text & recitation on my pda / cellphone. The quran is only displayed if I activate it. Is it permissible to have the Quran on the device, bearing in mind that I will at times enter the toilet with the device in my pocket.

A: It is permissible to have the Holy Quran on your pda / cellphone. It is not the same as an actual copy of the Quran, hence the rules differ. It will not be allowed to switch on to the Quran section in an impure place.

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A Muslim Businessman

Allah (SWT) has mentioned in the Noble Quran, advising Qarun, a person who was given great wealth by Allah:

“And seek the abode of the Hereafter by means of what Allah has given you, and forget not your portion of this world, and do good (to others) as Allah has done good to you, and seek not corruption in the Earth...”(٢٨:٧٧)

There are four simple advices in this verse for every person to whom Allah has given wealth. Although the advices may be simple, yet they are fundamental principles which, if adhered to, can solve all the economic imbalances around the World.

The First Advice

The first part of the verse advises Qarun (and thereby, of course all people of wealth) to seek success in the hereafter through whatever Allah has granted him. We are asked to make the wealth given to us by Allah a means of our complete success in the hereafter.

Hence, the Muslim trader is in fact advised in this verse to embark upon his trade with the intention of earning a legitimate livelihood to fulfill the responsibilities that he has towards his family and should also intend to provide something to society through his business and to distribute that by reasonable means. If a trader observes these intentions, and adheres to the lawful methods of trade and refrains from the forbidden methods, then his business activities become a form of worship for him and thus a means towards the acquisition of a lofty status in the Hereafter.

The Second Advice

The second part of the verse advises that it should not be that one spends all the wealth aiming at success in the hereafter and leaves nothing of it for use in this world. In other words, we are permitted to spend on our worldly needs and wants provided it is done so in the correct manner. The style of the verse also very subtly indicates towards the fact that our most important objective in life is not our economic and financial well being as we are being made to believe. Rather, the aspect of primary importance is our well being in the hereafter by adhering to the commands of Islam and yet at the same time we have been permitted to secure our economic requirements in a lawful manner on a secondary level.

The Third Advice

In the third clause Qarun is advised to remember the good Allah has done to him (by giving him the wealth) and therefore he should do good to others and deal with them generously.

The Fourth Advice

The advice in the fourth clause is: “And seek not evil in the land.”In other words Qarun was commanded not to spread evil in the land and not to violate the rights of other people on the strength of his wealth. Similarly, he is commanded not to appropriate to himself the due of other people.

In conclusion, it is the responsibility of every Muslim businessman to uphold these four guiding principles and let the world have an example in our conduct. Both capitalism and socialism have caused injury to society and it is the duty of the Muslim businessman to provide an example to the world which will truly solve the economic challenges of man to so far as is natural. Those who show humanity this example will fulfill the greatest need of the hour!

- Mufti Shafiq Jakhura
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