

## WISDOM IN FOCUS

Muslims should be awake, Muslims should be alert that if a dispute takes place among Sunni and Shiite brothers, it is harmful to all of us; it is harmful to all Muslims. Those who want to sow discord are neither Sunni nor Shiite; they are agents of the superpowers and work for them.

Those who attempt to cause discord among our Sunni and Shiite brothers are people who conspire for the enemies of Islam and want the enemies of Islam to triumph over Muslims. They are the supporters of America and some are supporters of the Soviet Union.

By Imaam Al-Khomeini

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## AL-BAYAAN NEWS

### The Quran and 'Etra Association Commemorates Death of Imam Khomeini, in Kampala.

By Oustadh Adam Sebyala.



On 13/6/2016, the executive and members of the Association held a commemoration function of the annual anniversary of Imam Khomeini's demise. The occasion was graced by the presence of Dr. Bakhtiyar, cultural counsellor of the Iran Embassy, Hoj. Sa'eed Shamsi, director of al Mustafa Islamic college, Sheikh Mulumba and a number of muballighs. In the key-note address, Oustadh Adam Sebyala pointed out the Imam's stance on sensitizing the oppressed masses in the world, regardless of their religions and creeds, so that they take a leaf from the triumph and fruition of the revolution.

The oppressed should be equipped with the trust in Allah, honesty, truth and unreserved commitment as the main factors in the revolutionary making. May I straight away state that in my criticism of history and placing men in their rightful positions taking into account their divergent roles, fields of services, the environment and the level of their communities civilization and cultural norms, my initial assessment puts Imam Khomeini on the top of the exclusive group of three, four or five people in the last and present century, and they are: Imam Khomeini, Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Theresa of Calcutta, and two vicars of St Peter; the

current pope Francis and closely followed by the late pope John Paul II.

### THE FRAILTY OF IMAM'S HEALTH.

When the revolution triumphed, the Imam faced insurmountable challenges that took violent forms in a bid to ruin the revolution and its gains, or at least delay its objectives. The counter-revolutionaries backed by the West and the East, in pursuit of undoing it, inflicted damages on the leadership, people, Islam and the country; and on every event the life of the old man of Jamaran was impaired. The leader of the infant Islamic republic faced the reality of: The 8 yr imposed war in which the revolution offered immeasurable sacrifices from which it has not yet recovered. Also, His wish to sensitize the ignorant brothers turned enemies by influence of the Shaitan al Akbar and its agents. And In line with the previous point, the blowing up of the Islamic party headquarters by the terrorists who were backed by the foreign powers, in which 72 great gallant servants of Islam perished, including grand Ayatullah Muthahhary. In addition to the painful feelings when he received airlifted cargos of 400 human bodies of the Iranian Hajjis, most of them crippled by the war, back into Tehran, having been shot dead by the police in the holy city. And as if that was not enough, the Imam was seen in very deep pain when the American destroyer in the Persian Gulf shot down an Iranian civilian plane and killed all its (300) civilian passengers!. And when Slaman Rushdie's Satanic verses caused a lot of suffering to a Billion Muslim and all the Muslim countries kept silence, the Imam was subjected to severe pain. The impact of these events were too much for his health and he later succumbed to them. The Oustadh went further in highlighting issues in His Will, and one of them was the statement:- "I might have said positively of a particular individual at a time when he looked to be good. That recommendation should not be abused, for 'The criterion for everyone is his current conduct; which tells us that any presumed good must not be a license issued to allow the player to do evil with impunity, reminiscent of the Medieval Roman Church Indulgence; which formed one of the basis for the 16<sup>th</sup> century Church reform and split.



Dear our readers, the blessed **Month** of the year has come. It's the season of **Ramadhan**. Fasting, praying, and repenting from sins. Welcome the Month of Ramadhan with the heart filled with peace, harmony and joy.

May the Auspicious month of Ramadhan bless your home with happiness, your heart with devotion, your soul with purity, peace and bring joy to your heart, friends and family

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## EDUCATING A GIRL CHILD

By Siraje Badru Serunjogi

Seeking knowledge, is a responsibility for every Muslim be it man or woman. This means that every one of us has to pay full attention to education, educational values, educational rights and should strive to get proper training and instructions for both the secular and religious knowledge because each of the two are important to human life.

Woman is equal to man in the pursuit of education and knowledge. When Islam enjoins the seeking of knowledge upon Muslims, it makes no discrimination between man and woman. Allah says to the prophet in the Quran; **"Say: "This is my way; I do invite you to Allah, - with a certain knowledge I and whoever follows me. Glory to Allah! And never will I join gods with Allah"** Qn: 12: 108

Seeking Islamic knowledge is crucial, for it is the basis on which Islam was built. The very first verses to the prophet (SAWW), were ordering him to read, and there is no way one can learn and come to know his creator plus Islam as a religion unless she has knowledge on what she is going to do or put in practice. Allah says;

**"Say: "Are they equal, those who know and those who don't know? It is those who are endure with understanding that receive admonition"** AZ-zumar(39): 9

Allah still says;

**"Allah will raise up, to (suitable) ranks and degrees, those of you who believe and who have been granted knowledge."** Al-Mujadilah(58): 11

The more one gets acquainted with knowledge, the more she gets to know about Allah and His religion, the more she puts into practice, and the more she draws closer to Allah Allah says in the Quran; **"Verily the most beloved before Allah's sight are those who have Knowledge."** Qn: 35: 28

The Prophet (SAWW) said; **"Seeking knowledge is mandatory to every Muslim"**. In another, **"Seeking knowledge is mandatory to every Muslim from the cradle, to the death bed."** The word **"Muslim"** as used means man and woman.

Upon self search for knowledge, **Abu Hurairah** narrated, that the prophet Pbuh said; **"And whoever under takes a path of looking for knowledge, Allah will ease for him the path to paradise."** Muslim 2699

The word **"knowledge"** as used in this hadith refers to Islamic knowledge. This means that when she gets to know what Allah says, she will put into practice, and as a result will be among the righteous before Allah's sight.

The prophet said;

**"The knowledgeable are the heirs of prophets"** Bukhar

This tradition does not exempt women neither does it discriminate them. This also reminds us of a saying that;

**"No one will leave the makhsar unless questioned about four things; his or her knowledge, his or her youth, his or her wealth, and his or her power or strength."** If she acquired knowledge and worked in accordance to what she learnt, that will be for her own good and benefit. But if she never put into practice or searched for it, she will be penalized.

Allah says in the Quran,

**"But say, O Lord! Increase me in knowledge"** Twaha(20): 114

The prophet (SAWW) emphasized one's prayer to the Almighty for knowledge for it is through which one can be saved and acquainted with Allah's commandments, as he (SAWW) said; **"When a son of Adam dies, all his deed are stopped apart from three; reciprocated (flooring) Swadaq(giving), knowledge he acquired and taught, plus a righteous son who can pray for him or her."**

This therefore comes as a reminder, that the girl child should also be acquainted with her religious knowledge, so as to meet her Allah when He is pleased with her.



## JUSTICE

By: Sh. Muhammad Mukasa

**J**ustice is from the characteristics of The Most Glorious and Reverent God. The scholars have dedicated a special study for it due to its importance where certain creeds, like the resurrection and the account on the Day of Judgment, are related to it.

### What Is Meant by Justice

What is meant by justice is the consideration of the rights of the others and giving each one his due. Opposite to it is the injustice which means taking the rights of the others without having the right to, as when one usurps someone else's money, punishes the good doer for his good doing, or rewards the bad doer for his bad doing. Every rational one, and mostly the Creator of reason and the rational beings, is far above such usurpation of the money of the others, punishing the good doer, or rewarding the bad doer which is an act of abomination and injustice.

Justice is also used in another context i.e. putting everything in its place. This means to have every being in this universe and every affair in the place which suits its characteristics and in which it is fruitful. Probably the following narrative which is ascribed to God's prophet (God's prayers and peace bestowed upon him and his Household) indicates this: **"It is by justice that the skies and the earth were erected."**

Likewise, if you irrigate the flower with water, then you will have poured the water in its proper place. On the other hand, if you pour it wastefully, then you will not have poured it in its proper place: And this is contrary to justice.

### The Most Glorious and Reverent God Is Just and Far Above Injustice

The Most Glorified and High God does not put things out of their places and does not deprive the mankind of their rights, He is far above this. Both issues are impossible with The Most Glorified and High God: He, The Most Glorious and Most Reverent, rewards the obedient; is rightful of punishing the criminals; does not ask the mankind more than what they are able to do; and does not punish them more than they deserve. He created the creatures with justice and according to the best and perfect order. He, as well, does not do what is abominable, for He does only what is good, all in accordance to wisdom and in coordination with the most complete order.

### The Difference between Justice and Equity

It is indispensable to differentiate between the meaning of "Justice" and the meaning of "Equity", for it is incorrect to mix them. Justice is putting things in their places or paying each one his due. Equity is the distribution of a certain thing or a certain right equally. Had one teacher given the same grade for all his students without taking into consideration the students' levels and efforts, he would have equated among his students yet would not have been just; he would have done an injustice.

Likewise, had one doctor prescribed the same medicine for all his patients and given them all the same kind and average of medicine, this sort of equality would have absolutely been an

injustice as regards some of the patients.

Similarly, creating all the creatures according to one order and equally as regards some pictures is injustice. Had the heart of the whale which is one ton in weight been equal to the weight of the heart of the bird, would that have been just? Or had the roots of a small plant been equal to the roots of a huge tree, would this have been just? Therefore, creating such things equally is the injustice in itself, The Most High God is far above of this. The evidences for this are many.

The conclusion at which we arrive is that the equity in some of its aspects may be unjust because there is a difference between equity and justice.

### The Evidence for the Justice of The Most Glorious and Reverent God

The causes of injustice can be limited to three causes, once they are missed, then there is no possibility of injustice in the one in which they are missed. These causes are:

- 1- Ignoring the abomination of injustice
- 2- Knowing the abomination of injustice yet being obliged to do it
- 3- Knowing the abomination of injustice and not being obliged to do it, yet committing it frivolously

All these causes are impossible with respect to The Most Glorified and High God because He is All-Knowing, All-Rich, and All-Wise. This implies that He is just and far above every injustice and abomination.

The first cause as regards The Most High God is abolished due to that He, The Most Glorious and Most Reverent is far above ignorance. This universe which, along with the involved extremely precise and coordinated order, we can get acquainted with only little of the aspects of greatness in it is the truest witness for the existence of an All-Knowing Creator Who has the highest levels of knowledge towards which ignorance can not reach.

Allah says in the Quran; **(He it is Who created for you all that is in the earth. Then turned He to the heaven and fashioned it as seven heavens. And He is Knower of all things)**<sup>1</sup>

Allah also says; **(Unto Allah belong the East and the West, and whithersoever ye turn, there is Allah's Countenance.**

## HADITHS

### ABOUT RAMATHAN

The Prophet of Allah (SAWW) said; **"Whoever gives food to a fasting person with which to break his fast, will have a reward equal to his, without it detracting in the slightest from the reward of the fasting person"**

## THE BEST AND CLOSEST FRIEND

**By: Shamsa Edris Nandago.**

**G**irls who aspire towards a promising and bright future need kind, aware and powerful mothers.

Girls whose mothers have no will and are dissatisfied with what they are, have so many problems in making useful and effective connections and sometimes may face mental imbalance in the process of shaping their personalities from the mold of their mothers. Thus making the mother's role so prominent and important in training the children, especially daughters. In such a way that the mother's developed personality at different stages of their children's growth and lives, is reflected in their affection and kindness.

In natural situations, a mother likes to observe all the abilities, beauties, goodness and perfection in her own children. Thus, the mothers' relations with their daughters have special delicateness, specialties, and sensitivities. Mothers relive their good or bad memories and experiences of their past in their daughters and do their best that those obstacles, social failures, and unpleasant experiences don't happen to their daughters.

The most important characteristic of the mother-daughter relationship is the daughter's imitation of their mothers, and this is deeper and more distinguished than the son's imitation of his father.

Daughters have more opportunities than sons to learn and imitate their mothers' verbal or non-verbal behaviors at different stages of growth, especially at the pre-school period, due to the fact that fathers are often outside of the home. Thus, when a daughter leaves her home and heads off for school generally she shows more social compatibility and can communicate better with her teachers and instructors due to those pleasant and lovely experiences shared with her mother.

It is necessary to mention that a mother can be called successful in fulfilling her motherly and training role, if the family is immune from mental harms and damages such as contempt, threats, insults, lies, gossip, suspicion, accusation and quarrels.

On the other hand, it has been observed that sometimes some mothers unconsciously and rarely consciously try to crystallize special beliefs and behaviors in the personality of their daughters who are growing, since they want to compensate for some of their own failures of the past. But sometimes they trespass the bounds of balance and they have abnormal expectations of their children, or they may even raise them in a way, which is not suitable for their age, wisdom, maturity, and mental and social needs.

It is self-evident that a mother can have the warmest and best communication with her children and is able to respond to their mental and emotional needs if she herself has a healthy relationship with her husband.

Those mothers who have logical and attractive interactions, full of intimacy, are successful in drawing the confidence and reli-

ance of their children and can be their most competent and intimate friends. By having such a mutually emotional and logical relationship, the daughters can benefit from the highest level of mental health, self-confidence and the feeling of being worthy.

Thus, they will be immune from negative interactions and social misbehaviors. They will benefit from the most desirable situations for jobs, life on the whole, and education, and the new shoots of creativity will flourish within their personalities.

This is the reason that in many different societies with different cultures it has been proved that a mother is the center of the family who encourages and elucidates the prosperous path of life for the members of the family.

### Q & A with The Sheikh

**Q)** How many Madani Surahs (chapters) are there in the Qur'an?

A) 28

**Q)** How many Manzils (stages) are there in the Qur'an?

B) A) 7

**Q)** How many Juz or (parts) are there in the Qur'an?

A) 30

**Q)** How many Surahs (chapters) are there in the Qur'an?

A) 114

**Q)** How many Ruku (paragraphs) are there in the Qur'an?

A) 540

**Q)** Name the Prophet whose name is mentioned and discussed most in the Quran?

A) Musa (Aleihi-Salaam)

## THINGS WHICH MAKE FASTING INVALID (BATIL)

By Oustadh Adam Sebyala

If you are fasting, then the following things will break your fast or will make fast invalid if performed intentionally:

- [1] Eating or drinking anything
- [2] Vomiting
- [3] Allowing thick dust reach one's throat (e.g. smoking)
- [4] Taking liquid enema
- [5] Ascribing lies to Allah and His Prophet and Masoomeen
- [6] Sexual intercourse
- [7] Masturbation (Istimna)
- [8] Not Doing Wajib Ghushl Till Dawn (Fajr) Time
- [9] Immersing head in water (but Ayatullah Seestani says fast is not affected by this act)

If Ghushl Janabat becomes wajib, it is wajib to perform Ghushl Janabat before Dawn for Ramadhan fasts as well as for Qaza fasts of Ramadan. For Mustahab fasts, it is not necessary to perform wajib ghushl before Dawn. If Ghushl Haith has become wajib on a woman, then it is wajib on her to do Ghushl Haith before Dawn only during Ramadan fasts.

But doing this ghushl before Dawn is not necessary when keeping Qaza fasts of Ramadan or any other fasts according to Ayatullah Khoi. But other Mujtahids say it is necessary to do such ghushl before Dawn for Qaza of Ramadan on the basis of ihtiyate wajib; so their followers can follow Ayatullah Khoi on this matter.

If a person did not know how to perform Ghushl Janabat correctly, and has kept Ramadan fasts by performing Ghushl Janabat incorrectly (or forgot performing at all), then it is wajib on him/her to do Qaza fasts of all those Ramadan fasts with correct Ghushl Janabat. But qaza is not wajib if a woman has kept Ramadan fasts by performing Ghushl Haith incorrectly (or forgot performing at all).

Ascribing lies (or any wrong statement or a wrong hadith) to Allah, the Prophet or Masoomeen (AS) is haram at any time and if it is done during fasting, then the fast becomes batil (invalid). But if it is done unintentionally, then the fast is valid. If vomiting comes automatically or unintentionally during fasting, then fast is not affected.

Allowing thick or coarse dust or smoke in the throat will break fast. But hot steam in shower will not break fast. Brushing teeth with toothpaste or rinsing your mouth with water during fasting is OK if no liquid goes into the throat. If wetness remains in the

## HOW TO LEAD A GOOD LIFE

By: Sh. Muhammad Mukasa

Nowadays people all over the world are dissatisfied because of excessive profit made by businessmen and capitalists. Excess profit is not justifiable. It is as sinful as interest on loans (when it is not 'Mozarebah'). Greed for excessive profit is one of the causes of inflation. Inflation may be compensated by proper rise in wages and salaries. Governments are responsible for controlling excess profit by suitable means.

### How to Lead a Good Life?

1. Do not be arrogant in richness.
2. Do not be worried or uneasy in poverty.
3. Do not be harsh, impolite and disgusting, because people will hate to approach you.
4. Do not be frail and powerless, because all those who are familiar with you will consider you as worthless and look at you with contempt.
5. Do not dispute nor quarrel nor be in bad books of your superiors.
6. Do not ridicule your subordinates.
7. Do not conflict with experts in their field.
8. Do not obey the stupid.
9. Do not be subservient to every individual.
10. Do not rely on ability and competence of anyone but wait till you know how to enter and exit from an affair.
11. Consider your heart as your partner and a close relative and your performance as in need of a father whom you follow at every step.
12. Consider your evil self as your enemy with whom you are always at holy war.
13. Consider your soul as a loan which must be returned to God.

You are a physician for your own soul; the symptoms of its well-being and illness have been explained to you for correct diagnosis and treatment with suitable remedies, so you have to guard your soul with extreme care.

## OCCASSIONS & EVENTS

### MONTH OF RAMADHAN

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Welcome the Month				Moon Sighting				First Night / Day				Fasting Rules		
Every Day			After Salaat			Saher - Start Fast			Iftar - End Fast			Every Night		
Salawat			10 Tasbihat			Abu Hamza Thumali			Every Night Salaat			Iftitah		
Jaushan Kabeer			Jaushan Sageer			Mujeer 13-14-15			Before / After Quran			All 30 Days		
Makarimul Akhlaaq			Tawbah			Mikaylul Makarim			Etekaaf			Munaja'at		
Last 10 Nights			Last Friday			Last Night			Eve - 1st Shawwal			Idd Ul Fitr		



## THE REVELATION OF THE QUR'AN

**By Oustadh Adam Sebyala**

**From previous issue.....**

### The Angel Gabriel

The prophet referred to his own pure soul as the "Faithful Spirit" or the giver of revelation. The Qur'an, however, does not support this view and names Gabriel as the deliverer of the verses.

God says in chapter II:97, **(Say (O Muhammad, to mankind): Who is an enemy to Gabriel! for it is he who has revealed (this book) to your heart by God's permission.)** This verse refers to Jews who wanted to know who had revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet. He replied that it was Gabriel. They said, "We are enemies of Gabriel as he it was who gave us (the tribe of Israel) the laws and legal punishments and as we are enemies to him, we do not believe in the book which he has brought."

Thus God replies to them in the verse that Gabriel revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet by God's permission. God further says that the Qur'an is to be believed in, and that it is not the speech of Gabriel. It is important to note that the Qur'an, in the words of the above verse was revealed "to the heart" of the Prophet Muhammad by Gabriel.

In another verse [XXVI:193-4] we read that it was transmitted by the Faithful Spirit, "which the Faithful Spirit has brought down upon your heart." By comparison of these two verses it becomes evident that it is the angel Gabriel who is meant here by the words, "Faithful Spirit."

In chapter LXXXI:1923 God describes the transmittance of revelation: That this is in truth the word of an honoured messenger (Gabriel), Mighty established in the presence of the Lord of the Throne, one to be obeyed and trustworthy and your comrade (the Prophet) is not mad. Surely he saw him on the clear horizon.

These verses show that Gabriel was one of the intimates of God, possessing great power and trust. Again in chapter XL:7 we read, **(Those who bear the power, and all who are around Him, praise their Lord and believe in Him and ask forgiveness for those who believe).** Such characteristics as belief in God and seeking forgiveness from him are only to be expected from independent, sentient creatures.

In chapter IV:172-173 we read, The Messiah will never disdain to be a servant of God, nor will the favoured angels. Whoever disdains His service and is proud, He will gather them all to Himself, then as for those who believe and do good, He will pay them fully their rewards and give them more out of His grace, and as for those who disdain and are proud, He will punish them with a painful doom. And they will not find for themselves besides Allah a guardian or a helper.

It is clear that although the Messiah, Jesus, and the favoured angels do not disobey the commands of God they are, nevertheless, warned of a painful punishment on the day of reckoning if they were to commit a wrong.

The possibility of neglect of their duties or committing wrong action is necessarily dependent on their being sentient beings, possessed of free will and entrusted with the task of transmitting the revelation of God.

Thus we learn from the Qur'an that Gabriel is the Faithful Soul: he is trustworthy and to be obeyed because he is obeyed by angels in his task. An indication of these obedient angels comes in the verse, But truly it is a warning-so let whoever will pay heed to it, on honoured leaves exalted, purified (set down by scribes) noble and righteous [LXXX:11-16].

### The Angels and the Devils

According to the explanation of contemporary non-Muslim writers, angel is the name given to forces in nature which represent goodness, and happiness and devils are forces in nature representing evil and unhappiness.

What we understand from the Qur'an, however, is that they are beings existing beyond our sense-range, who possess feelings and an independent free-will.

The refusal of Satan to prostrate himself before Adam and the dialogue between Satan and God occurs several times in the Qur'an. Satan, after having been expelled from intimacy with God, says in chapter XXXVIII:82-83, **(I surely will lead every one of them astray except your sincere slaves among them.)** And God replies **(I shall fill hell with you and with those who follow you, together)** [XXXVIII:85].

It is clear that punishment can only take place if the punished understand the reason for the punishment.

**To be Continued.....**

## Personality

### IMAAM SAJJAD (AS)

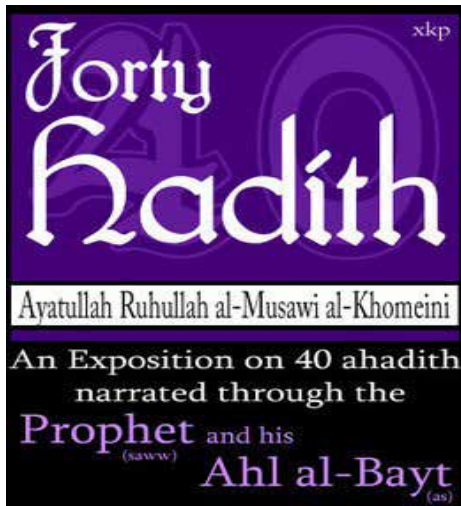
It is reported that once Hisham bin Abdul Malik Marwan went for pilgrimage of Bayt-Ullah but when he wanted to perform Tawaf he could not due to deep crowd. Suddenly he saw Hazrat Ali Ibnul Hussain Imam Zaynul Abideen (AS) came to Bayt-Ullah.

People made way for the imam and he after Tawaf kissed the Black Stone of the Ka'aba. People were doing this in magnification of him and in exaltation of his rank. This made Hisham much angry. A Syrian man asked Hisham "Who is this young man?" Hisham replied: "I don't know" lest people show inclination for him (AS). Al-Farazdaq was there he said: "I know him" and then composed an ode and recited it, addressing himself to Hisham.

"This is he, whose ability the valley of Makah recognizes and whom the (sacred) house recognizes (as do) the sanctuary and the area out side the sanctuary (al-hill). This is the son of the best of all Allah's servants. This is the pure pious man, the pure eminent man. He is such a generous who never utter "no" except in Tashahud. If there was not be the word 'La' (No) in Tashahud he would not say 'No'.

Love to them is deen (faith), enmity to them is kufr (infidelity) and nearness to them is protection and refuge.

This is Ali b. al Hussein whose parent is the Prophet This is the son of Fatima, if you do not know who he is Whoever knows God, knows his Wali. Religion is from the house of this man.



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**DUA'A JAWSHAN AL KABIR**

**Importance of Joshn Kabir-**

It has been mentioned in the book, Balad al-Amin and the Misbah of Kafa'mi that [Imam 'Ali ibn al-Husain Sayyid as-Sajjidin \(prayers be upon him\)](#) related from his father from his grandfather the Prophet of Allah (SAWW) that this supplication was taught by the Angel Jibra'il (AS) to the Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) during one of the battles.

It was in one of the wars that the Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) had taken part in which he had a very heavy and expensive coat of armor on to protect himself. It is related that the coat was so heavy that it was hurting the body of the Prophet (SAWW).

In this state, the Angel Jibra'il (AS) came to the Prophet (blessings of Allah be upon him and his family) and said: "O' Muhammad! Your Lord conveys his salutations to you and has said to take this coat of armor (Jawshan) and to recite it as this is a protection for you and your Ummah



**SAWM: FASTING**

**By Siraje Badru Serunjogi.**

The noble Prophet Muhammad (SAWW), gave an impressive sermon welcoming the month of Ramadhan.

He said: "O people! The month of Allah with its blessings, mercy and forgiveness has come upon you. It is the most preferred of all the months with Allah; its days are the best of days, its nights are the best of nights, and its hours are the best of hours. It is a month in which you have been invited as guests of Allah and have been placed among those honoured by Allah. Your breathing in it is [like] an act of praising [Allah], your sleep an act of worship; your good deeds are accepted, and your prayers answered. Therefore, ask Allah with sincere intentions and pure hearts to help you in fasting and reciting His Book during this [month]. Indeed damned is he who is deprived of Allah's forgiveness during this august month.

"O people! The gates of Paradise are wide open during this month; therefore, ask your Lord not to close them in your face and the gates of Hell-Fire are locked; therefore, ask your Lord not to open them for you. Satans are chained; therefore, ask your Lord not to unfetter them upon you.

"O people! Whosoever among you improves his character during this month, he shall have the pass [to cross] over the Bridge (*Siratwa*) on the day when [people's] feet shall slip. Whosoever is lenient with his slaves during this month, Allah will be lenient with him in the reckoning of his [deeds on the Day of Judgment]. Whosoever checks his evil deeds during this month, Allah shall withhold His anger from him on the day he meets Him. Whosoever honours an orphan during this month, Allah shall honour him on the day he meets Him. Whosoever maintains, during this month, contact with his relations, Allah will maintain His mercy for him on the day he

meets Him.

Whosoever recites a verse from the Qur'an during this month, his reward will be like one who has completed the recitation of the Qur'an during the other months."

Imam 'Ali (AS) said, "There are some who fast but will gain nothing from their fasting except thirst; and there are some who pray but will gain nothing from their prayer except tiredness."

He also said, "Fasting is not only [abstaining] from food and drink alone. When you fast, protect your tongue from lying; lower your eye-glances from what Allah has forbidden [you to see]; do not fight with one another; do not be jealous of one another; do not backbite one another; do not abuse one another; and do not be unjust to one another. Refrain from false accusation, lying, fighting, suspicion, backbiting, and slander. Be those who look forward to the hereafter, and wait for your days, waiting for what Allah has promised for those who have prepared to meet Him.

**OPINIONS**

**ASKING ALLAH**

**By Siraje Badru Serunjogi.**

Almost all human beings do have something to ask for from Almighty Allah. Some have a craving for some lawful worldly objects, some have to ask for solutions of their problems, some longing for remedy of illness and getting good health, while some have the far-sight of asking favours of the next world. Thus every one has something to ask from his/her own angle of view.

You must have tranquillity, sobriety, humility, servility, and submissiveness of a slave who fears his master; and be fearful [of Allah's chastisement] as well as hopeful [in His forgiveness]



## DAILY SUPPLICATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

1. Lord! Make my fast in it one of those who truly fast, my prayers those of who truly pray, and awaken me from the sleep of the inattentive, grant me forgiveness for my sins in it, O Lord of the Worlds, and do forgive me, O One Who forgives criminals.
2. Lord! Bring me closer in it to Your pleasure, enable me in it to avoid Your anger and wrath, enable me to be in it to recite Your verses with Your mercy, O most merciful of those who have mercy!
3. Lord! Grant me in it intelligence and attentiveness, distance me in it from nonsense and concealment, allot for me a portion of everything good which You send down in it with Your generosity, O most generous One!
4. Lord! Strengthen me in it to perform Your commands, enable me in it to taste the sweetness of mentioning Your Name, enable me in it to truly thank You with Your generosity, and safeguard me in it with Your safeguard and cover, O most seeing One!
5. Lord! Enable me in it to be among those who seek Your forgiveness, make me in it among Your righteous and adoring servants, and enable me to be one of Your close friends through Your compassion, O most merciful One!
6. Lord! Do not abandon me in it when I am exposed to transgressing Your limits, do not whip me with the whips of Your wrath, keep me away from whatever brings about Your anger with Your boons and assistance, O One Who is the ultimate end of the desirous.

## NIYYAT (INTENTION) FOR FASTING

It is not necessary for a person to pass the niyyat for fasting through his mind or to say that he would be fasting on the following day. In fact, it is sufficient for him to decide that in obedience to the command of Allah he will not perform from the time of Adhan for Fajr prayers up to Maghrib, any act which may invalidate the fast. And in order to ensure that he has been fasting throughout this time he should begin abstaining earlier than the Adhan for Fajr prayers, and continue to refrain for some time after sunset from acts which invalidate a fast.

A person can make niyyat every night of the holy month of Ramadhan that he would be fasting on the following day, and it is better to make niyyat on the first night of Ramadhan that he would fast throughout that month.

The last time for making niyyat to observe a fast of Ramadhan for a conscious person, is moments before Adhan of Fajr prayers. This means he must be intent upon fasting at that time, even if he later became heedless of his intention due to sleep etc.

As for Mustahab fast one can make its niyyat at any time in the day, even moments before Maghrib - provided he has not committed any such act which invalidates the fast.

If a person sleeps before Adhan for Fajr prayers in Ramadhan or any other day fixed for an obligatory fast without making a niyyat, and wakes up before Zuhr to make a niyyat of fast, his fast will be in order. But if he wakes up after Zuhr, as a precaution, he should continue with the abstinence with the niyyat of Qurbat and then give its qadha also.

## Morals of the Ahlul Bait (AS)

### DUA FOR THE REPENTERS.

I ask Thee, O Forgiver of the great sins

O Mender of Broken bones

To overlook my ruinous misdeeds

And cover my disgraced secret thoughts!

At the witnessing place of the place of Resurrection,

Empty me not of the coolness of

Thy pardon and forgiveness

And strip me not of

Thy beautiful forbearing and covering!

My God, let the cloud of Thy mercy cast its shadow upon my sins and send the billow of Thy clemency flowing over my faults!

My God, does the fugitive servant return to anyone other than his Master?



# Ramadan the Blessed Month

Ramadan is here, The month that is blessed  
Ramadan is here, The month we love best.  
The month in which the Qur'an was sent  
A time of great blessing in which to repent.  
Fasting for Allah is a great Muslim deed  
Controlling desires and Suppressing greed.

Ramadan is coming, Increase your  
Iman(faith).

Ramadan is coming, Recite the Qur'an.  
Take "Suhur" in the dead of the Night  
No eating or drinking during the daylight.  
Refrain from bad deeds and repent your soul  
The pleasure of Allah is our only goal.

Even if there is hunger, remember your Lord  
And wait until 'Iftar' to earn your reward.  
Fasting is one of the gifts of Allah  
Given to believers to increase 'Taqwah' (piety).  
We pray to Allah to put right our hearts  
Ask for forgiveness from Allah and  
make a new start.

Raising our hands we ask for his 'Rahmaa'  
Hear us our Lord and grant us 'Jannah'

We all must fast in Ramadan  
Which is one of the five Arkan  
It is a blessed month you know  
We fast for Allah, not for show

It is designed to make us think  
As we refrain from food and drink  
We feel the hunger and the pain  
And much there is for us to gain

From dusk till dawn we fast  
Hoping that our sawm can last  
While we try to do much good  
Building Taqwa like we should

Special prayers we say at night  
And to turn to Allah in our plight  
To forgive and guide us as we try  
While ourselves we purify

And remember it was in Ramadhan  
When Allah revealed the Holy Qur'an  
And so began the Prophet's call  
A guide and mercy to us all

And the night of Qadr is unique  
Its blessings all believers seek  
Then will follow the day of Eid  
A truly festive day indeed

Fasting teaches discipline too  
And self-control for me and you  
As year by year we train to be  
Better Muslims, by Allah's decree.

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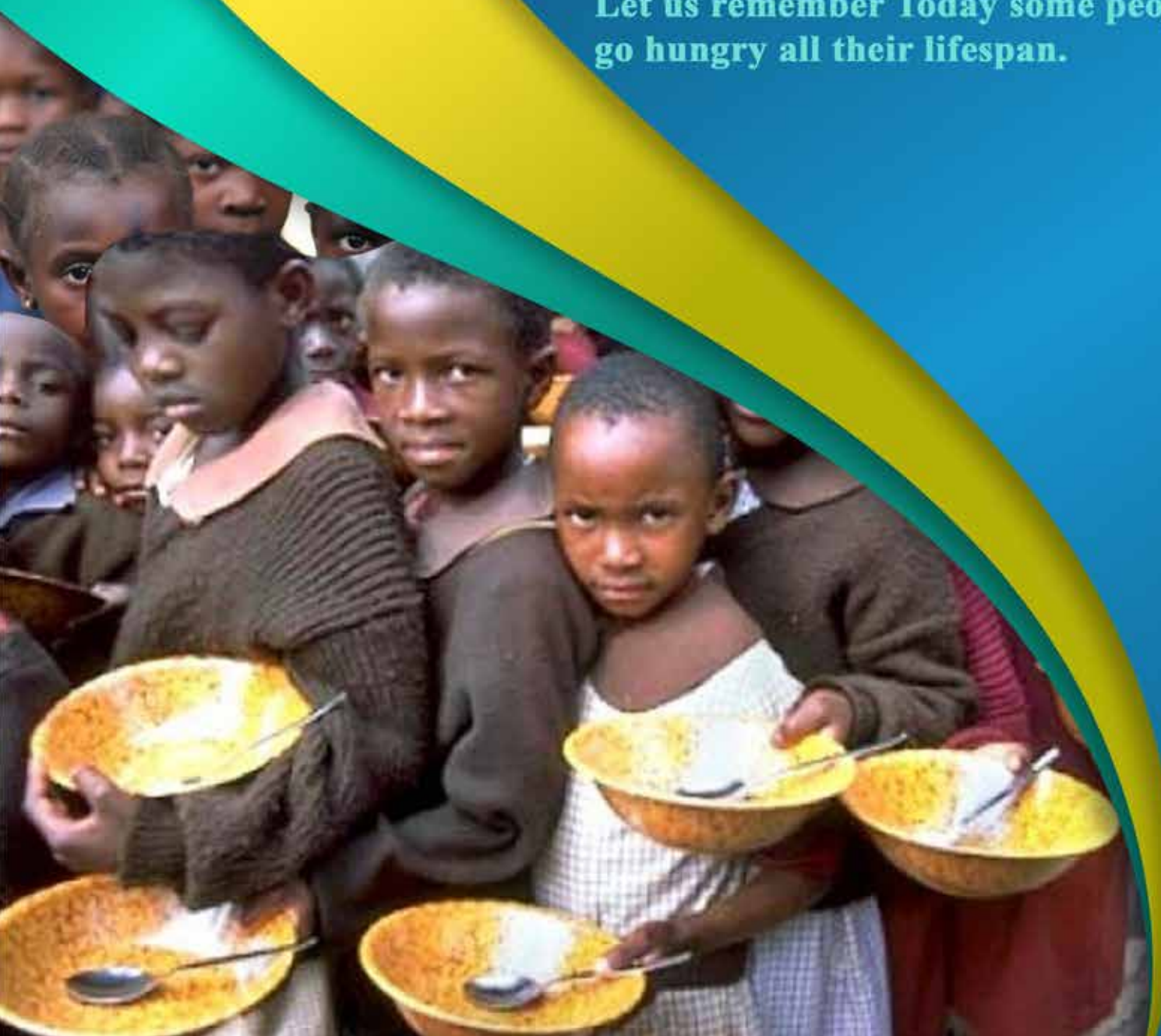
"This is a clear statement for men, and guidance and an admonition to those who guard themselves (against evil)."  
(Aie Inuran: 138)

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For The Betterment Of The World To The Oppressed.

Let us remember Today some people go hungry all their lifespan.







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**Fasting is an internal revolutionary process  
with profound bearing on the four pillars,  
The physical body, the heart, the mind, the  
timing and environment**

**Oh reformer of hearts and minds Director  
of day and night and transformer of conditions  
Change ours to the best in accordance with your will.**