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"This is a clear statement for men, and guidance and an admonition to those who guard themselves (against evil)."
(Ale Imran: 138)

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IN THE FOCUS OF WISDOM

There is no good in silence over matters involving wisdom just as there is no good in speaking with ignorance.

Imam Ali (a.s)

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By Shykh Adam Sebyala

On the first of Jan, as in the tradition, Hajj Ssekanjako Ahmed who had reverted to Shia 5 years ago held a ceremony that was attended by Sheikh Shamsy, members of LCs and Imams. In his speech Shamsy thanked the participants and recommended the organizer. He said that a week earlier it was the Christmas; which will be followed by the commemoration of the demise of Muhammad (saww). He said, in comparison, that the prophet once taught and cried. The Sahabas asked him- why? And he told them; "You are my companions but

am crying longing for my lovers who will come after me. They asked him whether they had not reached that status! But he clarified: "You are just my colleagues!!!

The prophet was exemplary and he managed the Sahabas well.

He also cited the story of Bahmias where Ibn-Sina (His teacher) sent him for water. But the student refused and presented arguments. It continued until *Adhan*, and the student went for *wudhu*. So Ibn-Sina told him that prophet Muhammad (saww); the initiator of *Wudhu* "you didn't see him, and so do I, so how have you obeyed him and rejected me,

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Education in Islam.

What Type of Knowledge?

This issue goes back to the basic difference between the Islamic and Christian view of knowledge. In Christianity, the Bible relates the fall of man to the sin of stealing the fruit from the tree of knowledge; whereas, in Islam, the Quran describes knowledge as the basis on which the man was given preference over the angels. Even historically, the Christian church is full of stories about its Inquisitors who cen-

sored the works of science and also tortured the scientists if their views were contrary to what the Bible said.

In Muslim history, no such institutionalized censorship or suppression of scientists can be found. In the Muslim world, you find the harmonious combination of the two types of knowledge. For example, in the person of Ibn Sina, you had someone who had written *al-Isharat* on philosophy and metaphysics, and

also *al-Qanun fi't-Tibb* on medicine, a book whose Latin translation was used as a text in western universities till two centuries ago! This dissection between the religious and secular sciences is the root of all the problems in the area of education for the Muslims worldwide.

By sheikh Muhamad Mukasa

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear our readers,
Assalam Aleikum! This month Rabiul-awwal We remember the migration of our prophet (s) from Mecca to Medina. As we remember Imam Ali's (as) decision to sleep in the prophet's bed for his protection and the construction of Masjid Quba'a the first mosque in islam so we take this opportunity to congratulate all Muslims for these great historic events mentioned above.

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The Holy Prophet and Hazrat Ali loved each other

The holy prophet loved Imam Ali more than all of his sons. When Ali was a child I never saw him separated from Mohammad for half an hour, unless Mohammad went out of the house for some work. I never saw a father love his son so much as the Holy prophet (s) loved Ali, and I never saw a son obedient, so attached and so loving to his father as Ali was to Mohammad.

The same author cites the companion of the Holy prophet, Jobayr bin Moo's bin Adi bin Nawfal, saying that once his father addressed him and some other young men of his family, Have you noticed how that child (Ali) loves, venerates and obeys that young man, (Mohammad) instead of his own father. What an intensity of love and veneration! I swear by our gods, the Laat and the Ozza, that instead of having so many offspring of Nawfal around me, had I had a son like Ali. Allama Tirmizi's (Jaami

Tirmizi, Vol. I p.38 and Mosnad Imaam Ahmad vol.i p.146), quote the Holy Prophet saying; Oh Ali, I wish to achieve every such thing for you that I desire to acquire myself and I want to keep you away from all those things whose contact I abhor. Allama Tabarani (in his Aasit) and Imaam Hakim (in his Saheeh) say; Whenever the Holy prophet (s) was in anger nobody dare addressed him but Ali.

By sheikh Abdul waheed Mayega

ISLAMIC SOCIETY

Islam & Christianity *Cont. from last issue*

Christianity and Islam

Nowhere in the bible does it forbid polygamy, or says that the male must marry one woman. Single marriage is a Greco-Roman tradition -- one of the many influences on the true teachings of Jesus.

ISLAM: Kills the apostate if he fights the state and doesn't repent.

CHRISTIANITY: Do not PITY the apostate, KILL HIM

(DEUTERONOMY 13:8,9)

ISLAM: Cannot SELL your daughter. CHRISTIANITY: You can sell your daughter (EXODUS 21:7) ISLAM: Muslims cannot eat pig.

CHRISTIANITY: "Do not eat pig meat or touch their dead flesh"

(LEVITICUS 11:8)

Is there really anything the Christian (or Jew if verses are from the first 5 books of the Old Testament) can mock Islam about, that's not in their book? When they refute Islam, they are actually refuting their own bible! All verses are taken from the KING JAMES version of the bible. Please verify and confirm these verses with other in other versions. They have changed a lot! The verse, "The birth of a daughter is a loss"(ECCLESIASTICUS 22:3) is from the CATHOLIC BIBLE.

Other interesting tid-bits:

Pornography in Bible

(Genesis 35:22, Genesis 38:15-18, 2 Samuels 11:1, 2 Samuels 16:11-14, Ezeiel 23:1-49, etc) "Noah drank wine, got DRUNK, and lay NAKED in his tent!" (GENESIS 9:21)

"Sacrifice your ONLY SON" (GENESIS 22:2). If any son could be called "only son," it could only be ISHMAEL, because he was born before Isaac!

"The father is greater than I" (JOHN 14:28) Jesus is not God if the "father is greater." - Jesus is called a PROPHET (LUKE 24:19)

(All verses from KING JAMES version)

By Luyimbaazi Issah Katungulu

Your Questions Answered

Qn1. What is the meaning of Uulul-azm?

Answer: The five prophets who have books and divine religious laws, are called the *Uul'azm Anbiya'* (arch-prophets).

They are five prophets who had divine books and independent teachings.

They are referred to as *Nuh* (Noah) (AS), *Ibrahim* (Abraham) (AS), *Musa* (Moses) (AS), *'Isa* (Jesus) (AS), and *Muhammad* (SA)

SOURCES OF SHARIA

The Quran and the Suuna of the prophet (s)

The Muslim nation during the days of the prophet lived by the shariah through following the Holy Quran and the traditions of the prophet (s).

The Question which arises is this:

Wasn't the Quran enough on its own?

Quran is a book of guidance which was sent for the entire human world till the end of time. As such, it only deals with the general issues and mentions only the basic principles underlying the Muslim way of life, the Quran is more like the constitution (Dustoor) than a book of law. The practical were left to the prophet.

The Holy Quran itself clearly explained this relationship between the prophet and itself in the following verses:

"He raised up among the common people a messenger from among themselves to recite to them his revelations, to purify them, and to teach them the book and wisdom" Surat Jum'a 2

"And we have revealed to you (O Muhammad) the reminder (that is the Quran) so you may clarify to the people what has been revealed to them and so that they may reflect" 16: 44 *to the next issue*

By sheikh Muhammad Mukasa Serutegga

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OUR LIBRARY/BOOK REVIEW
Treatise On Rights (Risaalat al huquuq): Imam Zain al Abidiin (Risaalat al huquuq).

The Right of the Child

The right of your child is that you should know that he is from you and will be ascribed to you, through both his good and his evil, in the immediate affairs of this world. You are responsible for what has been entrusted to you, such as educating him in good conduct (*husn al-adab*), pointing him in the direction of his Lord, and helping him to obey Him. So act toward him with the action of one who knows that he will be rewarded for good doing toward him and punished for evildoing.*to next issue*

By Luyimbaazi Issah Katungulu

when I am around?

Bahmiyar got surprised and thought Ibn Sina reflects what the prophet did and the methods he used. Ibn Sina was then afraid that the student might call him a prophet, and he labored to explain to him that; "No any amount of understanding can lift one to that status because the prophet-hood is inspired from heaven.....).

The ceremony is held annually by the Haj to thank Allah for his benevolence in guiding him to revert to Ahlul-bait. He is a prominent person being respected by the locals.

Sheikh Rashid, an Imam in one of the London mosques for twenty years was one of the speakers.

UGANDANS are a celebrating nation, and are known to be so hospitable. In one of their proverbs it goes "One who goes away hungry, will not come back!). There is a lot of social cohesion in their communities. This is seen in how they respond in times of joy and sadness. This traditional had been preserved even after the introduction of the traditional churches and orthodox Islam.

Yet some of the phenomena that reflected friendliness, religiosity, humanism, etc were seriously affected and undermined by the late intrusion of the revivalist movements both in Christianity and Islam. However their clout is increasingly dwindling and the

OBSERVATION OF RABB'IL AWWAL

1st - Migration of prophet to Medina

10th - Marriage of prophet Muhammad and Hazrat Khadija

10th - Death of Hazrat Abdul-Mutalib (a.r.)-Grandfather of Holy Prophet(s)

15th - Building Quba'a mosque (1st mosque in Islam)

17th - Birth of the holy-Prophet Mohammad (p.b.u.h.) 53 before Hijra

17th - Birth of Imam Jafar Al

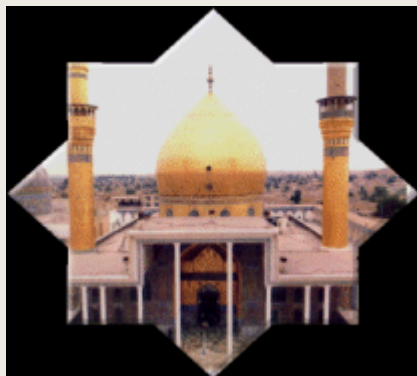
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QURANIC SCIENCE**Rational Approach**

He used to sit down on occasions and listen to their recitation to make sure they were reciting correctly. Abubakr collected all writings of the Qur'an that had been made at the time of the prophet and kept them safely. It was the third Khalifah Othman bin Affan who undertook the major task of collating all the existant writings into one standard volume written in the Qurayshi dialect. This volume known as *mushaf Othmani* is what is read today throughout the Muslim world. The original style of writing has been preserved as much as possible and it differs from that of modern Arabic in some details.

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By SH. SIRAJDEEN



8TH RABBIL AWWAL MARKS THE MARTYDOM OF IMAM HASSAN ASKARI (A.S)

Name; Al-Hassan

Title; Al- Askari

By name; Abu Muhammad

Birth date; 8th Rabbil Than 231

Died; 8th Rabbil Awwal 260 A.H

Imam Hassan Askar (A.s) In World History Perspective

His name is al-Hasan, Abu Muhammad. Being a resident of "Asgar a suburb of Samarra", he is titled al-askari. His father was Imam "Ali An-Naqi (A.S.) and his mother was Salil Khatun, an ideal woman in piety, worship, chastity and generosity. He was born in Medina on the tenth of Rabi" al-Akhir, 232 A.H. (December 4, 846 AD).

Upbringing and Instruction

He lived under the care of his respected father up to the age of 11. When his father had to leave for Samarra" he was to accompany him and thus share the hardships of the journey with the family. At Samarra", he passed his time with his father either in imprisonment or in partial freedom. He had, however, the chance to benefit from his father's teaching and instruction.

Imamate

His father died in 254. A.H. (868 AD) when he was twenty-two. Four months before his death, the father declared his son to be his successor and executor of his will, asking his followers to bear witness to the fact. Thus the responsibilities of Imamate were vested upon him which he fulfilled even in the face of great difficulties and hostile environment.

In the early days of his Imamate, Al-Muassam Al-"Abbasi was the caliph. When the latter was deposed, he was succeeded by al-Muhtadi. After his brief reign of only eleven months and one week, al-Muhamad came to the throne. During their regimes, Imam Hasan al-askari (A.S.) did not enjoy peace at all. Although the Abbaside dynasty was involved in constant complications and disorders, each and every king thought it necessary to keep the Imam (A.S.) imprisoned.

One of the Holy Prophet's traditions ran that the Prophet (S.A.W) would be succeeded by twelve successors, the last of whom would be the Mahdi, Qa'im "Al-Muhammad (A.S.). The "Abbasids knew well that the true successors of the Prophet (S.A.W) were these very Imams. Al-Hasan (A.S.) being the eleventh, his son would surely be the 12th or the last. They, tried to put an end to his life in such a way, that it would ensure there would be nobody to succeed him. As the simple confinement inflicted on Imam "Ali an-Naqi (A.S.) was considered inadequate for Imam Hasan al-"askari (A.S.), so he was imprisoned, away from his family. No doubt the revolutionary intervals between two regimes gave him brief periods of freedom. Yet as soon as the new king came to the throne, he followed his predecessor's policy and imprisoned the Imam again. The Imam's brief life therefore was mostly spent inside dungeon cells.

By Sheikh Abdul-waheed Mayega

Your supplication

Quranic Du'a

1. *Our Lord! Grant us good in this world and good in the life to come and keep us safe from the torment of the Fire (2:201)*
2. *Our Lord! Bestow on us endurance and make our foothold sure and give us help against those who reject faith. (2:250)*
3. *Our Lord! Impose not on us that which we have not the strength to bear, grant us forgiveness and have mercy on us. You are our Protector. Help us against those who deny the truth. (2:286)*
4. *Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate from the truth after You have guided us, and bestow upon us mercy from Your grace. Verily You are the Giver of bounties without measure. (3:8)*