

DAWAH AT DARUL IHSAN

Dawah has always featured as a major activity among the many activities of Darul Ihsan. The **Islamic Information Centre** in Inanda and the **IslamiCentre** in Bester, both projects of Darul Ihsan, are primarily operating in the field of Dawah.

Important Notice

It is often a major problem when reverts are buried or cremated by their families because there is no proof that they requested an Islamic burial. Reverts are encouraged to complete an affidavit form in order to prevent this. Forms are available from Darul Ihsan offices.

AZMATE-SAHABAH

Thus far 9 Azmate Sahabah programmes have been organized in KZN at various venues.

Next programme will take place at Effingham Masjid on May 12 2011, Insha Allah.

Downloads of previous programmes are available from our website www.darulihisan.com.

BLANKET PROJECT 2011

Every Winter, Darul Ihsan runs the 'Sponsor a Blanket' drive.

Alhamdulillah, last year over 4500 blankets were distributed throughout KZN. This year, Insha Allah, we hope to surpass this number and bring some relief to a greater number of the most disadvantaged people.

Updates of distributions are provided regularly. Last year, regular updates were sent out. This year we intend to do the same, Insha Allah, so donors have an idea where their blankets were distributed.

Anyone wishing to support the drive by either donating blanket/s or volunteering their time in the distribution of blankets may contact our offices. The quality of blankets are good.

Please donate generously
Banking Details: R45.00 per blanket

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LITERATURE COLLECTION UNITS

52 Literature Collection Units have thus far been placed at different Masajids/Musallahs in the Durban and surrounding areas.

From the literature collection, useful books are sorted out and sent for distribution locally & to foreign countries. The rest of the unusable literature is disposed off appropriately.



KARACHI ULAMA DELEGATION

Alhamdulillah, Darul Ihsan is frequently graced by the visits of leading Ulama and dignitaries.

Recently a delegation comprising of 15 Ulama from Karachi visited the Centre. Senior local Ulama - Maulana Yunus Patel, Prof. Salmaan Nadwi, Mufti Abdul Jaleel, Maulana Haroon Abbasomar and others were present and a very informative & interesting exchange of ideas took place at this meeting.

The Karachi Ulama expressed great appreciation to our local elders for their valuable insights and sharing of their rich

BEE KEEPING COURSE

Alhamdulillah, Darul Ihsan will be hosting an introductory **BEE-KEEPING COURSE** in May 2011.

The course will cover all aspects of bee-keeping, the marketing of honey and honey products.

The course has a strong practical component including examining hives & demonstration of equipment.

The course will be conducted on Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Three courses will be hosted on the 7th, 14th and 21st of May 2011 at the Darul Ihsan Gem Towers office in Overport. For further info. contact, Maulana Kathrada on 0861144726.

TWO GOLDEN ADVICES

Our pious elders have emphasised two important advices:

1. To adopt the Sunnah in all aspects of life, and not to consider any Sunnah as insignificant.
2. To implement Ta'leem at home. Ta'leem is the allocation of a little time during the evening wherein the family collectively read beneficial Islamic literature, e.g. the Virtues of Salaah, Virtues of Sadaqah, Stories of the Sahaba, etc. It has been noted that by virtue of Ta'leem, many family members have changed their lives for the better.

GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS

Every Prophet ﷺ was sent to this world with a clear message to invite people to the Oneness of Allah Ta'ala. Allah had chosen each of the Prophets to fulfil the task of inviting people to good and virtue, and forbidding them from evil and sin.

Since there will be no other Prophet to come after Nabi ﷺ, a special responsibility has been placed on each Ummati of this Ummah, which no other Ummah was given, to shoulder the responsibility of conveying the message.

The immeasurable and unprecedented sacrifices of Nabi ﷺ are indeed marvellous.

The story of Taif can never be forgotten - when Nabi ﷺ was drenched in blood by the continuous pelting by the people of Taif. The forgiving nature of Nabi ﷺ earned him the title which the Noble Quran emphatically declares: "Indeed, We have not sent him but as a mercy unto mankind."

Even though the people of Taif were merciless, Nabi ﷺ exemplified unique qualities of a true servant of Allah in the face of adversities and persevered in his task.

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Q & A

Q Is it permissible to give a non-Muslim a copy of the Noble Quran with the hope that by reading it he will get closer to Islam and that he would accept Islam?

A In principle it is acceptable to give a copy of the Noble Quran to a non-Muslim as long as he is taught to handle it respectfully and not to degrade it in any way. However, it is preferable to initially give the person in question basic literature about Islam, explain to him the teachings of Islam and try and answer the questions he has or refer these questions to the Ulama. Once he starts to show more keenness and affiliation towards Islam and it is known that he would handle the Noble Quran respectfully, then one could give him a copy of the Noble Quran with authentic commentary/short notes of the Noble Quran.

Q If a person requests to become a Muslim what should be done?

A The person in question should be explained the basic teachings of Islam and his eagerness to accept Islam should be ascertained. He should not be coerced into accepting Islam. Once this is done, the person should be made to recite the Shahaadah, that there is none worthy of worship but Allah and that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the last and final messenger of Allah. One should not delay in making him recite the Kalimah and bring him into Islam.

Thereafter, one must arrange for a teaching programme or must refer the New Muslim brother/sister to a training/follow up programme so that he can be taught the basic teachings of Islam and can start to implement the fundamental commands addressed to a Muslim. Darul Ihsan conducts a Basic Islam Course at its centre in Bester. This course will, Insha Allah, prove beneficial to reverts.

Darul Ihsan Fatwa Department

DID YOU KNOW ?

MOVING OF THE LIPS IN SALAAH

In Salah it is necessary to move the lips and tongue when reciting the different types of supplications, eg: Takbir Tahrimah (The Takbir to commence Salah), Qiraat, Tashahud, Salam, etc. If one does not verbally recite the necessary words by moving the lips and tongue but merely recites it in his heart, the Salah will be invalid.

This ruling will also apply when reciting the Quraan Shareef out of Salah. Though there is reward for merely looking into the Quraan Shareef, it is necessary to move the lips if one intends to reap the numerous rewards for Tilawah (recitation) of the Quraan Shareef. Many people recite the Quraan Shareef by merely looking through the words without moving their lips and tongue which unfortunately does not amount to Tilawah.

SCULPTURES/STATUES OF ANIMATE OBJECTS

Manufacturing, owning, displaying, buying and selling of sculptures or statues of animate beings (humans and animals) is prohibited in the Shariah. There is a consensus of the Jurists regarding this prohibition.

Many Muslim homes, offices, businesses, etc. display such statues in the form of decoration pieces and the like. It should be noted that the displaying of such objects is not permissible and prevents the angels of mercy from entering one's premises. (Bukhari: 5958)

Muslims are urged to immediately remove such objects from their homes, businesses, etc.

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Alhamdulillah, in the recent past many people have reverted to Islam. Daily the numbers are growing and this is all over the world.

However, it is also sad and shocking that many Muslims are turning away from Islam and becoming murtads (renegades).

Muslims need to make a concerted effort to address this situation. It is the duty upon all to

be concerned about this and take the appropriate steps to remedy it.

Individuals and groups (Jamaats) of Muslims need to visit our brothers regularly to persuade them to make their local Masaajid the central point of their daily lives.

Insha Allah, in this way their attachment to the Masaajid will strengthen their Imaan and create a strong and vibrant Ummah.

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DAWAH - ARE WE NEGLECTING THIS IMPORTANT DUTY?

Dawah - the duty of conveying the true message of guidance to mankind and guiding them to the Straight Path of Islam - is being grossly neglected by Muslims at present. In the past, every Muslim regarded dawah as an important duty alongside other Islamic duties, as a result of which the Ummah numbers over a billion members globally. Unfortunately dawah has been neglected so much that now Muslims have virtually forgotten that dawah is a duty upon them. The result is that Muslims - those who were supposed to guide others - have themselves lost the way and have to be given the dawah.

When Nabi ﷺ commenced his dawah in the beginning, he was a single individual. One by one, people began to follow him to the Straight Path of Islam - until in a short period of just 23 years, over a hundred thousand people had embraced Islam. Upon his demise, this duty was transferred to his Ummah, to continue with his mission of dawah. His companions, the Sahaba (RA) undertook this duty with great zeal, sacrifice and dedication and in a short time, half the world was lit up with the light of Islam! As a result, the world experienced an unprecedented period of peace, prosperity and progress that was never witnessed before or after. Over the centuries this duty of dawah was generally neglected, which resulted in the decline of Muslims. The whole world suffered as a result of this. To revive this glorious era, Muslims will have to vigorously revive the dawah.

BENEFITS OF DAWAH

Regarding the benefit of dawah, Nabi ﷺ said to Sayyidina Ali ؓ: "O Ali! If Allah guides a single person through you, it will be better for you than the whole world and its contents." In one narration, "better than red camels (a very precious item)."

He also mentioned: "The person on whose hands a single person enters Islam, Jannah is compulsory for him."

On the Day of Qiyamah, will Nabi ﷺ not be extremely pleased and proud of those followers of his, who sacrificed their time and wealth to continue his mission of guidance, because of whom, many people came into Islam, and many were guided to the Straight Path. How fortunate will such people be on the Day of Judgment, when they will receive their honours and rewards!

DISCARDING THE DUTY OF DAWAH

The importance of Dawah - the effort of saving human beings from Hellfire - can be clearly understood from an example. If a blind person is about to walk into a well or hole, it is compulsory to break one's Salaah and save him from injury or death. Now, mankind who is blind (spiritually) is walking headlong towards the Fire of Hell. Can Muslims - those who can see - remain indifferent and watch casually as thousands fall into Hell whilst they are busy in their idle pursuits? Can the pilots of the helicopters on a rescue mission neglect the emergency task of saving thousands from drowning in a deadly flood, because they are too busy playing cards or games? Can the ambulance drivers leave dying patients to bleed to death, because they are too busy watching an exciting match? If this is unacceptable and regarded as criminal, how can the neglect of the duty of dawah - the mission to rescue humanity from the greatest disaster of the Hereafter - then not be regarded as a criminal dereliction of duty?

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