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**'Verily this
brotherhood of
yours is a single
Brotherhood and I
am your Lord and
Cherisher:
therefore serve
Me (and no other)'
Al-Qur'an 21:92**

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Welcome to our Community Newsletter

Dear brothers and sisters, Assallamu'Alaikum and welcome to the first issue of the West London community newsletter. Published by the UKIM West London Islamic Centre the newsletter will Insha-Allah be distributed free of charge in and around Ealing, whilst also being directly mailed to Muslim homes in the area.

As human beings we are socially inclined and through interaction we find meaning, purpose and fulfillment in community life. This is why Islam strongly enjoins the importance of family, social integration, co-operation and respect for all.

By realising our purpose in this life, reviving our faith, building a strong family life and living together in an organised and cohesive manner, we will be laying the foundations for a God-conscious and successful existence both in this life and the hereafter, Insha-Allah. Furthermore by adopting Islam as a way of life, we would better exemplify and share the message of Islam with our wider society.

With this in mind, the newsletter will aim to provide basic information about Islam that is relevant, practical and motivating. Its content will

address faith, acts of worship, Quran & Hadith, social issues, news articles, book reviews and information on events and activities taking place at the Masjid.

Through sensible and correct education we can foster a better practice and awareness of Islam amongst ourselves. Any brothers or sisters who wish to contribute towards this project, join the mailing list or advertise in the next issue, please contact Br Inam on 07949 774 653, or the Masjid office. May Allah (swt) accept our efforts and forgive our misgivings. Ameen.

Summer School 2004 -Enlist your Child Today!

The UKIM summer school has been organised to help young people develop their physical, mental, spiritual and moral capacity in an Islamic environment, whilst also instilling a sense of citizenship.

The Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said,

"If anyone travels on a road in search of knowledge, Allah will cause him to travel on one of the roads of Paradise. The angels will lower their wings in their great pleasure with one who seeks knowledge, the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth and the fish in the deep waters will ask forgiveness for the learned man.

The superiority of the learned man over the devout is like that of the moon, on the night

when it is full, over the rest of the stars. The learned are the heirs of the Prophets, and the Prophets leave neither dinar nor dirham (money), leaving only knowledge, and he who takes it takes an abundant portion." [Abu Dawood]

To plan for a happy and prosperous future for our children we must educate them about the fundamentals of Islam. In today's materialistic and secular society a Muslim child needs to be nurtured and cultivated on Islamic principles and values, both at home and outside.

The UKIM West London branch has arranged a short six week course for the coming summer holidays. The course will include the

following areas of study. Quran- Selected memorization/Tajweed, Hadith- Imam Nawawi's 40 hadith, General Islamic Studies, Seerah of the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh), Brief Insight into Islamic History- The four rightly guided caliphs/ different schools of thought and The Contemporary Muslim World- An introduction to Muslim countries of the world and the concept of one Ummah.

The course is from the 26th of July till the 31st of August and the timings are Monday to Thursday from 9.30pm-1.30pm. The course fee is £60 and minimum age is 9 years old. For further information call Br Inam-ul Haq on 07949 774 653 or the Masjid office on 020 88404140.

The Quest For Allah's Mercy

It was narrated that in the days that Musa alayhis-salam, wandered with Bani Israaeel in the desert a grizzly drought befell them. Together, they all raised their hands towards the heavens praying for the blessed rain. Then, to the astonishment of Musa alayhis salam, and all those watching, the few clouds that scattered the sky vanished, the heat scorched down and the drought intensified.

It was revealed to Musa that there was a sinner amongst Bani Israaeel that had disobeyed Allah for more than 40 years of his life. 'Let him separate himself from

the congregation,' Allah (swt) told Musa. 'Only then shall I shower you all with rain.'

Musa, alayhis-salam, called out to the throngs of humanity, 'There is a person amongst us who has disobeyed Allah for 40 years. Let him separate himself from the congregation and only then shall we be rescued from the drought.' That man waited, looking left and right, hoping that someone else would step forward, but no one did. Sweat poured from his brow and he knew he was the one. If he stayed amongst the congregation all would die of thirst; yet if he stepped forward he would be humiliated for all

eternity. He raised his hands with sincerity he had never known before, with humility he had never tasted, tears poured on both cheeks, 'O Allah, have mercy on me! O Allah, hide my sins! O Allah, forgive me!'

As Musa alayhis-salam and Bani Israaeel awaited for the sinner to step forward, the clouds hugged the sky and the rain poured. Musa alayhis-salam asked Allah (swt), 'O Allah, you blessed us with rain even though that sinner did not come forward.' And Allah (swt) replied, 'O Musa, it is for the repentance of that very person that I

blessed all of Bani Israaeel with water.'

Musa, wanting to know who was this blessed man, asked, 'Show him to me O Allah!' Allah (swt) replied, 'O Musa, I hid his sins for 40 years. Do you think that after his repentance I shall expose him?'

A Tribute to Dr Ayyub Thakur

We would like to share our deep sadness with the community at the recent loss of one of our dearest and respected brothers, Dr Ayyub Thakur.

Dr. Ayyub was born in 1948 in Pudsoo village near Shopian in Indian occupied Kashmir. He grew up at a time when Kashmir was witnessing a great upheaval, political subjugation, human right abuses and economic deprivation. Despite difficult circumstances, Dr. Ayyub obtained his PhD in Nuclear Physics from the University of Kashmir. From early on he was a passionate student leader and was the president of the Kashmir University Students Union, the Kashmir University Research Scholars Association and the Islami Jamiat-e-Talaba Kashmir. As a natural leader, he was able to rally and mobilise Kashmiri youth and students to unite and protest against the injustices and tyranny of the occupying Indian state.

In 1980, whilst a teacher in the University of Kashmir,



Dr. Ayyub and his colleagues organised an international conference on the issue of the right of self-determination for the Kashmiri people as outlined in UN resolutions. The conference was banned by the Indian government and Dr. Ayyub was imprisoned and subjected to inconceivable tortures, but he refused to compromise his religious and political ideology.

After his release, Dr. Ayyub was forced to leave his homeland with no prospect of a return and joined the Nuclear Engineering

Department of King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah in Saudia Arabia as an Assistant Professor. He continued his local and international efforts to highlight the Kashmiri cause. After arriving in London in 1986 for a post-doctoral research programme, he founded the World Kashmir Freedom Movement (WKFM). He established the only humanitarian charity active in Indian occupied Kashmir, Mercy Universal. This charity is still instrumental in providing aid and relief to Muslims around the world, as well as to thousands of Kashmiri widows, orphans and those whose homes have been destroyed by the occupying army.

After failing to subdue his resolute voice at the international level, the government turned on his family in occupied Kashmir. During the last 15 years all his family members, relatives and friends have been harassed, imprisoned and tortured by the authorities. Even his elderly parents

were threatened and abused. They both passed away having not seen their son for over a decade.

Dr. Ayyub was committed to alleviating the pain and suffering of the Muslim Ummah. He feared none but Allah (swt) and exhibited great warmth, kindness, generosity, courage, humility and sense of sacrifice for humanity. God willing Dr. Ayyub's dream of Kashmir self-determination and a free Kashmir will one day be a reality.

We pray that Allah (swt) forgives his shortcomings, accepts his righteous deeds and grants our brother and all Muslims who have left this transitory life, a place in Janatul Firdous (paradise), Ameen.

To find out more about the work of Mercy Universal visit www.mercyuniversal.com or call 020 8575 5999 to make a donation.

The Virtues of Prayer

Prayer is the second most important act after a person acknowledges the Tawhid (Oneness) of Allah by declaring the Shahadah or testimony of faith. The prayer is more important than anything else you do and is the first thing which you will be questioned on the Day of Judgement.

The prayer is a link between the servant and his Lord. The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"Indeed when one of you prays, he speaks privately with his Lord." [Bukhari]

The Salah is a garden of Ibaadaat (acts of worship), in

which every splendid type of worship is found. The prayer is a means of support and assistance in times of distress and grief. It prevents one from evil and shameful deeds whilst wiping away sins. It should be the joy and delight of a believers' soul.

We should combine within our prayer Al-Kushoo (submissiveness), attentiveness and love for Allah (swt), for he is the one who has provided us with life, family, friends, wealth, food and clothing, indeed his bounties for us are incalculable. Should we not then feel love for Him and a

desire to please him. Ibn Mas'ud reported that the Prophet (pbuh) said,

"The most beloved action to Allah (swt) is prayer on time." [Bukhari]

We take so much care of our worldly appointments, but when it comes to our obligatory appointment with Allah (swt) we delay and even neglect it. Let us try and take more care of our appointment with our Creator, the Lord of the Universe who will one day hold us to account. A day when our position may be more difficult, because we had been blessed with the truth and methodology but chose to ignore it.

I created jinn and mankind only to worship Me
Al-Quran 51:56

"Prayer in congregation is twenty-seven times more superior than praying individually"
Bukhari & Muslim

Tadhkira – One Minute Reminders: The Movie of Your Life...

Once a man came to the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and asked him who the wisest man was. The Prophet replied,

"He who he remembers death most often and makes the greatest preparation for it." [at-Tabrani]

Remember that each day you live will never return again. And remember that on the Day of Judgment you will see your life as a 'movie' – with you as the 'star'.

Your entire life will be played in front of you on the Day of Resurrection, the way you lived and behaved. Further remember that Allah's (swt) 'recorder' misses nothing – everything is documented and nothing is forgotten.

Every now and then Allah (swt) allows us to hear about or see people dying. This is not a coincidence. This is to remind us, that just like them, one day we too will return to Him.

Remember this and live a life that is pleasing to Allah (swt). Because one day you will have to watch your 'movie' - a movie which will show how you lived your life both in public and in private. Be wise, prepare for death before it comes. Be ready, prepare your answers for when you will be questioned. The Messenger of Allah (swt) said,

"The grave is the first stop from among the stops to the Hereafter, and if one successfully passes through it, then whatever follows it is easier. If however, one does not successfully pass through it, whatever comes after it is more difficult"

(Saheeh at-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb)

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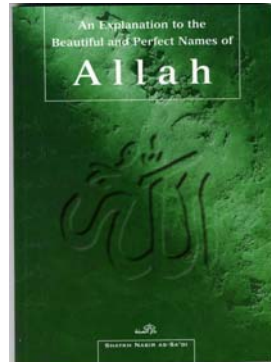
The Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said,

'He who treads the path in search of knowledge, God will make that path easy, leading to Paradise for him and those people who assemble in one of the houses of God (masjids), recite the Book of God, and learn and teach the Koran.

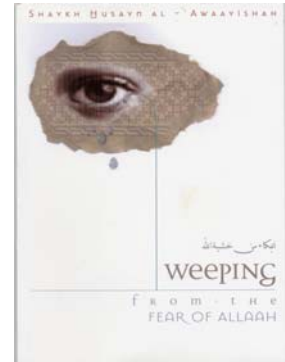
There will descend upon them tranquility, mercy will cover them, the angels will surround them, and God will mention them in the presence of those near Him.' [Related in Muslim]

In each issue of Islamic Post, we will briefly review the latest books available.

An Explanation to the Beautiful and Perfect Names of Allah- For us to know, love and fear our Lord, it is essential for us to understand his names and attributes. An excellent compilation in which the author eloquently explains those Names of Allah (swt) that occur in the Qur'an.



Weeping from the Fear of Allah- The book is adorned with verses of the Qur'an, sayings of the Prophet (pbuh) and examples of the companions. The heart rendering narrations will Insha-Allah act as a means of softening our



hearts, purifying our souls and permanently changing our outlook on our short lives in this world. For more information call Al-Kitab on 020 8840 4140

The Muslim Character: Forgiveness

If he becomes angry, the true Muslim restrains his anger and is quick to forgive and sees no shame in doing so. Rather, he sees it as a good deed which will bring him closer to Allah and earn him His love which He bestows only on those who do good:

"...[those] who restrain anger and pardon [all] men- for Allah loves those who do good." Al-Qur'an 3:134

A man may be able to restrain his anger, but resentment may be smoldering in his heart, this may turn into deep-rooted hatred. The true Muslim whose soul has been saturated with his religion does not harbor grudges; if he restrains his anger, he then follows that with forgiveness.

Anger is very difficult to restrain, for it is a heavy burden on the heart. But when a person forgives another, this heavy burden is

lifted, freeing him, soothing him and bringing peace of mind. These are feelings of Ihsaan (goodness) which the Muslim feels when he forgives his brother, purely for the sake of Allah (swt). The Prophet (pbuh) said,

"Allah will not increase His servant except in honor. No one humbles himself for the sake of Allah (swt) but Allah will raise his status" [Muslim]

It is a great honor from Allah (swt), which combines with the good characteristics of the tolerant, forgiving Muslim, that Allah (swt) loves, and one of those honored ones that people love.

Resentment has no place in the heart of the sensitive Muslim who truly understands his religion. He realizes the value of forgiveness and purity of heart and their importance if he seeks Allah's forgiveness, as the Prophet (pbuh) said:

"There are three sins, whoever dies free of these sins will be forgiven for anything else if Allah wills, associating anything with Allah; practicing magic or witch craft; and bearing resentment towards his brother" [Al-Bukhari]

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- Dars-E-Qur'an & Hadith on Saturdays 6pm
- Islamic Study Circle for brothers (English) on Mondays 7.30pm
- Islamic Study circle for brothers & sisters (Somali) on Sundays 1.30pm
- Sisters Quranic Circle 10am-12.30pm (Monday and Saturdays)
- Childrens Quranic Classes (Monday to Friday 5pm-7pm & Saturday mornings from 10am-1pm)
- Quran Study Circle for brothers (English) on Thursdays at 7.30pm
- Keep-fit Boxing sessions on Thursday 7.30pm and Sundays 2.30pm (Brothers)
- Mother and Toddler group returning soon!

