

# MASJID AL-ISLAM

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### HE WHO TENDS A FIG TREE WILL EAT ITS FRUIT

There's an old saying: "The grass is always greener on the other side." At some point in life, everyone looks at their circumstances and thinks, "If only. If only I had a better job. If only my spouse were like so-and-so. If only I had gone to college. If only I had the opportunities so-and-so had."

We look around and think everyone else has it better than we do. But I believe comparison is just a trick of the enemy to get us off course and keep us from Allah's best. Comparison is the thief of joy, and if the enemy can steal our joy, he has stolen our source of strength.

See, I don't believe the grass is greener on the other side; I believe the grass is greener where you water it. In other words, we have to tend to the things that are important to us if we want to see those areas of our lives blossom and grow. If you want better relationships, you have to invest in the people around you. If you want a better job, you have to invest in your skill set to qualify for that job and then go after it.

We all have the capacity to come up higher. Allah has given us all tremendous opportunities, but if we are focused on what everyone else has, we'll miss out on what Allah has especially for us!

Today, instead of comparing, decide to cultivate the dry, fallow areas of your life. Begin to water and invest in the areas in which you want to see change. Get a vision and dedicate it to Allah. As you take responsibility and tend to what Allah has given you, I believe He'll pour out His blessings and favors, and you'll see your life flourish beyond anything you could have

ever hoped or dreamed.

He who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit.

## A MERCY TO MANKIND

For the first time ever, a global webcast has been arranged through the united collaboration of numerous individuals and organizations worldwide. This is a global celebration of the Prophet of Mercy, Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم). Scholars from around the world will present on his life based on compassion, his mission based on integrity and his message based on the truth of God.

Speakers and performers on the evening will include:

- \* Shaykh Hamza Yusuf
- \* Imam Zaid Shakir
- \* Shaykh Faraz Rabbani
- \* Shaykh Yahya Rhodus
- \* Dr. Yusuf Islam
- \* Shaykh Usama Canon
- \* Imam Afroz Ali
- \* Sami Yusuf
- \* Nader Khan

Date: 28 February 2010

[www.celebratemeracy.com](http://www.celebratemeracy.com)

## Iqaamah times at the Masjid

*Daylight saving time will take effect from Sunday March 14 2010*

Date	Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha	Jumuah
01	5:30 am	12:30 pm	4:15 pm	Sunset	7:30 pm	12:30
08	5:15 am	12:30 pm	4:30 pm	Sunset	7:30 pm	12:30 pm
14	6:15 am	1:15 pm	5:45 pm	Sunset	8:45 pm	1:00 pm
18	6:00 am	1:15 pm	5:45 pm	Sunset	8:45 pm	1:00 pm
25	5:45 am	1:15 pm	6:00 pm	Sunset	8:45 pm	1:00 pm
31	5:30 am	1:15 pm	6:00 pm	Sunset	9:00 pm	1:00 pm

## THE FINAL ANALYSIS

People are often unreasonable, self-centered: Forgive them anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you, but be honest anyway.

What you spend years to build, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

You see, in the final analysis it is between you and your Creator;

it never was between you and them anyway.

You may not get back all the good you desire, but give the world the best you can anyway!

## Local Masjid News

College students visit - A class of 35 students visited Masjid al-Islam on February 8<sup>th</sup> to learn about Islam. Imam Ikram ul Haq talked to the students for 30 minutes and answered questions about Islam.

Mufti Ikram ul Haq was invited to Moses Brown school on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to address an audience of students and faculty members about Islam. The event proved to be very successful and productive.

## Whats on at the Masjid

Hadith of the day after Fajr Salah - DAILY

Full time Quran memorization for children ages 8 to 14 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm - Monday-Saturday

Evening Quran learning class: 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Weekly Tafseer-ul Quran session with Power Point Presentation: Tuesday 7:30 pm

Weekly Hadith session : Friday 7:30 pm

Monthly community event for all: First Friday of Every month

Dawa'ah Jawlah: Every Wednesday evening

## FINANCIALS

Mahr Fatimi: \$925.00

Minimum Mahr: \$21.90

Zikah Nisaab: \$370.55

## MUSLIM NAMES

### MALES

Maqsood - Intended; Proposed.

Nadim - Companion; Confidant; Friend; Repentant; Regretful.

Riyadh - Gardens.

### FEMALES

Nafisa - Precious; Delicate; Gem.

Musheera - Giving counsel

Wafeeqa - Successful

## HADITH

### Charitable Obligation

Abu Musa (RA) reported: The Prophet (SAW) said, "Giving in charity is an obligation upon every Muslim". It was said (to him): "What about one who does not find (the means) to do so?" He (SAW) said, "Let him work with his hands, thus doing benefit to himself and give in charity." It was said to him: "What if he does not have (the means) to do so?" He (SAW) said, "Then let him assist the needy, the aggrieved." It was said: "What about if he cannot even do this?" He (SAW) said, "Then he should enjoin good." He was asked: "What if he cannot do that?" He (SAW) said, "He should then abstain from evil, for verily, that is a charity from him."

(Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

## POINT OF REFLECTION

Risk-taking "If you do not enter the tiger's cave, you will not catch its cub."

(Japanese Saying)

## QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question: A woman started menstruating. Shortly after that, her husband issued an Islamic divorce. I know that three cycles must be passed but would like to know if this one would be counted as the first.

Answer: If the Talaq (Divorce) was issued after the menses had started then that particular menstruation would not be counted as the first period. The next period, after becoming clean from the current one, would be counted as the first menstrual period.

It should be borne in mind that issuing divorce in the manner described is contrary to the teachings of our Beloved Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). However, the divorce does take place.

And Allah Knows Best.

## O' DEAR

Sometimes when you go on vacation, it seems that the weather is playing a joke on you. The weather is always good until the moment that your vacation starts and then it turns nasty. I went on vacation last week. What a week it was. Only rained twice - once for three days, once for four.

"Keep on smiling"

## SMILE

New at the Job

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Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged.

However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

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