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Darul Ihsan launches

'Drug Awareness Drive' (DAD)

Addiction to drugs and substance abuse is having a devastating impact on our society. Drugs have become a menace and a destroyer of lives in the modern world. Drug addicts are unproductive and burdensome. In order to support the drug habit, they may resort to any means - begging, stealing and criminal activities are common among them.

The harmful effects of drugs are seen on our youth, the family, the society and most important, on our Iman. Due to the dire situation we are facing, Darul Ihsan has launched a 'Drugs Awareness Drive' (DAD) through which we intend to help and educate our society on the impact of this societal scourge. Education and awareness is one of the most effective ways in which our generations could be saved.

To launch the campaign, a series of educational programmes for Ulama, the public and students were convened. The objective was to highlight the seriousness of drug abuse in our community and to adopt the adage 'Prevention is better than cure'. Special guests, Hafez Rafeeq Mayet and Maulana Riyaad Limbada from the Magaliesburg Drug & Rehab Centre were invited to share their expertise and experiences with the community. Both individuals have extensive experience working with addicts and have had satisfactory success over the years.

On Friday, 21 August 2015, programmes were held for learners at

four Islamic schools in Durban, Phoenix, Verulam, Al Falaah College and Orient Islamic School. The programmes were interactive and highlighted the challenges faced by our children. That night, a public programme was held at Al Falaah College for parents. The respected guests conducted two presentations that highlighted the problem of drug addiction and gave several case studies that brought to the fore the

and approached when a problem arises. The Ulama were astounded to learn of the extent of the problem. The DAD programme will continue to pursue education and awareness of this scourge at all levels in our community - Insha Allah.

Recordings of the programme can be downloaded from our website www.darulihsan.com. Audio recordings are also available in CD format from the Al Ihsan Bookshop at 031 5777868.

Drugs Awareness Drive (DAD)
Darul Ihsan Centre

Please help my son

Question

I have a major problem. I have a 19 year son who is into every bad thing. He does drugs, smokes, drinks and steals. He will not work or study. We have been to many people and they say he has a bad jinn and lots of taweez have been done on him. Please can you help me.

Answer

1. Taweez and going to Aamils is not the solution to the problem. These sins have become very common amongst the youth. Some parents too don't want to get rid of the TV or monitor the company of their children.

2. You should encourage him through some reputable person in your locality to join friends with those who frequent the Masjid and attend good programmes, etc. Take him to someone who can talk him out of his evil actions by explaining the consequences. Get the book "Kicking the Habit", downloadable from www.yunuspatel.co.za. It's free. Let him read it as a prescription.

3. Make lots of dua after the 5 Namazes. Making dua for you and him.

Maulana Yunus Patel (RA)



seriousness of addiction and its effects on families and society. A question and answer session created lively discussion at the programme.

A special Ulama workshop was held on Saturday, 22 August 2015, to bring the awareness drive to the Ulama of KZN - as the Ulama are generally consulted



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Islamic Centre Howick

To meet public demand and to co-ordinate Darul Ihsan activities more effectively in the KZN Midlands region an office was established in Howick in March 2014. Islamic Centre Howick has grown significantly in the past 15 months and provides a host of services that include marital and drug counselling, welfare, relief, feeding, youth activities etc.

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Preserving our good deeds

To do good deeds requires effort, time and resources. Once good deeds have been accomplished, protecting them is of utmost importance.

On one occasion Nabi ﷺ asked the Sahabah ؓ: “Do you know who is a pauper?” The Sahabah ؓ replied: “A pauper is a person who does not have any wealth or possessions.” Nabi ﷺ replied: “The true pauper of my Ummat is the person who will come on the Day of Qiyamah with lots of Salah, Zakah, Fast, Hajj, etc. However, claims will be levelled against him that he had sworn a certain person, usurped the wealth of a certain person, shed the blood of another person and had caused injury to

another person. He will be seated and Allah will transfer the good deeds of the defendant to the claimants as compensation. If his good deeds expire before compensation is complete, then the sins of those he offended will be transferred to him and he will be thrown into Jahannam (the fire).” (Sahih ibn Hibban)

The message contained in this Hadith impresses that one cannot suffice purely on good deeds but must be cautious about the rights and obligations of others.

To usurp the rights of people whether it is in the form of wealth, honour or life is a grievous sin.

Your Friendly Exam Study Guide

REVISING + EXAMS = HEADACHE ???

STUDYING + COMMITMENT = SUCCESS

- Recite Bismillah
- Make a good Niyyah (Intention)
- Plan out a REALISTIC timetable
- Discuss issues with teachers
- Revision
- Get sufficient sleep
- Maintain a balanced diet
- Give yourself regular breaks
- ZERO Disturbances
- ZERO Worries

EXAM DAY + STRESS = D DAY !!!

- Read two Salat-ul-Hajat prior to the exam
- Make sincere Dua
- Be early
- Have the necessary stationary
- Be calm & relaxed
- Make Zikr and recite Durood
- Begin with Bismillah
- Glance through the exam paper first
- Read the questions carefully
- In a written exam, collect your thoughts before starting to answer
- Write down key words before you answer
- Understand the wording of a question, e.g. “state and explain”
- Start by answering the easy questions and then move on to the questions that carry high marks

- Leave the difficult questions and the one's that will take a long time to answer until the end
- Write the main points of your answer at the beginning of the line
- Resist the desire to hand in the exam paper quickly
- If you get stuck for ideas, go back and read over what you have already written
- CHEATING IS HARAAM
- Thank Allah under all circumstances
- Avoid discussing the exam with your friends
- Remember you've done your 'bit'. Now turn to Allah in supplication and ask Him to grant you success
- Perform two Rakats Nafl Salah after the exam as Shukr (thanks to Allah)

Beneficial Duas for Exams

Recite Abundantly:

يَا فَتَّاحُ يَا عَلِيمُ

Ya Fattaahu, Ya Aleemu

NB: Condition is to work hard, study diligently, perform all Salah, abstain from sins & have trust in Allah

Recite 10 times every morning after Fajr:

فَقَّهْمُنَا هَا سَلَامًا وَكَلَّا أَتَيْنَا حُكْمًا وَعَلَمًا وَسَخَرْنَا مَعَ دَاوُودَ الْجِبَالَ يُسَبِّحْنَ وَالطُّيْرَ وَكُنَّا فَاعِلِينَ (21:79)

NB: Read Durood Shareef 3 times before and after

فَإِنَّ حَسْبَكَ اللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُنَصِّرُكَ بِنَصْرِهِ وَبِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ (62:62)

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World News

Al-Haramain Train project first of its kind in Middle-East

JEDDAH: The Al-Haramain Train project is described as the largest public transportation project in the Middle East. This vital and strategic project is one of the many implementation schemes of the mass expansion of the Saudi railway across the country.

The project's importance stems from many considerations, primarily the increasing numbers of pilgrims, visitors, residents and worshipers coming to the country, Madinah and Makkah year after year.

The train will greatly reduce the congestion on the roads between Makkah, Madinah and Jeddah. It will also reduce road traffic accidents and vehicle fuel emission and pollution levels. Additionally, it will provide job opportunities for Saudi youths after they get the necessary training and qualifications on the operation and maintenance tasks of the project.

The project consists of establishing electric tracks between Makkah, passing through Jeddah and reaching Madinah - covering a distance of 450



km. The tracks are equipped with signals and advanced communication means.

The project will go through two important phases; the first will involve building the overpasses, bridges, underpasses, water channels and other necessary infrastructure including stations; and the second phase will involve developing the railway tracks and trains.

Turkey seeks restoration of Ottoman Empire

As Turkey increasingly shows signs of disinterest in joining the European Union, Ankara is looking to regain its historic ties in Central Asia with the idea of resurrecting the grandeur of the Ottoman Empire, according to a report from Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin.

Turkey seeks to re-establish its historical influence in the Turkic countries of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan by perpetuating a peacekeeping role.

As pointed out in G2B's June 29 article "Turkey losing interest in EU," Turkey's apparent foreign-policy shift may be due, in part, to a new generation of advisers surrounding Erdogan. Turkey's new foreign minister, Ahmet Davutoglu, for example, is one such influential adviser who has outlined what he calls a "multi-dimensional policy" contrary to what has been practised.

Previous Turkish leadership has been more Western-leaning, focusing entirely on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Europe and the United States.

Gaza could be 'uninhabitable' by 2020

The Gaza Strip, ravaged by wars and nearly a decade of a gruelling Israeli blockade, could become uninhabitable for residents within just five years, the United Nations development agency said Tuesday.

Gaza, a tiny enclave of just 362 square kilometres squeezed between Israel, Egypt and the Mediterranean Sea that is home to some 1.8 million Palestinians, counts one of the highest population densities in the world.

"Gaza could become uninhabitable by 2020 if current economic trends persist," the report said.

The blockade had "ravaged the already debilitated infrastructure of Gaza, shattered its productive base, left no time for meaningful reconstruction or economic recovery and impoverished the Palestinian population in Gaza," the report said.

Even before last year's conflict, Gaza's electricity supply was not even enough to cover 40 percent of demand, UNCTAD said, adding that 95 percent of water from coastal aquifers - Gazans main source of freshwater - was considered unsafe to drink.

Unemployment in Gaza meanwhile soared last year to 44 percent - the highest level on record . A full 72 percent of all households in Gaza are



meanwhile struggling with food insecurity.

The report also detailed the devastating effect of the blockade imposed by Israel after Hamas captured an Israeli soldier in the summer of 2006 and tightened a year later after the group won elections and then ousted Fatah following fighting.

"It inflicted large-scale destruction on Gaza's local economy, productive assets and infrastructure, and affected numerous industrial, agricultural, commercial and residential facilities either directly or indirectly through debilitated infrastructure and acute shortages of inputs, water, electricity and fuel," it said.

Exports had basically been completely banned, as imports of anything besides the most basic humanitarian goods had been blocked.

Almost all mosques destroyed in CAR unrest

Almost all of the 436 mosques in the Central African Republic have been destroyed by months of vicious fighting between Christians and Muslims.

At least 5 000 people have been killed since the Central African Republic exploded into unprecedented sectarian violence in December 2013. Nearly 1 million of the country's 4.5 million residents have been displaced. Many of those who have fled are Muslim.

Almost 417 of the country's mosques have been destroyed.

Some Muslim women, afraid of leaving the community while wearing their veils, are choosing to give birth in their homes instead of hospitals.

UN peacekeepers, French forces and a



European Union military operation have tried to calm the violence. But Power said the last of the EU force of about 750 troops left the Central African Republic over the weekend, shortly after the Security Council visit.

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'The best amongst you is one who benefits mankind'

The following ahadith expound the need for every Muslim to become involved in some community effort by helping others and contributing to the upliftment of our society,

Huzaifah ibn Yaman ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "He who is not concerned about the affairs of Muslims is not amongst them..." (Tabrani)

Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ narrates that Nabi ﷺ said: "He who is engaged in fulfilling his brother's need, Allah will fulfil his needs." (Abu Dawood)

Jabir ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "A believer loves and is loved. There is no good in the one who neither loves nor is loved. The best amongst people is the one who benefits people the most." (Darul Qutni)

The most sacred verse in the Noble Qur'an

Hazrat Ubay bin Ka'b ؓ reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said to him: 'O Abu Mundhir! Do you know which verse in Allah's Book is the greatest?' I replied: "It is Ayatul Kursi." (Surah Baqarah Verse: 256)

Thereupon Rasulullah ﷺ patted me on the chest and said: "Rejoice by this knowledge, O Abu Mundhir!" (Riyadus Saliheen)

Get the reward of 100 Hajj!

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr ؓ reported that Rasulullah ﷺ said: "He who recites Subhanallah 100 times in the morning and another 100 times in the evening is like one who performed Hajj 100 times!" (Tirmizi)

Look at your own faults

Sayyiduna Umar ؓ used to say: "May Allah Ta'ala forgive the one who brings to me (my attention) the faults within me."

Secure your house in Jannah

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "I guarantee a house in Jannah for one who gives up arguing, even if he is in the right; and I guarantee a home in the middle of Jannah for one who abandons lying even for the sake of fun; and I guarantee a house in the highest part of Jannah for one who has good manners." (Abu Dawood)

The most precious perfume!

Ibn Jauzi (RA) has said: "Apply perfume to your mouth with 'Istighfaar' as it eliminates the stench of sins. Have yourself perfumed and have your sins pardoned and say 'Astaghfirullah wa atubu ilayh'."

Seek the blessings of the morning

Hazrat Sakhar Ghamidi (RA) reports that Rasulullah ﷺ used to make the following dua: "O Allah bless my Ummah in their efforts in the early hours of the morning."

It is further reported that when Rasulullah ﷺ used to send off an army

into battle, he always did so in the early hours of the morning.

Hazrat Sakhar (RA) was a trader and was very particular about dispatching his trade early in the morning. In this manner, he made a tremendous profit and greatly increased his wealth.

Virtues of Trade - Shaykh Zakariyya (RA)

Pay your employees fairly



It is a common complaint of employees that Muslim companies and businesses grossly underpay staff whilst the business is thriving and booming. Through the dedication and effort of its employees large profits are made and money is spent lavishly by the proprietors and even charity is given, yet the plight of those who are instrumental in the success of the business is sad and heart-breaking.

The mentality of paying the employee the least possible wage for the most possible work must change. This is an obligation upon the employer to the employee. The reciprocation of the employee in terms of duties and loyalty is equally important. This is a mutual relationship that is developed on trust and understanding and both parties should transact with dignity and respect.

The oppressor is the real victim

When someone afflicts harm on you, forgive them. Do this not for their sake but in gratitude to Allah Ta'ala for making you the victim, not the oppressor.

There is no wrong in being the victim, rather this affliction brings you closer to Allah Ta'ala and is a means of forgiveness and rank.

The oppressor will face anxiety and distress in this world and will need to account for the oppression in the hereafter.

The Hadith teaches us to join ties with those who break ties with one, forgive the oppressor and do good to the one who wrongs you.

The original command

The original command to Ibrahim ؑ was to slaughter his son. This was the true mark of success and fulfilment that Allah Ta'ala desired to see. Ibrahim ؑ came through that test with flying colours. It was executed with absolute certainty, no procrastination and with complete love for Allah Ta'ala. Nothing can compare with this ultimate sacrifice of our beloved father, Ibrahim ؑ.

The very same command ought to be directed to us. That Allah Ta'ala had simplified the task by the sacrifice of a ram instead/thereafter does not lessen the significance or importance

of the command. Our sacrifice also ought to be the ultimate sacrifice for the love of Allah Ta'ala.

We are fortunate that we have not been commanded to sacrifice our sons or daughters. We are only called to give up sins. Just forsake and sacrifice the lustfulness of sin. Don't cast lustful gazes, don't commit zina, don't gamble, don't backbite, don't cheat, don't oppress and don't sin. This is the real dictate of the command of submission and Qurbani.

If you make this ultimate sacrifice you will become the Friend of Allah Ta'ala.

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Staying with the truthful

Allah Ta'ala has said in the Quran Shareef :“O You who Believe, Fear Allah and join the company of the Truthful ones (the pious, the friends of Allah).” (Surah Taubah)

Hazrat Maulana Maseehullah (RA) had explained very beautifully, that this Ayah (verse) draws attention to three important matters: Imaan, Taqwa and suhbah. Hazrat Maulana (RA) elaborated, saying that for the nourishment, growth, health and preservation of Imaan, Taqwa is required. Without Taqwa, one's Imaan will weaken, will decline ... will wilt and wither away. However, for the nourishment, development, growth and progress of Taqwa, the Suhbah (companionship) of the pious is indispensable. It is absolutely essential.

Allah Ta'ala commands us to keep the company of the 'Siddiqueen', the

truthful ones - because they are truthful in their piety. They have the reality of what they project.

Another point that we are informed of was that if air is introduced in the bloodstream, this would lead to health complications which can be fatal as well.

Similarly when a person keeps such company and attends such Majalis, but entertains in his heart insincerity, or in his good efforts, the person begins to suffer the infection of ujub (vanity) or kibr (pride), or the person becomes jealous of others and allows malice to breed in his heart - then this is that poison which can lead to spiritual death, despite being in the right environment and company.

Allah Ta'ala grant us all Ikhlās and full benefit in the efforts we make to keep company with His Friends.

The Takbeer of the Days of Tashreeq

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَ لِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar laa-ilaha illallahu wal-laahu akbar
Allahu Akbar wa-lillahil hamd

Ruling:

The recitation of the above Takbeer is compulsory upon every male and female immediately after every Fard Salah.

Days of Takbeer:

Commences: After the Fajr Salah of the Day of Arafah (09 Zul Hijjah)

Terminates: After the Asr Salah of the last day of Tashreeq (13 Zul Hijjah)

Method:

For males, it should be recited audibly once immediately after making Salam. Females should recite it softly.

Hint: Ladies may consider sticking a little reminder at the place where they perform Salah to help them remember the recitation of the Takbeer.

The Battle of Karbala

Every page of history is a lesson for mankind. The ruthless martyrdom of Hazrat Husayn ؑ the leader of the youth of Jannah, his family and his companions shall never be forgotten. Every Muslim perceives the pain of this tragedy in his heart. Many lessons are to be learnt from this tragic event.

An unbroken chain of dissension began with the martyrdom of Uthman ؑ. Hypocrites plotted and schemed to sow division by using the emotion of simple minded Muslims.

Sadly swords were brought into motion on both sides.

With the death of Hazrat Ali ؑ, the first and most notable phase in the history of Muslim people came to an end. All through this period it had been the Quran and the Sunnah which

had guided the leaders and those that they led.

The Quran and the Sunnah set the standards of their moral conduct and inspired their actions. It was the time when the ruler and the ruled, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, were uniformly subject to the Divine Law.

After Hazrat Ali ؑ, Muslims agreed to give the Khilafat to Hazrat Muawiyah ؑ, the son of Abu Sufyan ؑ and father of Yazid. Muawiyah ؑ tried to continue on the same way as the Rightly-Guided Caliphs, but he was ruling a different generation of people. It was a period of turmoil and dissension.

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Assess the quality of your Qurbani by answering the following questions!

No.	Question	Yes	No
1	Did you sacrifice your time to choose a Shariah compliant animal? (<i>horns, ears, limbs, tail, etc, in order</i>)		
2	Did you pay for your animal on time and willingly or did you pay the amount reluctantly?		
3	Did you make an effort to ensure that you made your own arrangements for: tags, knives, packaging, etc.		
4	Did you make an effort to learn the laws & duas of qurbani?		
5	Did you recite the Duas during Qurbani?		
6	Did you exercise patience & tolerance in waiting your turn?		
7	Did you control your temper & tongue when faced with trials?		
8	Did you ensure you were present at the time of sacrifice?		
9	Did you ensure that your carcass was sliced and distributed to family, friends and the poor?		
10	Did you avoid all un-Islamic activities during the Qurbani?		

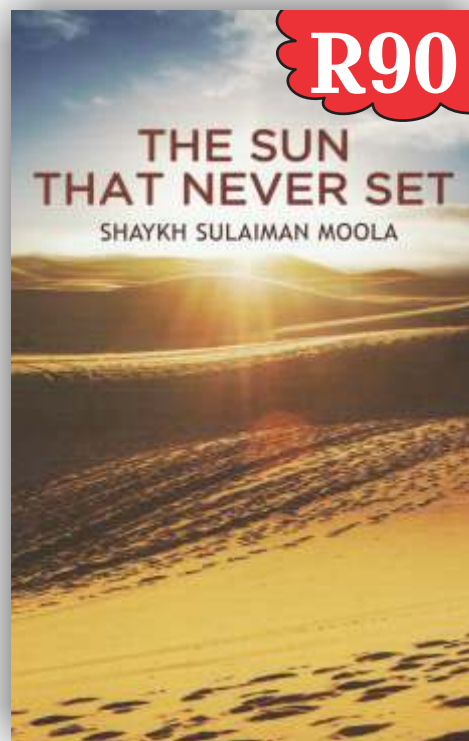
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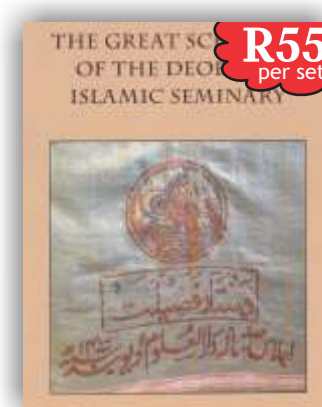


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Our society is plagued with the huge challenge of drug abuse - this problem is intensifying by the day. Parents are asking, what can I do to help my child?

As a start, an effort must be made to understand "why teens use drugs". Once this is understood, then early intervention can help to stop the scourge.

Here are some of the reasons why teenagers abuse drugs :

- To escape problems or self - medicate
- Lack of self-esteem
- Thrill seeking, experimenting with risk
- Peer pressure

In recent years, research has shown

that the percentage of teenagers abusing illegal drugs has decreased, so what are they using ?

There has been an alarming increase in the abuse of prescription drugs.

Teens have turned to prescription drugs for the following reasons:

- There is less of a stigma
- Easier to obtain
- Easier to keep concealed
- The myth that the simpler drug is safe
- Parents won't get so angry or concerned

Prescription for destruction!

Many teens who have overdosed on prescription drugs have not survived the ordeal. What should parents do to assist the situation.

- Make sure all medication at home is kept under lock and key
- The medicine cabinet should be under your careful supervision at all times
- Speak to your children about risk involved in abusing drugs

Research shows that, more than 50% of children that are educated at home by their parents concerning drugs get saved from abusing drugs.

Prescription drugs should not be taken lightly...it can be the prescription to destruction

May Allah Ta'ala grant us understanding and protect us from this baneful scourge. Aameen.

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A useful alternative would be to spend this money in some perpetual project like sponsoring a student or an item



used for the upliftment of Deen or humanity, e.g., the provision of water, food, clothing and necessities. Such a contribution will benefit the deceased and will avoid the wastage of printed material.

Also observed are the multitude of Islamic publications and magazines that are not picked up at distribution points and get dumped in the disposal unit. A huge amount of public funds and resources are used to generate these publications and they virtually end up being unused and discarded.

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O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Creator, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds.

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Beware of satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with anyone of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.



O People, listen to me in earnest, worship Allah, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakah. Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Hawa, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor does a black have any superiority over white except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before Allah and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example, the Sunnah and if you follow these you will never go astray.

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Q & A

Q When undertaking Qurbani on behalf of my close family members, is it compulsory for me to take their permission for their Qurbani and will the Qurbani be valid if I don't take their permission and have Qurbani done on their behalf?

A It is necessary to take permission from a person when undertaking the Qurbani on their behalf.

Q Can we give Qurbani meat to non-Muslims?

A Yes, Qurbani meat can be given to non-Muslims.

Q If a person did not perform Qurbani when it was compulsory on him, what should be done? Can he give the monetary value in charity or will it be better to slaughter the animal or get a reputable organisation to do it for him?

A If a person had purchased the animal but did not slaughter it during the days of Qurbani then he should give the animal alive away in Sadaqah (charity). If an animal was not purchased, then he should give the value of one Qurbani (sheep or goat) in Sadaqah. One should seek sincere forgiveness for neglecting the Qurbani that was obligatory upon him.

Q Can money for a 'missed Qurbani be given to someone who is in debt?

A Yes, such wealth can be given to a needy person who is eligible to receive Zakaat.

Q Is it permissible to slaughter cattle below the age of two years for Qurbani. This animal weighs the same, looks the same, and is fed the same food as the other two-year-old cattle?

A No. Qurbani cannot be made of cattle that are under 2 years of age.

Q Is it permissible to cut a sheep which has no tail for Qurbani?

A There is a difference of opinion amongst the Ulama regarding the issue of the tail of a Qurbani animal when it has been cut off for medical and health reasons. Some Ulama do not regard the tail that has been cut off, for this reason, to be a defect in the animal, hence, permit its slaughter.

However, the more precautionary view is that if one-third or more of the tail has been cut, then such an animal should not be used for Qurbani. One should endeavour to make Qurbani of an animal that conforms to the requirements of Qurbani, especially when these are easily available. If there are no sheep with tails available in a certain place, then goats could be acquired or one could purchase a share in a cow or bull etc.

Q Is it permissible for a person from South Africa to perform Umrah during the months of Hajj without performing Hajj?

A If a person is in Makkah Mukarramah during the months of Hajj and has the financial means to stay on till Hajj then Hajj will be compulsory on him if he has not yet performed the Fard Hajj. However, if he does not have the means, it is permissible to perform Umrah during the months of Hajj without performing Hajj. Merely performing Umrah does not make Hajj compulsory on a person.

Q Is it permissible to fast on 13th Zul Hijjah especially since it is from the Ayyaam-e-Beedh - 13th, 14th and 15th of the month? If it is not permissible to fast on such a day and someone did commence the fast on this day should he break the fast?

A Fasting is prohibited on 5 days of the year - Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha and the 3 days of Tashreeq i.e. 11th, 12th and 13th Zul Hijjah. If a person commenced a fast on this day due to ignorance then he should break it.

Q Is there any specific Dua or Zikr to be made on 10th Muharram? Some say that Ayatul Kursi should be recited 360 times and Hasbunallahu Wa Nimal Wakeel 70 etc.? Is there any basis to this?

A The virtue and auspiciousness of the Day of Ashura has been authentically established in Islam. However, apart from fasting on this day, there is no specific Salah, Zikrs or Duas etc. prescribed for this occasion. Hence specifying certain particular recitals and formulas and considering them necessary will not be appropriate. One may recite any

form of Zikr from the Sunnah and engage in any form of Ibadat and good act. Importantly, on this day, one should stay away from all forms of sins, innovations and practices that are not established in Islam.

Q Are we allowed to make Nikah during Muharram and Safar?

A There is no restriction in the Shariah from performing Nikah during Muharram and Safar. Having unfounded beliefs is sinful and amounts to innovation in Deen (bid'ah) which is strongly condemned.

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2015 Kajoor Programme 11 000 kg dates distributed

Driven by the spirit of sharing and caring that is generated by the blessed month of Ramadan and the tremendous virtues of feeding a fasting person, with the grace of Allah Ta'ala, the annual Kajoor Project of Darul Ihsan Centre has completed another year of successful distribution and provision of dates to the community.



Bloemfontein, East London, Estcourt, Kokstad, Greytown, Lindelani, Lusikisiki, Port St Johns, Botswana, etc.

The recipients appreciate the dates which are normally consumed at iftar, hence giving the donors the reward of the fast of all those who break their fast with these dates - InshaAllah.

We pray to Allah Ta'ala to accept and thank all our donors and well-wishers for their continuous support and duas in sustaining these projects.

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The distribution of dates known as 'Sponsor-a-Kajoor Pack' is driven purely by the generous contributions of Muslims - who are eager to reap the tremendous reward of feeding a fasting person. This programme sees thousands of kilogrammes of dates distributed nationally across the length and breadth of South Africa. This year 11 000 kg (1 kg packs) of dates were distributed. The distribution programme is well planned and co-ordinated by the Centre's Ulama and a national volunteer network that ensure the dates are purchased, packed, freighted to reach the recipients promptly and enjoyed for iftar in Ramadan.

Many areas of the country are served by this distribution programme, including most correctional services centres and prisons. Some of the many areas of distribution included Nelspruit, Bergville, Mqanduli, Port Elizabeth, Enqobo, Phoenix, Transkei, Cape Town, Westrich,

Youth Day blanket distribution in Sharpeville

For the second year running the residents of Roshnee, Dadaville and Arcon Park contributed towards the distribution of blankets in the Vaal area. This year the community united to provide 100 high-quality blankets for distribution amongst the elderly in Sharpeville.



District Municipality represented by the Executive Mayor, Councillor Mahole Simon Mofokeng, with other municipality members present.

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The acquisition and distribution of the blankets were co-ordinated by the local Roshnee Islamic Services together with Darul Ihsan Centre on Youth Day (Tuesday, 16 June). The blanket distribution took place, significantly, at the historic Sharpeville Memorial Monument in conjunction with the Sedibeng

Marriage Programme held in Inchinga

The Social Department of Darul Ihsan Centre held a marriage enrichment workshop for spouses at the Inchinga Islamic Centre on Sunday, 9 August 2015, coinciding with National Women's Day.

Many locals, scholars, educators and ordinary folk capacitated the venue and the programme tackled common marriage problems and covered a wide array of discussions with particular emphasis on the importance of bringing our lives closer to the way of Islam and Sunnah.

Attendees were positively receptive to the discussions and actively interacted with the presenters during the Q & A session. Several brief speeches were also made by officials

and educators of the Inchinga Islamic Centre. Educational literature on marriage and other aspects of Islam - in English and Zulu - were distributed to the participants.

Officials and personnel of the Inchinga Islamic Centre hosted the programmes with efficiency and excellent hospitality to all attendees, guests and delegates. Refreshments and lunch were served to all present.

The Inchinga Islamic Centre expressed its sincere appreciation for the presentation of the programme to the community and requested ongoing educational programmes of this nature.

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Home Improvement Project

Alhamdulillah, over the years many homes that needed some basic yet essential repair/construct work were attended to by the 'Muslim Empowerment Fund' (MEF) of Darul Ihsan Centre.

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This year a total of 15 areas in the greater Durban metro were identified and assisted. Some areas that were served were Newlands East, Castlehill, Mount Moria, Westrich, Kenville, Lindelani, Hillgrove and Malagazi. Approximately five hundred

people were served Iftar meals daily in these areas. The Iftar included cooked meals, savouries and refreshments.

Generous donations and sponsorships from individuals, businesses and corporates assisted in funding the programme.

Darul Ihsan thanks all donors and sponsors in making this programme possible.

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Imam Abu Hanifah programme

Darul Ihsan Centre held an educational seminar on the life of Imam Abu Hanifah (RA) at the Hartley Road school, on Saturday, 8 August 2015, conducted by Shaykh Ashraf Adam of Port Elizabeth.

The programme was attended by scholars, professionals and local community members. Discussions revolved around the life of the great Imam, his tutors, his students, jurisprudence and his knowledge of Hadith. Common criticisms against this great scholar and their refutation were addressed as well.

Attendees were very receptive to the discussions and actively interacted with the presenter during the Q & A session. A book authored by the Shaykh titled 'Imam Abu Hanifa' was sold at the programme. This book is available at the Darul Ihsan Bookshop. The programme culminated with light discussion and refreshments.

The attendees expressed their sincere appreciation for the programme and requested on-going educational programmes of this nature.

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*Excerpt from the above programme
The prophecy regarding Imam Abu Hanifah (RA)*

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه narrates that once we were sitting in the presence of Rasulullah ﷺ when the verses of Surah Jumu'ah were revealed. So we asked Rasulullah ﷺ regarding verse no.3 wherein it is stated, "And others

from them whom you have not met..." So we asked Rasulullah ﷺ "Who is referred to here?" After the third time Rasulullah ﷺ placed his blessed hand on Hazrat Salman Al Farsi who was among those present and said, "There will be such people from this nation that if Imaan was to be found on the Thurayya star, they will endeavour to acquire it."

(Bukhari & Muslim)

In the narration of Hilyatul Awliya by Abu Nuaim (RA), it is stated that if knowledge was to be found on the Thurayya star, they will endeavour to acquire it.

Ulama such as Allamah Suyuti (RA) in Tabyeedhus Saheefah have stated that this refers to Imam Abu Hanifah (RA). (At Ta'leequs Sabeeh, Tafseer Uthmani)

The testimony of Imam Malik (RA)

Imam Shafi'ee (RA) narrates that Imam Malik (RA) was asked if he had met Imam Abu Hanifah (RA). Imam Malik (RA) replied, "Yes. I met such a person that if he declares this pillar to be made of gold, he will furnish proof for it."

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Blanket distribution in Ratanda (Heidelberg)

Darul Ihsan Centre's 'Sponsor-a-Blanket' drive took itself to Ratanda, near Heidelberg in Gauteng, where another 100 blankets were distributed. The blankets were distributed on Sunday, 28 June amongst elderly women and men from the Ratanda location at the community hall.

The Executive Mayor of the Lesedi Local Municipality, Councillor Lerato Franscina Maloka, attended the presentation and individually handed the blankets to each of the elderly recipients who were most grateful of Darul Ihsan Centre's gesture - particularly in view of the cold winters experienced in the area.

Councillor Lerato expressed her appreciation to Darul Ihsan and her

keenness to be involved in future outreach projects with the Centre.

Also, the Vaal Women's Forum will distribute another 70 blankets - donated by Darul Ihsan Centre - to needy recipients in an area near Three Rivers. As an added effort, the representatives of the forum will hand these blankets individually and 'door-to-door' of the intended recipients.

Messages of thanks were received for the supply of blankets which benefitted the community due to the initiative of the Centre.

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Correspondence of Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (RA) with his daughter

"The worry and pains of the world, as much as they may be, will in any case end one day. Such rewards are stored by Allah Ta'ala and if people were to see it, they will desire that their skins were snipped with scissors in the world. Thus, bear every difficulty with cheerfulness, only for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala. Most of your time should be spent in some recitation or the other. If the hands are engaged in work, then one should also recite Durood Shareef, make istighfar, etc."

"I certainly have this complaint against you that you still continue to think about me and your sisters. The

first thing you need to do is to move your heart and your very self away from everything and develop a bond only with Allah Ta'ala. Whatever grief or pain you have, mention it to Allah Ta'ala alone. He has power over everything. Without the will of Allah Ta'ala, no one can be of any benefit to you. Everyone's heart is under His control and the ease and comfort of the entire world come with His decision. When you think about your difficulties, your anxiety will only increase. *The remedy for everything is to speak to Allah Ta'ala alone.* Go into sajdah, cry and beg of Him. This is the means of earning your deen and your dunya."

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