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During my university days, I remember walking down to one of my lectures when I passed one of the many display boards that you would find at any University campus. On this particular display board was a poster of no other than the now infamous 'Uncle Sam'. For those who are not familiar with Uncle Sam, he is often depicted as a stern elderly white man with white hair and a goatee beard (with no moustache). The purpose of the poster was seeking people to volunteer some of their time to a particular community group. Their slogan was simple: 'I want you as a new recruit!'

Looking back on that day, I now reflect on my own Islamic community. Alhamdulillah, over the years, various community groups have been established to provide a whole host of essential services to the everyday Muslim. From mosques, schools and madrasas, youth centres, social and welfare services, recreational facilities and even this magazine. Unfortunately, many have now found themselves stagnate and it's not so much because of lack of funds but because of lack of manpower. That's right, many Islamic groups are faced with the problem of there is not enough committed volunteers out there who are willing to stick it out and oversee the life of a particular Islamic cause.

Today, more than 5 million Australians make a difference in their local community by volunteering each year, doing a wide range of tasks for a wide range of not-for-profit organisations. People volunteer for many reasons and in many different ways. There is a great deal of satisfaction that comes from making a difference. This is with no doubt the most successful element to any non-profit organisation and Islamic community groups are no exception to this rule.

It is for this reason why the team at the Message Magazine have focused on this theme. For those who have been loyal readers to this publication, you would have very quickly realised that this is the first issue of The Message since May 2009! The main reason for that being a lack of volunteers! No matter how busy we are, I'm sure all of us can spare an hour of our week to dedicate it in helping out our local community group. So why not pick up the phone and give that organisation a call.

You can experience working for causes that you are interested in, or assist in creating change in areas that are important to you. You can build new skills, meet new people and add variety to your work experience.

The Message Magazine is also looking for help. If you think you can put your creative writing skills to the test then email us at info@messagemagazine.com.au. So on behalf of your local community organisation, I look forward to hearing from you!

WaSalam,

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SHEIKH'S CORNER

The Prophet's (ﷺ) Ramadan Khutbah

The following khutbah was delivered by Prophet Muhammad (S) on the eve of Ramadan. It is short, but concise; informative and educational. It provides instructional models for Muslims to follow and practice in their daily lives; especially during the month of Ramadan. Due to its importance and because it was delivered by the Prophet Muhammad (S) himself on a notable occasion, the meaning of the khutbah was translated and included for all of us to develop a greater understanding behind the true meaning of Ramadan.

It was narrated by Salman the Persian (may Allah be pleased with him) that, the Messenger of Allah (S) delivered a khutbah on the last day of Sha'ban (on the eve of Ramadan). The Prophet (S) said:

“O you people! A great and a blessed month has arrived for you. A month therein a night which is better than one thousand months. The fasting during this month is an obligation (Fareedah), and the extra prayers during its nights are voluntary. Anyone who comes closer to Allah through a good deed during this month is as if he performed an obligatory duty (Fareedah) during times other than Ramadan, and he who fulfils an obligatory duty in it will be like one who fulfils seventy obligatory duties in another month. It is the month of patience, and, the reward of patience is Paradise. It is the month of visiting the poor, the sick and the needy so as to share their sorrows. It is the month where the nourishment, the sustenance and the income of the believing Muslim increase and they are blessed.”

“Anyone who invites others to break their fast at Iftar will be provided with forgiveness of his sins and be saved from hell, and will receive rewards equal to the fasting person without reducing his own rewards in any respect.”

Some of the followers of the Prophet (S) said: “Not all of us may find food to share with one so that he could break his fast.” The Prophet (S) said: “Allah will reward you even if you help the fasting Muslim to break his fast with a date, a sip of water, or a drink of milk . . . it is a month: its beginning is Mercy (Rahmah), and its middle part is Forgiveness (Maghfirah) and its last part is freedom from hellfire. Anyone who helps a slave to be freed, Allah will forgive him and free him from Hell. Increase in yourselves four characteristics: two by which you will please your Lord and two others by which you cannot live without.

The first two qualities to please Allah are to bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and to ask forgiveness from Allah. However, the other two things that you cannot live without are: to ask Allah for Paradise, and to ask Him to protect you from Hellfire.

Anyone who gives water to a Muslim at Iftar, Allah will give him water during the Day of Judgment from the fountain of the Prophet Muhammad (S) which will make him not feel thirsty till he enters Paradise.”

Dear brothers and sisters in Islam, by bringing this khutbah to your attention, we hope and pray to Almighty Allah that we will benefit from it and we will act according to the teachings of Muhammad (S). May Allah help us to live and follow this example so that Allah and His Messenger will be pleased with us all.

Ameen.

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How Can I Make Ramadan Special?

Assalamualiakum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu,

I would like to take this opportunity to greet you, to congratulate you on the advent of blessed Ramadan, to make my sincere dua'a for you, to express my deepest friendship and love for you and my sincere care and support for you and your families. I make a sincere dua'a to Allah alone that He makes this month a means to ease your worries, that he replaces it with goodness and transforms your world into a Jannah in this life. May Allah give you what your heart desires and amaze you with His bounty and grace.

I wanted to share with you my answer to something that people ask every Ramadan, namely:

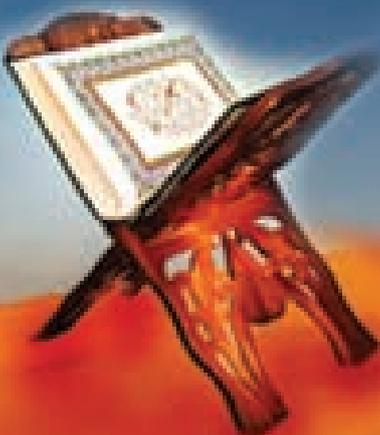
“How can I make this Ramadan special?”

The answer quite simply is:

“By developing good habits in this month”

We all have habits that we may not like or that which may not be liked by Allah. As a result of this, we feel its negative effect in our lives. By its nature, a habit is basically something ingrained and hardwired in our mind. The best way to get over it is not to try to stop the habit straight away, rather by starting and working on a counter habit. If you want to lose some weight for example – don't start by stopping to eat, rather start developing a habit of regular exercise and then slowly work on cutting down on the food. This is more effective, more lasting and will probably bring in the result you want. You see, it is difficult to overcome habits that are and have been long standing, but relatively easy to start new ones.

I wanted to share with you a process that I follow to work on starting a new habit that counters a bad habit that I have. It is the following 6 steps. These steps are essentially taken from the simple Islamic process of making repentance – firstly remembering the sin, regretting it by thinking about its implications, making a resolve to not repeat it, doing a good deed that will wipe out the sin, then surrounding yourself with ways of doing good and closing all doors to the bad and lastly being thankful to Allah for having guided you to the good and remembering that if you do the sin again, it is only going to be a new sin and not harm your previous repentance inshaAllah. In the context of habits, the steps are as follows...



1. Firstly Make yourself aware of that negative habit. When, where and how frequently do you happen to do it? How can you effectively make yourself aware of it? By telling others to spot it, by monitoring yourself as closely as possible, by jotting down every time that you remember that you did it. Example: Habit of missing the sunnah prayers.

2. Then Ask yourself about what impact that habit has on yourself and on your perception, personality and relationship with Allah. The more you focus on this, the more this becomes the lever of change. Example: Constantly missing the sunnah prayers makes a person a miser with his ibadah, not love the sunnah, legally removes his status as being just and removes the reward of having a new palace built for him/her in paradise daily – the more you focus on the problems of this bad habit, the more it will make you want to change it.

3. Next Focus on how willing and committed you are to making a change and on doing a counter habit. Think over the fence into the future – how it would be to not have the negative habit and to replace it with a positive one.

4. Then Write a specific action that you will do to counter the habit and start the good habit. Be very specific and try to make it regular so that it actually becomes a habit. Remember – a habit is something that you do regularly! Example: specifically you will come to prayer 10mins early so you can do the sunnah prayer on time.

5. Next Support yourself to develop that new good habit. How? Hang around good friends, put up reminders anywhere and everywhere, get your family and friends to support you by reminding you about it.

6. Lastly Reward yourself every time you do a good habit and don't be too hard on yourself if you end up doing the bad habit here and there. Remember: Habit happens!



Remember that Allah loves those simple deeds that are done regularly rather than the major ones done irregularly. I invite you to use the above to remove a negative habit that you may have and then to develop a new good habit in this month. Please see attached the Ramadan Checklist that I have made to help you develop and stick to that good habit.

So make this Ramadan special by starting a new habit of making dhikr constantly; reciting surah ikhlas 30 times a day so you get the reward of reciting the whole Quran 10 times a day; helping one poor person with a daily meal; sponsoring an orphan; getting up for qiyamul layl in the last third of the night every night of Ramadan; making dua only for Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wa salam etc. Whatever habit you work on, believe me, you will certainly find tremendous barakah and become truly beloved to Allah, if you focus on making it less adhoc and more regular and constant – a true good habit!

Wassalamualaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu!

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Where are They Now?

Passing the Baton to New Recruits

So many people falsely believe that once we die our good deeds cease. But did you know it was reported that our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said that:

“When a man dies, his acts come to an end, but [except] three, (1) recurring charity, (2) knowledge (by which people) benefit, or (3) a pious son who prays for him (for the deceased).?” (Sahih al-Muslim)

As many of us grow older, there comes a point when life seems to get in the way of accomplishing many of the deeds which could potentially elevate our status in the hereafter. However it is for the above hadith that many people still insist on contributing in the way of Islam- despite the chaos of their everyday lives.

How many people do you know have hours to spare and volunteer every day; cleaning our mosques, compiling Islamic magazines, or organising Islamic fundraisers, for instance? Yet, SubhanAllah, this still seems to get done - without a thought for recognition or praise.

Years ago, I remember the world experienced what many would refer to as: “An Islamic Awakening” - since apparently, many Muslims were dormant up until then. Whilst attending university, I remember having access to multiple lectures every week reminding us of the last day and what we have prepared for it. I remember passing by Muslim brothers and sisters performing Da’wah by handing out Islamic texts to help inform both Muslims and Non-Muslims about the true path of Islam.

Which brings me to my point: **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

I’m not sure if it is because I am no longer attending educational institutions or whether it may be because they have shifted elsewhere, but it saddens me to admit I don’t feel the physical presence of the upcoming Muslim generation. This may be a slightly exaggerated view, but it seems as though there are fewer people that current volunteers can “pass the baton” onto. A baton can symbolise the end of a relay runners’ turn as soon as it is passed onto the succeeding runner, but unfortunately as we race ahead in this life, it is frightening to think of the possibility of the baton held by Muslims active in our community today falling into empty hands.

I am sure that many Muslims would love to free up their days and continue their input to worthy organisations but the wave of volunteers I refer to above now have so many other commitments to prioritise it just feels as though there aren’t enough hours in a day to get everything done.

I look back at my years and it is disheartening to think about all the spare time I wasted on meaningless activities when I could have contributed to other great causes that needed my assistance. Every time I meet up with a sister that used to volunteer with, we end up discussing the children which we have been entrusted with, the jobs that come with responsibilities which weigh us down, the homes we need to establish and maintain and the parents that we need to attend to.

Many people are familiar with the saying: ‘You don’t know what you’ve got ‘till it’s gone’ and subhanAllah it is so true! I never really appreciated my spare time. I never really used it wisely. It was never something that I valued. Yet now I am more aware of how that time can make such a difference. All I ever wish for is more time to contribute to Islam in ways that will benefit our nation and our akhirah since this is essentially what will determine true success and what we are really here for.

I must confess that it is due to the opening hadith that I continue to commit to this publication. I found it to be an extraordinary opportunity to contribute to the realm of Islamic literature and I pray that Insha’Allah, I leave behind a legacy which will assist in advancing my status in Jannah.

Are you going to be Islam’s newest recruit? Sign up and make a difference today. The rewards are limitless!

Your sister in Islam

Manal Abdullah



Don't Forget Your I.D Card!

Seeking Recruits to Show True Muslim Identity

Suicide bombers, planes flying into buildings and groups of masked men holding semi-automatic weapons damning the western world!

A bleak picture indeed, unfortunately this is the image of Islam portrayed by the media.

The question I ask is Where Are You?

Where is the image of the true Muslim?

The image I have of a true Muslim is a humble, peaceful humanitarian with morals and ethics that emulate our final messenger (pbuh), so why do we allow the above portrayal to continue? Are we so powerless that we have accepted this new distorted reputation? Or worse still are we too lazy and self absorbed to care?

I believe there is another reason; people do want to make a difference, but are not quite sure how to go about it.

The first step is that our community needs to take is to appoint a credible English speaking spokesperson to publically condemn these acts, to make it clear to our fellow Australians that acts of terrorism and violence are against the fundamentals of our religion and anyone who commits such acts are lost souls conducting criminal acts in the name of Islam.

How dare these factions use our religion to propagate their violence! You don't represent Islam, you don't lift our status and you definitely do not represent what it means to be Muslim either!

We as individuals can also make a stand against these acts. True Muslims should protest publically and vocally when these events occur, whether it be organising a peaceful rally in the city, responding to talk-back segments on popular radio broadcasts, or expressing your disgust of these acts on forums or blogs.

This next generation of Australian Muslims must also make themselves more approachable to non-Muslims. It is clear that many of our fellow Australians perceive us as an isolated somewhat intimidating religion, therefore the need to strip ourselves of this tag is vital to future-proof the reputation of Islam in this wondrous country.

Brothers and sisters this article is not relating to countries at war, this is relating to random acts of terrorism. Killing innocent people has never been an acceptable practice in our religion, the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) never killed anyone who was innocent, so why do these people believe they can? And worse still claim it was for a religious belief?

Enough is enough...

Where is the voice of the true Muslim?

Your brother in Islam

Ronnie Mikati

The Lazy Muslim

what are you doing with your time?

The world's going to end in 2012... well, according to Hollywood anyway.

Climate scientists have been more generous with their estimations, pitching our self-created cataclysmic demise at somewhere around the 2050 mark. At the present moment, 1.4 billion people live on less than 2 dollars a day (you can't even buy a coffee for that!) and 20% of the world's population don't know how to read. We live in a pretty sad world when you really think about it. The reality of the hardships in life are so entrenched in our mindset that even pictures of starving children, bleeding masses and catastrophic disasters don't trigger so much as a flinch when viewed.

With all the poverty, disease, climate change and injustices afflicting the world, our collective conscience has gone into hibernation in a bid to block out the dark spots soiling the pretty picture we've constructed around our lives. How easy it is to forget about the starving billions, wasting away to nothingness whilst we feast on our kibbeh, biryani's and meringue. How convenient that we ignore the devastating floods drowning the livelihoods of developing countries when our excess energy consumption creates them in the first place.

How much of our time do we actually spend trying to solve these problems? One oft-heard complaint is that "there isn't enough time". Really? How long did you spend on Facebook today? Or looking up random videos on Youtube? How many hours did you spend on the weekend playing on your PS3 console?

Count the number of minutes, hours, days that you waste every week doing things that will neither benefit you nor society. Calculate the percentage of your time that you could have spent doing something productive. For every minute that you spend whiling away on Farmville, feeding sheep that don't exist, you could be typing up an email requesting donations for your favourite charity. Instead of looking up funny videos on the 'Tube, why don't you CREATE your own video, inspiring people to get involved in charity and development work? Community work can be extremely exciting, fun and rewarding if we take the time to think about areas of need in the world and how we can go about implementing our individual skills and talents to help solve them.

It's very easy to use exams, work and family as excuses not to get involved in community and development work. But in doing so, we actively ignore the fact that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was not only a spiritual leader, military genius, statesman and devoted family man, he was also a noted humanitarian. He still had time- between the meetings, the dawah and the spiritual guidance- to collect wood for his companions to cook their food with and to actively ensure that animals were not mistreated. He would donate all of his belongings and wealth to the needy and go without for the sake of others. Of course, we can never measure up to his benevolence, but we can certainly try. And can any of us honestly look ourselves in the mirror and say that they are trying hard enough?

The Prophet (pbuh) was an orphan. He himself was from a class of people that we would today consider "disadvantaged". He would have experienced all the difficulties and hardships faced by today's orphans that we are all called to sponsor, by the various charities around us.

Alhamdulillah, many of us do sponsor those in need and may Allah (swt) accept this from us. But could we be helping more? How many unnecessary items do we purchase throughout the month that if added up, could potentially sponsor another child living in the claws of poverty? If each of us organised fundraising events, selling cakes or handcraft or even second-hand items, how much money could we potentially raise for these children? If each of us sold just 2 chocolate Cadbury fundraising boxes a month, we could each sponsor an extra 2 children living in poverty. That's how easy it is to make a difference in the lives of others.

Let's think on an even grander scale. The Earth. This amazing planet with its lush forests, pristine waterfalls and raging oceans, is climbing into its death bed. Allah (swt) entrusted us with this precious place and we have raped, pillaged and torn it apart as a way of saying thank you. Only now, that global warming has become an inescapable reality, are we facing up to our actions and trying to find a solution before we have to deal with the disastrous consequences of our greed and arrogance. The good news is; it's never too late to make a change. And that change starts with us. Each and every one of us. When was the last time you picked up a piece of rubbish off the ground that wasn't yours? When did you last plant a tree (if ever)? These little actions, while seemingly insignificant, make a huge impact on our environment if we all adopted them.

These are just some examples of what you can do with your spare time. Allocate a few spare hours every week and devote yourself to a project that you strongly believe in. Whether it's poverty, global health, the environment, education, dawah or animal rights, there is so much good to be done in the world and it's up to you and I to step up to the plate and start thinking globally, acting locally. And finally, remember the immortal words of Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has". Become that change.

Your sister in Islam

Sabrina El Kodr



Recruits of the Past

The youthful ambassador of Islam: Mus`ab Ibn `Umayr

Mus`ab ibn `Umayr (may Allah be pleased with him) stands the test of time when it comes to a companion's life from whom this generation and those to come can derive valuable lessons. Of course, every companion of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had unique qualities and characteristics but in terms of a youth who went from the lap of luxury to a righteous and humble existence, no one else's story of transformation can compare to that of Mus`ab ibn `Umayr.

If There Was a Popularity Contest...

Before he entered Islam, Mus`ab was truly the hippest, coolest, most handsome young man in all of Makkah. Preoccupied with his worldly existence, Mus`ab made full use of the family wealth at his disposal for the latest in perfumes, clothing and shoes.

Given the time period and location we are referring to, sometime in early 7th century Arabia, it is remarkable that a young man exerted so much energy in being down with the latest trends. If there was a popularity contest in Makkah, Mus`ab would be the winner without a doubt.

Coming Down to Earth and Staying There...

Mus`ab was living a luxurious lifestyle as he had everything one could ever dream of. He was living for the moment like many of us during our teenage years. His parents, especially his mother, Khunas bint Malik, were bankrolling his exuberant lifestyle until one day the talk of the town grew louder and louder about a man named Muhammad who claimed to be a Prophet.

Of course the Makkans had known about Muhammad (pbuh) as he was the grandson of Abdul Muttalib, a powerful and renowned leader among the Quraysh, but now there was much talk because it seemed that Muhammad (pbuh) was challenging the idol worship and other longstanding traditions of Makkan society.

Mus`ab was young but wise, living in luxury but not entirely blind to the fact that something about Muhammad's (pbuh) message was attracting the other youth and even older Makkans.

He knew well that his mother was the symbol of tradition; a woman who would scarcely tolerate her son's ears being filled with messages that would threaten the very cornerstones of Makkan society. Convinced that he should at least allow himself to witness first hand the preacher and his message, Mus`ab went and joined the gathering of Makkans at Dar Al-Arqam, and in doing so, he came down to earth from his high-flying existence and ended up staying there.

Making the Most of the Moment...

At times, we come face to face with reality, with the inner knowledge that the life we are living is not fulfilling, that there is so much more we could be learning and doing. Yet something keeps us from taking the first step towards lasting change. What keeps us from taking that first step? Why do we end up falling back into our routines and sometimes even off the straight path?

Think about the choice Mus`ab ibn `Umayr had to make. There he was enjoying a lifestyle free of worries, anxiety and grief – never one to worry about fitting in because everyone else in society was clamouring to be just like him. Then, he found himself listening to the message being revealed to our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh); verses that had suddenly dawned upon the Quraysh and ultimately all humanity, to treat the orphans with love and care and to feed the needy. He was confronted with a message enjoining upon those who chose to believe, a life of purity, simplicity, humility, and most of all, moderation and mercy.

The choice to follow Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was not going to be an easy one for Mus`ab nor was it going to be without consequence. His mother, Khunas bint Malik, saw that her teenage son was rebelling, going through a phase, and needed to be taught a lesson.

For Mus`ab, this was neither a phase nor a temporary shift in lifestyle, since his heart had inclined towards Almighty Allah and His Messenger (pbuh), and if anything, he was rebelling against the ignorance that was rampant in Arabian society, not against his love for his parents. Unlike many of us for whom a learning and critical moment passes, for Mus`ab, the moment did not pass because he made the most of it and committed his life to Islam at such a young age.

Major Milestones in Life: What Goals Have You Set?

So much happens in life and of course all of it is according to Almighty Allah's plan but quite often we do not spend enough time to set goals and develop our own plans. Volumes could be written about the life of Mus`ab ibn `Umayr and how he went from riches to rags, literally

Although this brief article cannot do justice to the full life he lived, we can highlight the major milestones and hope to carve out the essence of what it meant to have transformed one's life and devoted it to seeking the pleasure of Allah the Almighty.



A person's relationship with his parents in its ideal state reflects an unbreakable bond of love. After accepting Islam, the next milestone in his life came in the form of having to break that bond of love and nurturing because Mus'ab's mother became his more severe opponent when he accepted Islam and cut him off from her motherly love as well as access to his parents' wealth.

Shackled, imprisoned and isolated from society by his mother, Mus'ab could have lost his mind and become irreverent towards his parents. However, the message of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) helped him to never abuse or mistreat his parents in anyway. He persevered and his opening came in the form of permission from the Prophet (pbuh) to join other new converts as they sought refuge in Abyssinia or present day Ethiopia.

Two other noteworthy milestones in his life are his being chosen by Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as the first envoy to the people of Yathrib (later known as Al-Madinah) and his valiant and fatal participation in the Battle of Uhud.

Sometimes young people underestimate their own abilities and even worse, the elders in the community sometimes overlook the tremendous potentials that young people have to serve their community.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), at whose hands Mus'ab became Muslim, knew this young man well and watched him grow into his Islamic personality and character. As word of the new Prophet (pbuh) and his message spread throughout Arabia, interactions with the tribes of Yathrib increased and a handful from among them came to Makkah and accepted Islam.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was now confronted with the challenge of choosing an envoy from among his companions to represent him and present the message of Islam to the other tribes of Yathrib.

Despite the existence of older companions from among those from whom he could choose, the Prophet (pbuh) chose Mus'ab for what can be argued as the toughest assignment a young man could have accepted. History records that Mus'ab not only met with tremendous success in using his knowledge and wisdom to win the hearts and minds of the tribes of Yathrib, but that he did so while he was still a very young man.

Finally, Mus'ab's participation in the Battle of Uhud serves as an example of a young man who had achieved the height of belief in Almighty Allah and in striving with one's life to serve and please Him.

In reflecting upon his life, we must pause to ask ourselves about the status of our own relationship with Almighty Allah. Where are we in terms of learning about and putting into practice our responsibilities, our duties to Allah the Almighty.

During the Battle of Uhud, the Prophet (pbuh) once again honored Mus'ab with the assignment to carry the standard, or the main banner representing the Muslim army. As the readers are aware, it was during the Battle of Uhud that a portion of the Muslim forces

disobeyed the Prophet's orders and ultimately left not only the Prophet (pbuh) but much of the remaining Muslim force vulnerable to injury and ultimately defeat.

Mus'ab fell to his death after attempting bravely and persistently to distract the forces from aiming to hurt the Prophet (pbuh). In doing so, he bore the brunt of the enemy's attacks until he lost both his arms and was struck in his body with a spear.

Finding him dead on the battleground caused our beloved Prophet (pbuh) to weep. It is reported that the Prophet (pbuh), referring to the sacrifices of Mus'ab, recited from the Qur'an, (Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah.) (Al-Ahzab, 33: 23)

Final Thoughts...

Even in his burial, we find valuable insights into the life of Mus'ab ibn `Umayr. After his death on the battlefield, along with the other companions who had sacrificed their lives during the Battle of Uhud, the Prophet (pbuh) arranged for their funeral prayers and burial.

It is reported that the cloth to be used to shroud the body of Mus'ab was not even sufficient to cover his entire body. A young man who once wore the best clothes imported from the most exotic lands was now in a most humbling position having sacrificed his life in defence of Islam and of the life of the Prophet (pbuh).

We all need to pause and reflect upon our current state of faith and ask: What condition will I be in when I meet my Lord? The life of Mus'ab ibn `Umayr has tremendous value for all of us to reflect upon and attempt to emulate.

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The Rusty Muslims Ramadan Action List...

Ramadan is here once again. For many Muslims its time to make additional efforts in their worship. For slightly rusty Muslims, however, its time to try and recall what being a Muslim is all about. If youre one of the latter, dont panic! Here is a useful action list to get you started.

1) Dust off your Quran

You know you must have one somewhere. Didn't your Aunty give you a copy when she returned from Hajj? You're sure you put it in a safe place. Try checking on the top shelf of your bookcase, or on top of your wardrobe. Don't be put off by the inch-thick dust and cobwebs.

2) Track down your Prayer Mat

Again, you're sure you have one. It's a bright attractive velvet one, with tassels, almost too nice to use – that's why you were saving it for special occasions. Well, Ramadan is definitely a special occasion. Time to put it to good use.

3) Locate Makkah

You think it's towards that corner of the room, but you're not entirely sure. You don't want to risk a guess, so you may have to ask someone. Not to worry, you remember you have that little plastic compass that came free with a packet of Weetbix.

4) Find a Prayer Timetable

You could try your local masjid. But what about that scary Imam? He's sure to wonder why he hasn't seen your face around before. Then again, with the Ramadan rush no-one will notice a new face, and by the end of the month you'll be just another one of the regulars.

5) Wake up for Suhur

Now that you have a timetable, you can't believe what time suhoor is! Is it biologically possible to wake at that time in the morning? You'd better set two alarm clocks – and put one of them well out of reach.

Now that you're all kitted out for Ramadan, it's time to concentrate on collecting some rewards by planning some good deeds. Although your Qur'an recitation might not be easy on the ear, and your limbs are unused to the exercise of prayer, there are still some simple ways you can increase your level of achievement this Ramadan.

Here are a few suggestions...

6) Make time for Repentance Astaghfirullah

We certainly have plenty of things to ask forgiveness for. In fact it could take all month, so you'd better get started. But don't panic – after all, this is the month when the gates of mercy are opened. Just make sure it's sincere.

7) Greet everyone with a Smile and a Salaam

Okay, so your usual greeting is a twitch of the head, accompanied by "Y'alright". But you have the cutest dimples when you smile, and this is one of the easiest ways of earning extra rewards. When the Prophet (pbuh) was asked what types of deeds in Islam are good, he replied: "To feed (the poor) and greet those whom you know and those whom you don't know."

8) Get in touch with family and friends

You have been meaning to ring your Aunty for months, and some of your friends are certain you have left the country. Telephone, visit, write a letter or an email and say 'Ramadan Mubarak'.

9) Give something to charity

You're a little short on cash, but there's all that lunch money you are saving this month. Be generous! Many charities also accept used clothes and other items. This is your chance to get rid of those loud jumpers your grandma keeps sending you. The Prophet (pbuh) said 'Every act of goodness is Sadaqah (charity).'

10) Host an Iftar dinner

Maybe you can't cook, and you nearly poisoned your best friend the last time you tried, but you can always ask friends or family to help with the food. Include non-Muslims among your guests - it's an excellent way to spread the word about Ramadan, and Islam.

However 'rusty' we may get with our prayers and worship during the year, Ramadan is the ideal time to get back on track. And after all our hard work in Ramadan, we need to continue to make a year-round effort to maintain our Iman.

The Prophet (pbuh) said, 'You are required to take upon yourselves only what you can carry out easily. By Allah! Allah does not withhold His Mercy and forgiveness from you until you neglect and give up (good works). Allah likes those deeds best which a worshipper can carry out constantly.'

- [Sahih Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Reference: www.ramadan.com.au

Hadith of the Month

“There is a (compulsory) sadaqah (charity) to be given for every joint of the human body (as a sign of gratitude to Allah) every day the sun rises. To judge justly between two persons is regarded as sadaqah; and to help a man concerning his riding animal, by helping him to mount it or by lifting his luggage on to it, is also regarded as sadaqah; and (saying) a good word is also sadaqah; and every step taken on one’s way to offer the compulsory prayer (in the mosque) is also sadaqah; and to remove a harmful thing from the way is also sadaqah.”

Are you thinking about being a recruit for Islam? Well did you know that every voluntary act by a Muslim to bring about benefit to a community or happiness for a human being is regarded as an act of worship. The above Hadith is just one of many from the Prophet (pbuh) who designated several forms of social services as kinds of charity: removing a harmful thing from the road or street, enjoining what is good, forbidding what is evil, reconciling two people, receiving a Muslim brother with a smile, a good word, and so on and so on...

As Muslims, we seek Allah’s pleasure by serving people. But this higher goal does not have to deny some benefits for ourselves from volunteering. The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) has said that a person who does not thank people is not thankful to Allah either. Thanking people must go beyond words. The best way to be thankful is to help those in need.

When looking at this Hadith from an Australian context, Muslims living in a non-Muslim society must not limit their volunteer time to their community run programs only. Today you may be the person with the ability to help, but tomorrow it may be you on the receiving end of a volunteer effort. In a society where “mind your business” is the coin of the day; there are millions of people who love to help others. By volunteering we contribute to an environment which can benefit all of us.

In fact, there is no harm for Muslims living in the west to undertake volunteer activities with non-Muslims. Furthermore, they are strongly recommended to do so in order for them to introduce Islam to non-Muslims during these activities in a very kind and peaceful manner. It is crucial that as Muslims, we mix with non-Muslims as much as we can in order for us to break down barriers and walls built up by many in our community to help clarify many of the misconceptions held by sections of the wider Australian society. What better way to do this then by showing our love for this country by rolling up our sleeves, lending a hand and most importantly, portraying Islam in a positive light.

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), said, “The believer who mixes with the people and has patience and tolerance with them is better than the believer who doesn’t mix with the people.”

Motives:

Our motives in volunteering can turn our action into worship of our Creator (ibadah). If we do it for His sake then there will be reward on the day of judgement as well Insha’Allah.

Our Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) helped each and everyone. Following his path will bring blessings to your life.

Another Islamic motive is when you help others, you interact, and when you interact with other human beings, you help them understand you better. Communication builds bridges.

So let’s not forget that the Prophet (pbuh) taught us that by us giving someone a hand is better than a receiving hand.

Happy volunteering!

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15 Frequently Asked Questions on Zakat..

The Message Magazine consulted Sheikh Shady Al Suleiman to find out about some of the frequently asked questions about Zakat and their answers.

Below are the questions and answers he has given. (Please note that Imams do differ on some of the answers)

Question #1

What is the different between Zakat al-Mal and Zakat-al-Fitr?

Answer: Zakat al-Mal is related to the saved money over the course of a lunar year, whereas Zakat al-Fitr is paid by the head of the household on behalf of other family members. Also, Zakat al-Mal is to be paid when the savings reach the prescribed nisab (minimum amount on which Zakat is due), but Zakat al-Fitr is to be paid by the person who has food for one day.

Both forms of Zakat are an obligation for those who meet the nisab.

Question #2

How much Zakat do we give?

Answer: The amounts are the following:

2.5 percent-on annual savings that are Zakatable.

5 percent-on agriculture being taken care of by a farmer who is planting and irrigating from his own money. During harvest time, he pays five percent from the total crop.

10 percent-on a farmer's product if it is being irrigated by rain.

20 percent-on resources like oil or precious metals (i.e. gold, silver) which you find on a piece of land that you own. Sakr notes that this is "your property, no one has the right to nationalize it". You would pay 20 percent on what you produced in one year.

Question #3

What is Nisab

Answer: It is the amount which savings, capital or product must exceed in order for the Muslim owner to be obliged to give Zakat. The nisab is based on 85 Grams of Gold. At the time of the writing of this article (July 2010), the minimum threshold of wealth (nisab) needed in order to pay Zakat was \$3740 AUD.

Question #4

I have \$5000 in my savings account; do I have to pay Zakat?

Answer: Yes, as \$5000 is more than the current nisab (the minimum threshold of wealth needed in order to pay Zakat) then you do have to pay Zakat on that sum of money.

Question #5

I paid Zakat on \$4000 last Ramadan. This year I have a total of \$10,000 of wealth liable to Zakat. What value do I take the 2.5% from as I paid for the \$4,000 last year?

Answer: Zakat is to be paid on the total savings regardless of what Zakat was paid on in the past. Therefore, you would pay 2.5% of \$10,000; which would be \$250.

Question #6

I received a large amount of money just before my Zakat was due for this year. Do I include it in this year's Zakat?

Answer: For the purpose of ease and practicality, I strongly recommend you add this to the wealth on which you are due to pay this year.

Question #7

I have savings which I shall use to go for Hajj, is this to be included in my wealth when calculating Zakat?

Answer: Yes, it must be included.

Question #8

I lent some money out to a friend who informed me that he is able to return the money, do I have to include this in my wealth when calculating Zakat?

Answer: Yes, as it is as if he is just storing your money.

Question #9

10 years ago I lent some money to a friend who is poor and I did not expect to get it back. He has now paid me back, is this money liable for Zakat?

Answer: The opinion which the majority of scholars took on this issue is that you should pay one year's worth of Zakat on this money. I would strongly urge you to consult a scholar about this.

Question #10

My Zakat is due in dhul-Qa'dah but I would like to pay in advance (in Ramadan). I have a debt which must be paid in Shawwal (after Ramadan). Can this be deducted from my wealth when calculating Zakat?

Answer: The general answer would be yes, but I would strongly urge you to consult a scholar about this to clarify your exact circumstance.

Question #11

Can I give Zakat to my family members?

Answer: Zakat can only be given to people from one of eight categories (see www.zakatfund.com.au for list of categories). If a family member is from one of those categories (e.g. he/she is poor and is unable to provide for himself), and he/she is not already dependant on you, then according to the majority of scholars, he/she can be given Zakat. But if he/she is one of your dependants, then you are obliged to spend on them anyway and cannot give them anything from your Zakat. Similarly, a wife can give Zakat to her husband but a man cannot give Zakat to his wife for the same reason.

Question #12

What is the definition of the poor and needy?

Answer: The scholars differed greatly over this. One of the opinions is that the Fuqara (poor) are those who are unable to sustain themselves and their dependants for half a year whereas the Masakin (needy) are those who are unable to sustain themselves and their dependants for a full year.

Question #13

I owe several years of Zakat, how do I pay?

Answer: For every year that you owe Zakat, take 2.5% from the total wealth you had at the end of that year and pay that in Zakat. If you are not sure how much wealth you had, you must estimate it to the best of your ability. E.g. It is now Ramadan 2010. You have not paid Zakat for the last 5 years. You need to work out how much wealth you owned every Ramadan for the last 5 years and pay 2.5% of that.

Question #14

I normally give a lot of money in charity throughout the year; do I still have to pay Zakat?

Answer: Yes you do. Zakat must be paid with the intention of paying Zakat. If one gives any other charity, it cannot be counted as Zakat as they did not have the needed intention so you would still have to pay Zakat. Voluntary charity is a Sadaqah and not Zakat.

Question #15: Together, my wife and I have a combined wealth valued at \$25,000. Can I pay Zakat for the both of us?

Answer: As Zakat is an individual obligation, you must compare the nisab (the minimum threshold of wealth needed in order to pay Zakat) with your own wealth and her own wealth to see if each of you has to pay Zakat. If you do, you may pay Zakat for both yourself and your wife as long as she consents to that.

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Through the Eyes of a Revert

How I was Recruited to Islam

Ask any Muslim to name the greatest historical figures in their faith and the names that are most likely to crop up will of course include the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), his wife Khadijah, his best friend Abu Bakr, and his Companions such as Umar, Uthman, Ali, Hamzah and Bilal. These were among the loyal, steadfast servants of Allah (pbuh) whose various feats of heroism, martyrdom and deep spirituality have made them role-models for Muslims the world over.

But aside from their exemplary roles in upholding the principles of Allah's guidance to humanity, there is another significant feature that unites these great historical figures of faith.

Not one of them was born into the religion of Islam and all had to convert through rational choice.

The Prophet himself (pbuh) didn't recite the Fatihah for the first time until he was in his 40s. Umar was an unbeliever whose initial encounters with Islam sent him into a murderous rage directed against Muslims. Bilal was first a slave to a human before he was a slave to Allah. And several of the Muslim companions who marched peacefully into Mecca alongside the Prophet (pbuh) when the city was reclaimed had in fact fought on the side of Quraysh at the initial Battle of Badr.

No doubt about it, converts have always played a special role in the history of our religion, not only establishing it at the outset, but continuing to refresh it, reaffirming its eternal principles and demonstrating its universality as a religion for all people in all times and places.

But as Said Kanawati, Amir of the Australian New Muslims Association, says - sometimes the latest converts to Islam don't necessarily feel like they are inheritors of a grand tradition started by the religion's founders.

'New Muslims can sometimes feel overwhelmed by the unfamiliar environment in which they find themselves,' says the Qantas engineer whose 16-member organisation helps more than 100 Australians every year convert to Islam.

Not only are the ritual practices and Arabic recitations sometimes surprisingly difficult for adults to learn, but converts often have to face the additional pressure of ostracism within their families or difficulties in pursuing their religion at work.

'Islam is such a natural religion that in time everything becomes easier,' Kanawati says, 'but the important thing for new converts is not to rush or to put too much pressure on themselves.'

So why are so many non-Muslim Australians at the present time willing to defy the social challenges and are converting to Islam in unprecedented numbers?

Ironically, Kanawati believes that the saturation television coverage about Islam has caused many spiritually-aware Australians to look beyond the negative stereotypes that grab media headlines in order to explore the religion more calmly and rationally.

'It often comes as a shock to them when they discover that one of the meanings of the word Islam is peace, and that our traditional greeting Assalamu alaikum is also an expression of peace.'

In the "Towards Understanding Islam" course which ANMA runs over five consecutive weeks several times a year, Kanawati and his team offer non-Muslims and born-Muslims returning to their faith a demystification of other misunderstood and misrepresented Islamic terms as well.

'Things like Shariah and Jihad are words that people in the West encounter negatively through the media, but when we teach the course they see that they actually embody flexible, humane and merciful Islamic principles.'

He says that every story of reversion (the term preferred by most converts as they rediscover their natural religious state) is different, 'but the one constant factor is the joy that new Muslims encounter in a religion that is so very different from what they had been led to believe it was.'

So, just as in the time of the Prophet (pbuh), here in Australia in 2010 Allah's guiding light is transporting an increasing number of non-believers over sometimes-vast distances to the glorious, life-changing affirmation of La illaha illallah, Muhammad rasulullah.

Your brother in Islam

Martin Buzacott

the characteristics of a recruit

Tafseer of Surat Al-Muminun (The Believers)

Do you desire for permanent resident status (23:10) for Jannat-ul-Firdaus (here the VIP's stay)? Or do you want that the following should be said about you "and they lived (happily) ever after (23:11)"? If yes, then have a look at surah Al-Muminun. This surah belongs to the early Makkan period. The word "Al-Muminun" comes in the first verse, after which the surah gets its name. It assumes that you are already a Muslim living in a building having five pillars (eeman, salat, sawm ..). It imposes other mandatory requirements.

It starts with some heart rendering qualities of believers. Not every believer will be successful in the life to come. The first and most important category is those who humble themselves in prayer. When they bow in sujud, their hearts bow as well. How does the heart bow to Allah? When you make it a point to follow (every dot and letter in the Quran and hadith), your heart also bows. A complimentary verse says "Seek Allah's help with patient perseverance and prayer. It is indeed hard except for those who are humble." (2:45).

The second category is those who avoid vain talk. "Woe to every scandal monger and backbiter" (104:1). What can be worse than Allah himself sends misery on vain talkers.

The third category is accorded to "doers of purification". Zakat means to purify. This is the only place in the quran where the word "falloon" appears, according to late Dr. Asrar Ahmed Khan. Zakat is not something that is to be done once in a year. For a Muslim, it has to be done every day. Allah's Messenger (s) said, "On every joint of man, there is charity. Every day when the sun rises, doing justice between two men is charity; and assisting a man to ride an animal or to load his luggage on it is charity; and a good word is charity; every step which one takes towards (the mosque for) As-Salat (the prayer) is charity, and removing harmful things from the way is charity". The Prophet (s) said, "Every day two angels come down from Heaven and one of them says, 'O Allah! Compensate every person who spends in Your Cause,' and the other (angel) says, 'O Allah! Destroy every miser.'

An important characteristic for a believer is that he has immense discipline over his carnal desires. They avoid all kinds of perversions, whether open or secret, individually done or collectively.

The miracle of man's creation is mentioned in verses (12-14), a delight for the connoisseur of science. He is reminded of various favours in verses (17-22). For example, seven heavens, rain, irrigation and vegetation, olive oil, cattle and ships. "Which of the favours of your Lord will ye deny"? Surah Ar Rehman.

The story of Prophet Noah (as) (23:23-31) holds important characteristic for believers. Patience. The disbelievers mocked him. Similarly people might mock at you for adhering to principles of Islam, like not dealing in riba, observing hijab and so on. Forgive and overlook (2:109). They will drown in the sea (of fire) and the ship (of eeman) which you have constructed from the planks (of good deeds) will steer you to jannat, Insha Allah.

A similar situation was faced by the prophet who followed him (Prophet Hud as) as well as Prophet Moses (as). If we also sincerely convey the message, we too will be ridiculed. But, have we tried to convey the Message?

The story of Moses (as) is mentioned in verses 45-50. What characteristic did he have? It was speaking the truth in front of a tyrant. Pharaoh was the biggest tyrant of his time; still the message was delivered to him. Look out for the Pharaoh in your life and call him towards Allah. If you cannot do that, at least give him a translation of the Quran. Do not condemn anyone to the hell fire, just because at that point of time, he is associating with evil. Prophet (s) has said "By Him in whose hand is my soul, a servant (of Allah) does not believe (truly) until he likes for his brother what he likes for himself. You desire heaven, so how can you leave your brother to become fuel (for hell)."

An ambassador of Islam will not necessarily be blessed with worldly gifts. But the impact he makes changes the landscape of the world, if Allah wills. A believer will judge his deeds before he is judged. He would be thankful to Allah. Thankfulness makes him more receptive and submissive to truth. He refrains from saying things about which he is not aware (51-93).

A believer will always take the help of prayer, even for very small, insignificant things (93-95). Avoid evil as far as possible. Do not underestimate the influence of evil. If you are confronted with evil, this is what the Quran says, "repel evil with good". And then seek divine protection (96-98).

In this concluding passage, the enemies of the truth have been warned that they shall have to render an account in the Hereafter and bear the consequences of their persecution of the Believers; therefore they should mend their ways (99 – 118).

The discipline which Islam instills cannot be found in the best army of the world. Won't you like to be a recruit? If you are already a recruit, won't you like to recruit?

Your sister in Islam

Sharjeel Faiz



RAMADAN: THE ULTIMATE SIN-O-METER



Want to know for sure something is a sin? I don't mean missing Fajr prayer, or back-biting. These are clearly bad.

No, I mean the things that you habitually do, that you kind of know might, perhaps, just could be wrong... but your mind somehow makes okay.

THE IMMUS TEST: THE MONTH OF RAMADAN.

If you feel truly uneasy doing this deed in Ramadan, it's most likely a sin. If you have the self-control to give it up completely, masha'Allah, it's 99.9999% likely a sin, or at the very least, a waste of your precious time.

So, really, let's reflect on that for a moment. If the above is true, then we should ideally never resume committing those doubtful acts after Ramadan, right? I mean, what's a sin in Ramadan, is still a sin on Eid day, and onwards still.

If gold, and diamonds, and oyster pearls are precious by their rarity alone, then it is clear that every moment we exist, every breath we inhale, then exhale after that, is pure gold dust, if only because they are all rarer than the rarest gemstones; never to be seen again, until the day that our deeds are played back to us on the ultimate cinematic, widescreen, surround sound, ultra high def experience of Yaum al-Qiyamah.

So what makes those acts that seem wasteful in Ramadan, suddenly become a good use of our time after the month has swiftly past through our fingers?

What validation do we put forth for our thinly veiled hypocrisy?

Weakness? Perhaps. We are made weak. But still... We have a month to train hard. To build up our spiritual muscles. Yes, you can get that emaan six-pack you always wanted - and in just THIRTY DAYS, insha'Allah!

So, take another look at that mental list you wrote; the one titled, "What I plan to give up during Ramadan", and ask yourself: "If I can last 30 days without it... and with it, my Ramadan is tainted... is it really that important to me? And do I really want it back in my life ever again?"

May Allah guide us to the true answer to those questions, and make it easy for us all to do the right thing. Especially me, now that I am extra accountable after writing this magazine entry. Ameen!

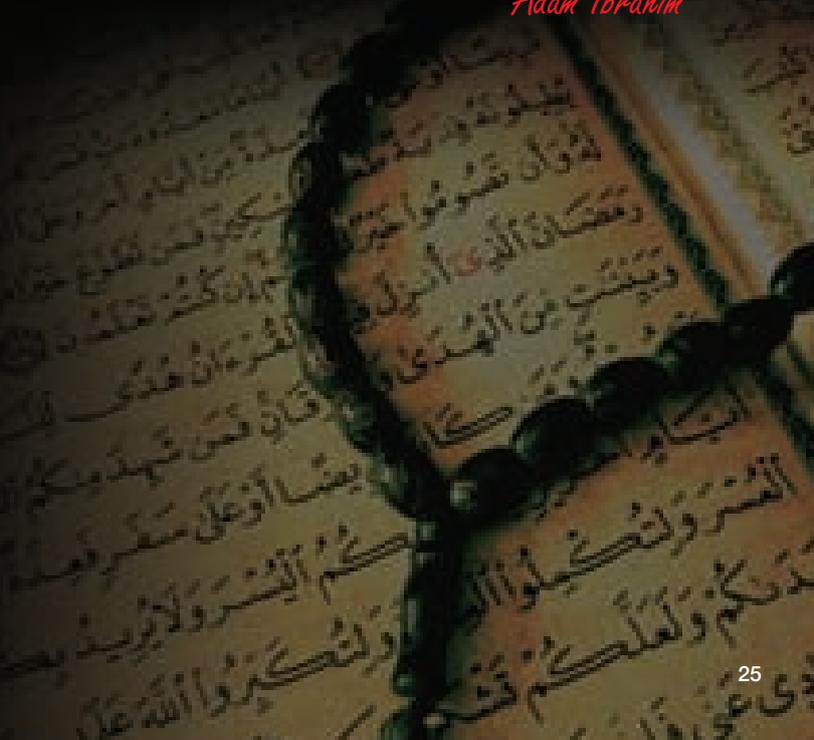
From Imam An-Nawawi's Forty Hadith collection:

Al-Nawwas bin Sam'an, radiyallahu 'anhu, reported that the Prophet, sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam, said: "Righteousness is good character, and sin is that which wavers in your heart and which you do not want people to know about." [Muslim]

According to Wabisah bin Ma'bad, radiyallahu 'anhu, who said: I came to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) and he said: "You have come to ask about righteousness?" "Yes," I answered. He said: "Consult your heart. Righteousness is that about which the soul feels tranquil and the heart feels tranquil, and sin is what creates restlessness in the soul and moves to and fro in the breast, even though people give you their opinion (in your favour) and continue to do so."

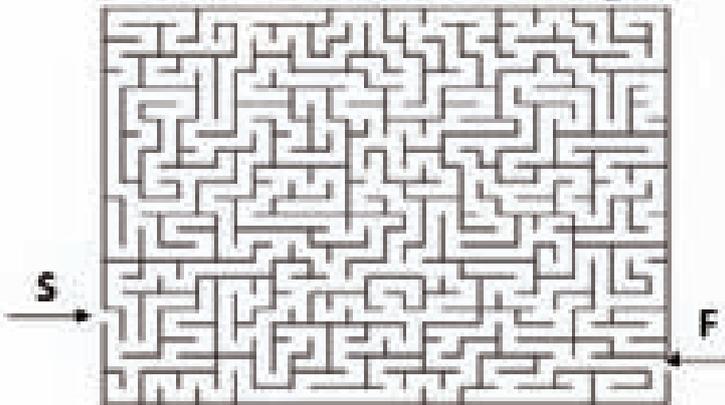
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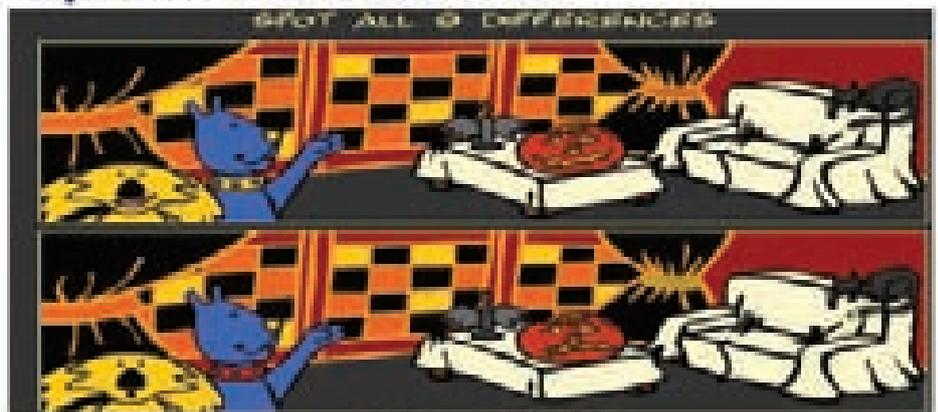
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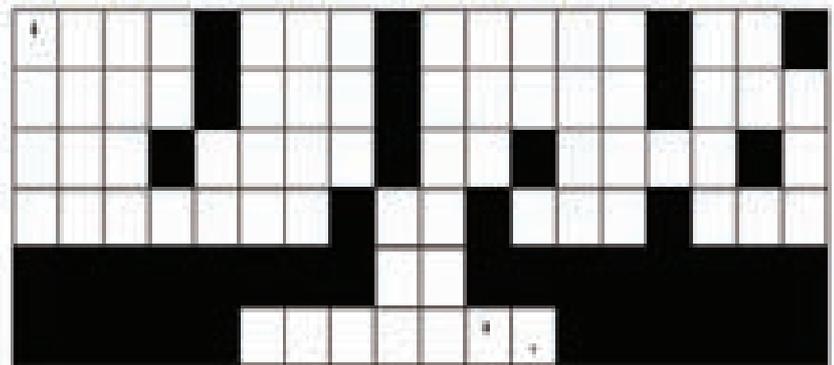
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Fill in all the squares of the grid so that each row, each column and each 3x3 section contains all the numbers 1-9 inclusive.

MY HAJJ DEPARTING 24TH OCTOBER

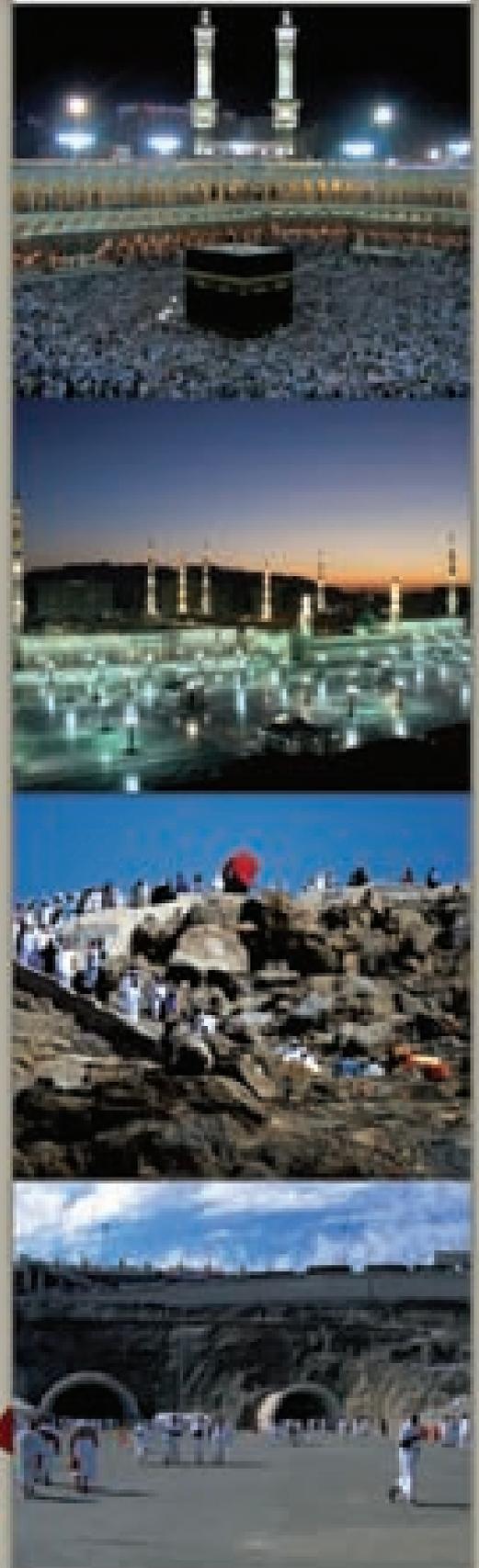
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- HAJJ TOUR LED BY SHEIKH SHADY ALSULEIMAN AND EXPERIENCED HAJJ GUIDES
- 1 HAJJ GUIDE PER EVERY 20 HUIJAJ
- HAJJ PREPARATION COURSE FOR ALL PILGRIMS
- RETURN FLIGHTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER DESIRED DESTINATIONS
- 5 STAR ACCOMMODATION IN MAKKAH AND MADINA INCLUDING BUFFET BREAKFAST AND LESS THAN 1 MINUTE WALK TO BOTH HARAM
- TRANSPORTATION VIA LUXURY COACHES
- 10 LITRES OF ZAMZAM WATER FOR ALL HUIJAJ
- HAJJ KITS INCLUDE: IHRAM, ZAMZAM BAG, PRAYER MAT AND SAUDI MOBILE SIM CARD
- TOURS TO HISTORICAL ISLAMIC SITES IN AND AROUND MADINAH.
- ISLAMIC LESSONS EVERY DAY BY QUALIFIED IMAMS

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