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## EDITORIAL

When I hear the name of Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ I think of an extremely intelligent, vibrant, inspirational and enviable young woman; a woman who has indeed lived true to the words... 'if you educate a woman you educate a generation'

Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ was born into a household where Islam was the inspiration behind every action; where love for the Prophet ﷺ and love for Allah ﷻ superseded everything including personal comforts. A beautiful household in which the nafs was in total submission to Islam. In this environment, Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ love for Islam was nurtured and her sense of service and sacrifice was instilled.

Is it a surprise, then, that, in a vision that our Prophet ﷺ had, the woman presented to him wrapped in silk was none other than Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ. Interpreting this as a sign from Allah ﷻ to take this precious lady into marriage our Prophet ﷺ approached his closest friend Hadhrat Abu Bakr ؓ. Some historians frown upon the early marriage of Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ to our Prophet ﷺ. Indeed many a Muslim too has felt all defenceless when the issue of Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ age is brought up.

Had marriage at such a young age been an act upon which people could frown then surely, the first to cause a commotion for a marriage at a young age would have been the disbelievers in Makkah. They always looked to seize any opportunity to belittle and undermine the Prophet ﷺ.

The disbelievers did make an issue and an objection, but not with regards to the young age of Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ but to the relationship between Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ and our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ being that of friends, which they considered synonymous to brothers. At the time, the disbelievers considered the bond of friendship equal to that of brotherhood, thus making it unlawful for a father to marry his daughter to his friend.

Engaged at an early age, Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ did not leave her family home until her mother judged that the time was right for Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ to go to the home of our beloved Prophet ﷺ.

Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ sharpness of mind and intellect played a crucial role in the relaying of the words of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. It is through Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ that we have a large proportion of records of the practises and sayings of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Practises, words and actions that she was able to relay to us because she had the position of being one of the Ummul Mumineen.

It was on her lap that our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ took his last breath. After the demise of our beloved Prophet ﷺ Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ continued to serve the Ummah and I fondly picture her in my mind, standing behind a curtain imparting Hadith and wisdom to Sahabas and companions who travelled from far and wide in search of knowledge. Hadhrat Aa'isha ؓ remains to this day one of the most eminent female scholars.

It is a great shame that the critics of Islam remain in darkness of the tremendous achievements of this great and pure personality and seek only to slur her name. It is our responsibility to open the books of Seerah and to read legitimate biography's to update our knowledge so that we can counteract the flawed arguments but more importantly to share these with our children and to inspire them with the stories of the lives of the companions of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. It would be an even greater shame if we as Muslims fail in this responsibility.

### *Dua When Leaving The Home*

1- When leaving home for the Masjid or for any other place, recite this Dua:  
(Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, Ibn Maajah)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

*I emerge with the name of Allah. The strength to abstain from sins and to carry out righteous deeds, is only from Allah.* (Shami, Vol.1 pg.85)

2- Proceed with dignity. Do not run.  
(This pertains to going to the Masjid only).

### *Dua When Entering The Home*

1- When returning home, upon entering, first greet those in the home with salaam. Thereafter recite this dua:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ الْمَوْلَجِ وَخَيْرَ الْمَخْرَجِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ  
وَلَجْنَا وَبِسْمِ اللَّهِ خَرَجْنَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ رَبُّنَا تَوَكَّلْنَا

(Abu Dawood)

*O Allah, I ask of you a good entering and a noble leaving. With the name of Allah have we entered and with the name of Allah do we leave and upon Allah have we placed our trust.*

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# A Great Personality

## Imam Abu Haneefah

### Rahmatullahi-alayhi

#### NAME, BIRTH

Numaan bin Thabit bin Zutah bin Maah, better known as Abu Haneefah, was born in 80 AH. Had-rat Ali ؓ made dua for his father and his progeny. He was born in the famous city of Kufah, Iraq.

#### EDUCATION

He studied under a galaxy of expert teachers including people such as Hammaad bin Sulaiman [R], Shabi [R], Ataa bin Abi Ribah [R], Ja'far Saadiq [A], Alqamah [R] and many others. There is probably no muhaddith in Kufa whose lessons Imam Abu Haneefah [R] did not attend.

#### DEENI SERVICES, WRITINGS, ETC.

The Imam [R] once had a dream that he was exhuming the grave of Rasulullah ﷺ. Allamah Ibne-Sireen ؒ interpreted the dream to mean that he would revive the sunnah of Rasulullah ﷺ. Thus Abu Haneefah [R] is the first person to have codified and categorized fiqh as we know it in our present day. It is for this very reason that Imam Shafi' [R] used to always remark that: "People are indebted to Abu Haneefah [R] in fiqh".

Did you know that throughout his lifetime he derived 1.3 million Masa'il from Qur'aan and Hadeeth.

#### CHARACTER AND PIETY

Among the sterling qualities found in Abu Haneefah [R] was his high degree of tolerance and patience, independent thought, quick wittedness, generosity and taqwa. He was always neatly attired, wore expensive clothes and loved perfumes. He was extremely generous and would spend lavishly on the Ulama and the poor. His level of piety was such that he would complete over 60 recitations of the Glorious Qur'aan in the month of Ramadhan. For forty years he read the I'sha and Fajr salah with the same wudhu. In one rak'at he would read the entire Qur'aan. He completed 70,000 Qur'aans at the place where he passed away. He performed 55 hajj and saw Allah Ta'ala a hundred times in his dreams.

#### DEMISE

Around the year 130 AH, Ibne-Habeerah, the governor of Iraq, tried to win Abu Haneefah [R] over to his side. He refused; as a result of which he was mercilessly flogged and imprisoned. Eventually he escaped to Makkah where he remained engaged in studies for 6 years. He returned to Iraq in 136 AH upon the advent of a new government, The Abbaside rule. At first he favoured their rule but later, after having noticed their atrocities, he publicly announced his opposition to them. Thereupon Mansoor, the Abbasi Khalifa offered him the post of Qadhi; but Imam Sahib refused. This greatly upsetted Mansoor who then took a vow that he would force Abu Haneefah to accept the post. On the other hand Imam Sahib took a vow that he would never accept the post. He was imprisoned and flogged 110 lashes, was poisoned and finally passed away in 150 AH. When he felt the effects of the poison, he started the salaah and passed away while in sajdah in Rajab 150 AH. News of his demise spread like wild fire and thousands flocked to the prison to attend his janaza salaah. Almost 50,000 people attended.

#### INCIDENT FROM HIS LIFE

Ibrahim bin Utbah owed somebody 4000 dirhams and being unable to repay this amount, he stopped meeting people out of shame. A friend of his started collecting to help him discharge the loan and in this regard he approached Imam Abu Haneefah (R). The Imam said: "Why bother to collect for such a small amount from so many people, I will give the entire sum". And so saying granted the whole amount.

# 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"

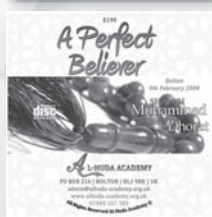
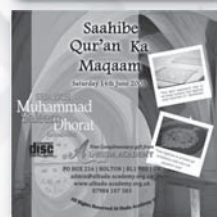
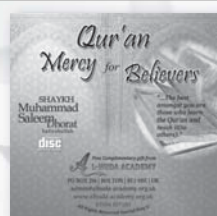
## Consequences of Evil Gazes

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

## Having Good Thoughts About Others

"Sometimes it is quite easy for us to become judgemental and start drawing negative conclusions about others based on external appearances only"

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Some see living a life according to the wishes and commands of Allah ﷻ as one without pleasure. Temporary pleasure is then misguidedly sought in impermissible activities.

Can the heart of mu'min be really contented and filled with peace if pleasure is sought from disobeying Allah ﷻ.

"What enjoyment can there be in a life without sins?"

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# children's

'Because Muslim boys and girls Are very precious pearls!'

## Hajj

## Corner

With the words provided in the boxes below, complete the sentences.

Aswad	Muzdalifah	Stone	Hateem	Ramadhan
Isma'eel	Islaam	Zul-Hijjah	Ibraheem	Ka'bah

- 1) Hajj is a pillar of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) In \_\_\_\_\_ one must fast and in \_\_\_\_\_ one is able to perform Hajj.
- 3) Hajre \_\_\_\_\_ is the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ found in one corner of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ is the name of the semi circle on one side of the Ka'bah.
- 5) Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ ﷺ was ordered to slaughter his son, Prophet \_\_\_\_\_ ﷺ.
- 6) On the 10th day of Zul-Hijjah, pilgrims visit 'Arafah. After spending the day in 'Arafah, they spend the night at \_\_\_\_\_.

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### HADEETH OF RASOOLULLAH ﷺ

#### HADEETH NO 11

كُنْ فِي الدُّنْيَا كَأَنَّكَ غَرِيبٌ أَوْ عَابِرُ سَبِيلٍ (بخاری)

Be in this world as though you are a traveller or a wayfayer.

#### EXPLANATION

The life of this world is temporary. Each person, after spending a few moments - days, weeks, months or years - in this world, will leave for the next world, for his everlasting abode.

Those who give priority to this worldly life and forget the life here-after are very clearly in error. Who would sacrifice something permanent for something temporary? Would a clever person spend his time decorating the waiting room of a bus station? No, never. This is because he realises the true nature of the waiting room and his permanent home.

Similarly, this world is a waiting room for all of us, who are passengers travelling to our permanent home in the Akhirah. Hence, we should make preparation for that life as much as we can and remain in this world as a traveller who is to depart at any moment.

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