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Editorial . . .

As the Barakah, Rahmah and Blessings of the month of Ramadhan comes to an end Allah ﷻ, the most merciful, blesses us with the months leading upto and beyond Hajj.

At this moment we will know of someone who is preparing for the journey of Hajj, with much excitement and yearning to visit the house of Allah ﷻ and Masjid-e-Nabawi.

A very common question posed after blessed Ibadaats(worships) like fasting, performing Umrah and Hajj is that of Acceptance. How do we know our Fasting, Umrah or Hajj has been accepted?

This question is very important, one which we should ask with regards to all acts of worship such as Salah, Zakah etc too.

With regards to Hajj, one naturally has this concern of acceptance as Hajj is a fundamental pillar of Islam and may only be performed once in a lifetime for some.

The concensus amongst Ulama by way of an answer to this question is very simple and easy to understand. We have to assess our life, in the context of Deen, prior to Ramadhan e.g Before Hajj only 3 namaz's we used to perform daily, but after Hajj all 5 namaz's are being performed. Before Hajj one had no beard or for a woman the vail was not worn but after Hajj a beard was grown and the vail worn.

If there has been a change in our lives then these are good signs which one can have great hope that Allah ﷻ has accepted our Hajj or Ibadah. Only Allah ﷻ knows best.

My heartfelt appeal to my dear readers is that we all take this opportunity to assess our lives and ask ourselves this question has there been a change in our lives?

solullah ﷺ inquired: 'What troubles you O Amr?' I said: 'I want to lay down a condition that Allah shall forgive my previous sins.' Rasoolullah ﷺ replied: 'O Amr, do you then not know that Islam washes away all sins committed in disbelief, and that the Hijrah(migration) washes away all sins committed before it, and that Hajj destroys all sins committed before Hajj?'" (Muslim)

Virtues Of Hajj

Abu Hurairah ؓ reports that Rasoolullah ﷺ said: "Whoever performs hajj for the sake of pleasing Allah and therein utters no word of evil, nor commits any evil deed, shall return from it as free from sin as the day on which his mother gave birth to him."

Abu Hurairah ؓ reports that Rasoolullah ﷺ said: "Verily there shall be no reward for a righteous pilgrimage except Jannah." (Mishkat)

Aa'isha ؓ reports that Rasoolullah ﷺ said: "There is no day in which Allah sets free more souls from the fire of hell than on the day of Arafaat. And on that day Allah draws near to the earth and by way exhibiting His pride remarks to the Angels: 'What is the desire of these servants of mine'." (Muslim)

Talhaa ؓ reports that Rasoolullah ﷺ said: "Apart from the day of the battle of Badr there is no day on which the shaytaan is seen to be more humiliated, more rejected, more depressed and more infuriated, than on the day of Arafaat, and indeed all this is only because of beholding the abundance of descending mercy and Allah's forgiveness of the great sins of the servants." (Mishkat)

Ibn Shimaasah ؓ reports we were present around Amr ibn Al-Aas ؓ passed away. He cried for a long time and then related the story of his embracing Islam. He said: "When Allah caused Islam to enter my heart, I came to Rasoolullah ﷺ and said: 'O messenger of Allah, put forth your hand that I may swear allegiance.' When Rasoolullah ﷺ stretched forth his hand, I withheld mine. Rasoolullah ﷺ

In Shaykh's Company.....

Sincere Repentance and Istigfaar

"Sincere tawbah is like a soap which removes and cleanses stains. For this purpose it is so beneficial to recite istigfaar. It has so many blessings:

- A person can rectify his past life and clean his slate; although he can never turn the clocks back in time - how merciful is Allah!

- A person after repenting may end up committing a mistake due to shaytaan and his nafs, so his present state can be rectified by immediate tawbah. Look at how much barakah (blessings) there are in tawbah.

- The person who frequently and constantly does istigfaar; Allah will help him by granting him mental, spiritual, physical and material sustenance from places he wouldn't have even dreamt of!!

"O, heart! Do not run for the glitter of this world. This is Autumn which has come in the form of Spring"

Consequences of Evil Gazes

"A person involved in the zinaa(adultery) of the eyes can never become the wali(friend) of Allah."

In Shaykh's Company is a blog maintained by Shaykh Muhammad Saleem Dhorat hafizahullah students recording Shaykh's teaching, discourses and advices.

مجمع الهدى

The

Academy was

established in October

2005, under the patronage

of Shaykh-ul-Hadeeth Maulana

Muhammad Saleem Dhorat

hafizahullah.

The efforts of Al-Huda (The Guidance) Academy are geared towards reviving Deen, in particular amongst the Muslim youth. The Academy aims to serve the needs of the Muslim youth and the wider community through;

Providing Guidance

✿ Alhamdulillah this service is available between 7.15pm - 8.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12pm - 1pm on Saturdays

Also available is a drop in facility to use the facilities of audio and book library, between 6.30pm - 8.00pm Monday to Friday.

Religious Literature

✿ To date leaflets titled "Saum"; "Sha'ban", "Adaab of the Haramayn" and "Muhammad ﷺ the most beloved why?" have been published

✿ Alhamdulillah a quarterly magazine has been launched.

✿ We invite you to join us in our effort to distribute free Islamic literature by kindly contributing.

Religious Gatherings

✿ As part of our plans to expand our activities and facilitate current ones, Alhamdulillah, through the infinite Grace and Mercy of Our Creator, Al-Huda Academy has recently purchased a property from which some of these activities can be facilitated.

For further information or to benefit from our work, please contact the Academy.

Peel off

Sunnah Upon Awakening

1- Immediately upon awakening rub the face and the eyes with both the palms in order to remove the effects of sleep. (Shamaaile Tilmidhi)

2- When the eyes open in the morning recite this dua:

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِيْ اَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا اَمَاتَنَا وَ اَلَيْهِ التَّشَوُّرُ

3- When awakening from sleep cleanse the mouth with a miswaak (Abu Dawood). The use of the miswaak should be repeated when making wudhu. Using the miswaak upon awakening is a separate Sunnah.

The Interminglers

Many of the opposite sex that are single,
Love to mix and mingle.

They say they are only 'friends',
But this is an unislamic trend.

If only they would lower their gaze,
They wouldn't be in a stupendous daze;
If only they could see Allah even in a haze
Their heinous sins would make them faze

Soon Shaytān turns 'friends' into lovers,
And they perpetrate shameful acts behind covers.

I wonder if these people are aware of their ever watchful
lord,

When they act on their own nefarious accord!

The sacred verses of the Glorious Qur'an and Traditions of the noble Prophet ﷺ have been printed for the benefit of our readers. We ask you to ensure their sanctity.

LEARN

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HADEETH OF RASOOLULLAH ﷺ

HADEETH NO 3

الْمُؤْمِنُ مِرْآةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ

EXPLANATION

A Muslim is like a mirror for his brother in a number of ways:

1. When someone looks in a mirror it silently informs him of his defects. Similarly, when a believer observes any shortcoming in his brother, he points it out to him politely and silently.
2. The mirror also acknowledges the good qualities of that person. Likewise, a believer, whilst rectifying the mistake of his brother, acknowledges

The Virtue of 40 Hadeeth

There is a great virtue for learning the forty hadeeth of the Prophet ﷺ. Rasūlullah ﷺ has said: "Whosoever will learn and convey forty hadeeth to my Ummah concerning religion, Allah will raise him a great scholar (of Islām) and will intercede for him and will be his witness on the Day of Judgement."

Due to this virtue, these forty small Ahadeeth have been collected, which will be easy to memorize.

All are requested to memorize these Ahadeeth.

the noble and excellent qualities of his brother.

3. A person searches for a mirror regularly to check that he looks OK. Similarly a Muslim should continually request his Muslim brother to point out his faults so that he can correct them.

4. When a person's fault is revealed by a mirror he doesn't get offended. Similarly a Muslim is not offended when his brother points out any of his shortcomings. instead he is grateful.

5. The effect of using a mirror is that a person realises his faults and becomes neat and tidy. Similarly every believer should become so pious that those who spend time in his company automatically become pious.

WILL POWER

IMPORTANT ADVICE FROM SHAYKH MOHAMMAD SALEEM DHORAT

"One category of sin is related to passion and desires e.g. listening to music, consuming alcohol, looking at non-mahram women etc. The cure for all of these is the use of one's courage and will power. There is no other remedy besides this.

The benefit of seeking guidance from the Shaykh is that his advice, guidance and instructions will strengthen your will power, and it is the use of this will power that will solve all the problems *inshā'allah*. If the person is not prepared to use his courage and will power to resist temptation, then nothing will be able to help him. Shaykh Ashraf 'Alī Thānwi *rahmatullahi alayh* states: 'If a person doesn't use will power then even a Prophet cannot help him.'

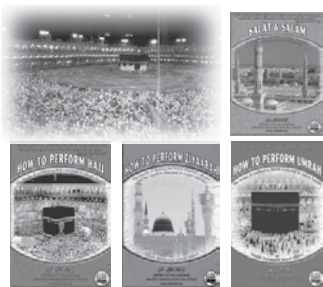
Take the example of smoking in Ramadhān. What makes a person abstain from smoking from morning to evening? The answer is will power. Similarly when tempted towards a sin, exert your will power to resist and think that my Allah is watching me.

If someone with the habit of casting glances at non-mahram women complains: 'I can't lower my gaze because I don't have the will power', then we need to ponder, if his father was watching him or someone pointed a gun at him, would he experience any trouble in controlling his gaze? Where has this will power come from?

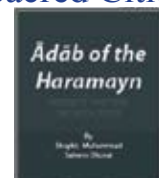
Allah has granted each person the will power and courage to abstain from His disobedience. If only we used this Gift of Allah!"

Going for Hajj?

Simple and easy to follow guides with all the essential masa'il of Hajj, Umra and Ziyaarah by Shaykh Mohammad Saleem Dhorat *hafizahullah*. For your **free** set, send a stamped self addressed A5 envelope to Al-Huda Academy.



Ādāb of the Haramayn Respect for the Sacred Cities



Children's

'coz Islam is for everyone'

Hajj Wordsearch

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Arafaat
Halaq
Ihraam
Jamaraat
Makkah
Mina
Muzdalifah
Qurbani
Ramal
Sae
Tawaaf
Umrah

Aboo Bakr

Every companion of the Prophet ﷺ possessed extreme love for him, but none as much as Aboo Bakr رضي الله عنه. He accepted Islām as soon as he came to know of it, and was the first to openly declare it and invite people towards it. On the first occasion of giving a sermon, he was severely attacked by the disbelievers, leaving him in a very critical condition. When finally he regained consciousness, his first words were, 'How is Muhammad ﷺ?'. His mother offered him something to eat but he took an oath not to eat until he had seen the Prophet ﷺ. Through every situation we find Aboo Bakr رضي الله عنه supporting the Prophet ﷺ. This is why our Prophet ﷺ stated before leaving this world, 'I have returned every favour, except that of Aboo Bakr رضي الله عنه, as his favours are so many that on the day of Qiyāmah he will be taking and Allah will be giving'.

PRIZE
Scramble

Word Scramble.....

For the chance to win a special prize, unscramble the following words to reveal some famous names.

Send your answers to reach us no later than Sunday 31st December 2006.
The first correct entry drawn will win. All entrants must be under 15.

- 1) URMA NIB KĀAHBT
- 2) ZMAHAH
- 3) MĀUTHN
- 4) BUA BARK
- 5) LĀNMSA RISFĀ
- 6) HDAJAEHEK
- 7) NYAAZB
- 8) HĀKILD BIN DALWEE

(Courtesy: Riyādul Jannah)

The *Al-Huda Academy* has been established to engender a greater understanding and awareness of the teachings of Islam. If you have any articles, stories or poems which you would like us to publish, please forward them to us at:

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