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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

Assalam Alaikum

On March 6th our community shined and showed what blessed and generous people we have. Alhamdulillah more than one million dollar was pledged for the honor of completing our center and crossing the finish line for this phase . You competed for the thawab and showed that you truly believe that Allah SWT not only will reward you many times in the hereafter, but also you proved your deep conviction that the wealth that belongs to Allah SWT and made you trustee for will return to you no doubt in this life one way or another, whether in the form of monetary wealth, health or the avoidance of a catastrophe, God forbid.

This money, which is badly needed, will be put to its intended use and will help complete our center for you and your families inshallah, and will help us stay on track and not delay the construction. Inshallah you will be rewarded for every act of worship that takes place in this center even after we are all gone.

I would like to thank our great community for another wonderful showing of generosity, for continuing to give every time we ask so Allah SWT will continue to give them. I pray to Allah SWT that He will expand your wealth many times so you can continue to give.

I urge all of you to fulfill your pledges as soon as you can, and I urge those who could not attend the fundraising dinner to please contribute so you don't miss this great reward.

Wassalam Alaikum

A . Hamadeh, MD,
President, MECCA

Allah's Messenger PBUH said, "Whoever is made wealthy by Allah and does not pay the Zakat of his wealth, then on the Day of Resurrection his wealth will be made like a baldheaded poisonous male snake with two black spots over the eyes. The snake will encircle his neck and bite his cheeks and say, 'I am your wealth, I am your treasure.' " Then the Prophet (ﷺ) recited the holy verses:-- 'Let not those who withhold . . .' (to the end of the verse). (3.180)

| Day اليوم | Apr نيسان | Hijri هجري | Fajr الفجر | Sunrise الشروق | Zuhr الظهر | Asr-Shaf العصر / شافعي | Asr-Hanafi العصر / حنفي | Maghrib المغرب | Isha العشاء |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| FRI | 1 | 23/6 | 5:16 | 6:35 | 12:56 | 4:31 | 5:26 | 7:17 | 8:36 |
| SAT | 2 | 24/6 | 5:13 | 6:32 | 12:56 | 4:32 | 5:27 | 7:19 | 8:39 |
| SUN | 3 | 25/6 | 5:11 | 6:30 | 12:55 | 4:32 | 5:28 | 7:21 | 8:40 |
| MON | 4 | 26/6 | 5:09 | 6:28 | 12:55 | 4:33 | 5:29 | 7:22 | 8:41 |
| TUE | 5 | 27/6 | 5:07 | 6:27 | 12:55 | 4:33 | 5:29 | 7:23 | 8:43 |
| WED | 6 | 28/6 | 5:05 | 6:25 | 12:55 | 4:34 | 5:30 | 7:24 | 8:44 |
| THU | 7 | 29/6 | 5:03 | 6:23 | 12:54 | 4:34 | 5:31 | 7:25 | 8:45 |
| FRI | 8 | 1/7 | 5:01 | 6:22 | 12:54 | 4:34 | 5:31 | 7:26 | 8:47 |
| SAT | 9 | 2/7 | 5:00 | 6:20 | 12:54 | 4:35 | 5:32 | 7:27 | 8:48 |
| SUN | 10 | 3/7 | 4:58 | 6:18 | 12:53 | 4:35 | 5:33 | 7:28 | 8:49 |
| MON | 11 | 4/7 | 4:56 | 6:17 | 12:53 | 4:36 | 5:34 | 7:29 | 8:51 |
| TUE | 12 | 5/7 | 4:54 | 6:15 | 12:53 | 4:36 | 5:34 | 7:30 | 8:52 |
| WED | 13 | 6/7 | 4:52 | 6:14 | 12:53 | 4:36 | 5:35 | 7:32 | 8:53 |
| THU | 14 | 7/7 | 4:50 | 6:12 | 12:52 | 4:37 | 5:36 | 7:33 | 8:55 |
| FRI | 15 | 8/7 | 4:50 | 6:12 | 12:52 | 4:37 | 5:36 | 7:33 | 8:55 |
| SAT | 16 | 9/7 | 4:46 | 6:09 | 12:52 | 4:37 | 5:37 | 7:35 | 8:57 |
| SUN | 17 | 10/7 | 4:45 | 6:07 | 12:52 | 4:38 | 5:38 | 7:36 | 8:59 |
| MON | 18 | 11/7 | 4:43 | 6:06 | 12:52 | 4:38 | 5:38 | 7:37 | 9:00 |
| TUE | 19 | 12/7 | 4:41 | 6:04 | 12:51 | 4:38 | 5:39 | 7:38 | 9:02 |
| WED | 20 | 13/7 | 4:39 | 6:03 | 12:51 | 4:39 | 5:40 | 7:39 | 9:03 |
| THU | 21 | 14/7 | 4:37 | 6:01 | 12:51 | 4:39 | 5:40 | 7:40 | 9:05 |
| FRI | 22 | 15/7 | 4:35 | 6:00 | 12:51 | 4:39 | 5:41 | 7:41 | 9:06 |
| SAT | 23 | 16/7 | 4:34 | 5:58 | 12:51 | 4:40 | 5:42 | 7:43 | 9:07 |
| SUN | 24 | 17/7 | 4:32 | 5:57 | 12:50 | 4:40 | 5:42 | 7:44 | 9:09 |
| MON | 25 | 18/7 | 4:30 | 5:55 | 12:50 | 4:40 | 5:43 | 7:45 | 9:10 |
| TUE | 26 | 19/7 | 4:28 | 5:54 | 12:50 | 4:41 | 5:43 | 7:46 | 9:12 |
| WED | 27 | 20/7 | 4:26 | 5:52 | 12:50 | 4:41 | 5:44 | 7:47 | 9:13 |
| THU | 28 | 21/7 | 4:25 | 5:51 | 12:50 | 4:41 | 5:45 | 7:48 | 9:15 |
| FRI | 29 | 22/7 | 4:25 | 5:51 | 12:50 | 4:41 | 5:45 | 7:48 | 9:15 |
| SAT | 30 | 23/7 | 4:23 | 5:50 | 12:50 | 4:42 | 5:45 | 7:49 | 9:16 |

Fajr: Half hour after athan | Jumuah: 1:00 pm | Isha Iqama: APRIL 1 - APRIL 7 • 8:45 pm
APRIL 8 - APRIL 18 • 9:00 pm
APRIL 19 - APRIL 28 • 9:15 pm
APRIL 29 - APRIL 30 • 9:30 pm

QUR'ĀN AND SUNNAH, OUR WAY TO JANNAH

BY SH. HASSAN ALY

Humanity received the Divine guidance from Allah through two channels, the word of Allah and the Prophets who were chosen by Allah to communicate His will to the rest of humanity. These two things have always been going together, and attempts to know the will of Allah by neglecting either of these two has always been misleading. Some religious groups neglected their prophets and paid all attention to their books that proved only word puzzles which they ultimately lost. Similarly, while some others, in total disregard to the Book of Allah, attached all importance to the prophet and thus not only elevated him to Divinity, but also lost the very essence of Tawheed (monotheism) contained in the book of Allah. (gainpeace.com)

The Qur'ān and Sunnah work in tandem to perfect the understanding of Islamic *Sharī'ah*. We cannot understand Islam clearly when either component is missing. While the Qur'ān sums up the general principles, the Sunnah explains the practical aspects in details. Most of the interpreters of the Qur'ān's meanings (*Mufasereen*) believe that one cannot understand the Qur'ān itself without referring to Sunnah. It is for this reason that Islamic scholars pay close attention to the Sunnah, with the understanding that it will allow them to fully understand the Qur'ān.

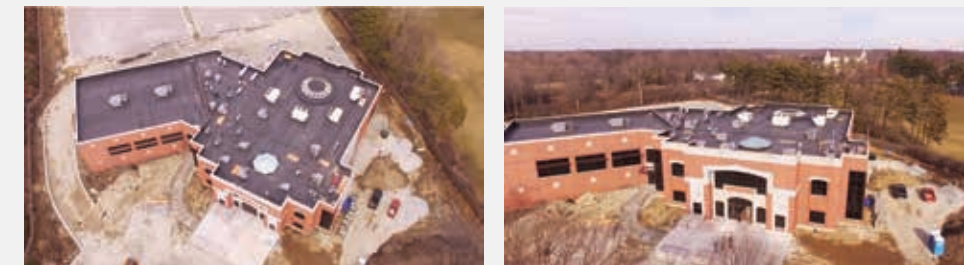
In today's world, one can question the validity of some of the ḥadīth. This is due to some ḥadīth having been collected with narrations tracing back to the companions of the Prophet Muḥammad that are considered to be weak (*Ḍa'īf*). However, this does not excuse anyone from ignoring the rest of the ḥadīth due to some of them being weak. Otherwise, we will be missing the key components of practicing Islam. There are numerous non-Muslim theologians who are convinced that ḥadīth sources are authentic. However, there are many others and even some Muslim theologians that question the timing and authenticity of its origin.

Following the way of the Prophet Muḥammad is a Divine Commandment as we can see in this verse of the Qur'ān: {Hence, accept [willingly] whatever the Apostle gives you [thereof], and refrain from [demanding] anything that he withholds from you; and remain conscious of God: for, verily, God is severe in retribution} (59:7)

And Allah Knows best



The Mecca Center CONSTRUCTION UPDATE





WHOLESOME SPECULATION

BY OMAR TAWIL

His words were clear, distinct and penetrating. Unfortunately, they were not words of wisdom, inspiration or warmth. They were words of bigotry coming out of the mouth of the most powerful man on Earth, the President of the United States of America, “you’re either with us, or against us,” in a response to a question about *The War on Terror*. His tone was harsh and stern making it sound like a threat. But it was not a threat, not to your average American though, but to many American Muslims it did.

This generalization is being used in many people’s minds, conversations and is seen in their actions the world over. This way of thinking that the world is either *black* or *white* and nothing else is something that is also entering the mind of many Muslims. While it may not be intended as mentioned earlier, it definitely carries the ear-markings of ignorance and can lead to various illnesses of the mind and heart. Having worked within the Muslim community for quite some time now, I’ve seen it come up quite frequently, more than I’d like to and it’s never been a pleasant sight. Especially among the younger generations, who above all else lack wisdom.

We frequently apply this train of thought when it comes to what is permissible or impermissible, or what is halal and what is *haram*. We tend to think of our faith as being one that is either *against* this or *against* that. Islam is either tolerant, or not. Islam is either accepting, or not. Particulars are either allowed, or they are not. Not only is this damaging to our relationships with people, it also puts a strain or a limitation on our ability to think with reason and coherence. If this becomes the case, matters do not need much thought or consideration. We bless ourselves with the comfort of simplicity, but curse ourselves with the reality of shallowness and near-sightedness.

What do we do in matters such as these? Where do we turn when people limit their rational minds and become comfortable with ignorance? Our tradition looks to the wisdom and teachings of our Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the treasures he left behind. The Companion Abu Hurayra narrates that the Messenger of God ﷺ once said, “God is *tayyib* and accepts only that which is *tayyib*.” For the lack of a single English word that is sufficient to translate *tayyib* I implore, I beg of you to look it up and make of it what you will, God-Willing.

....yet here I am giving you the many English words that share the meaning of *tayyib*: pleasant; wholesome; holistic; blessed; good-natured; noble; well-disposed; agreeable; beneficial; and pleasant. May we all utilize our minds in a way that is pleasing it God and that is *tayyib*. Amen!



The Mecca Center CLASSES & ACTIVITIES



| Day | What | When |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday | Tafseer Halaqa Tajweed Halaq Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer 60 minutes before Isha prayer After Isha Prayer |
| Tuesday | Tafseer Halaqa Seerah for Sisters (Arabic Only) Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer 12:30 to 2:30 After Isha Prayer |
| Wednesday | Tafseer Halaqa for brothers Mommy and Me (for moms and toddlers) Sisters Halaqa (Arabic Only) Tajweed Halaq for brothers Reviving the Legacy (brothers and Sisters) (11 to 13 years old) Boys Halaqa. Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer 10:00 am – 11:30 am 12:30 to 2:30 60 minutes before Isha prayer 60 minutes before Isha Prayer 60 minutes before Isha prayer After Isha Prayer |
| Thursday | Tafseer Halaqa for brothers Tajweed for Sisters Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm After Isha Prayer |
| Friday | Surat Al-Kahf recitation (10 – 14 years old) Girls Club every other Friday. (High school and College) Girls Halaqa every other Friday. Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer 6:00 – 8:00 6:30 – 8:00 After Isha Prayer |
| Saturday | Quran Halaqa Group discussion Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer After Isha Prayer |
| Sunday | Seerah Halaqa Sunday School Lessons from the history Short Khatira | After Fajr Prayer 9:45 am – 1:45 pm 60 minutes before Isha Prayer After Isha Prayer |

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