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To serve humanity by imparting knowledge of Qur'an and Sunnah - the only way to attain peace in this world and the hereafter

Ramadan the Month of Attaining Taqwa

Alhamdulillah, the blessed month of Ramadan is upon us. The month which makes it mandatory upon every able Muslim to fast. The purpose of fasting is to attain Taqwa. Allah ﷻ says in Qur'an "O you, who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting, as it was decreed upon those before you that you may attain taqwa".

[Al-Baqarah: 183]

What exactly is Taqwa? Taqwa here means self-restraint. Apart from abstaining from eating and drinking from dawn to dusk, a fasting person must also avoid all types of sins. As we abstain from even permissible acts like eating and drinking during fast, the same way we must hold back from evil thoughts, assumptions, lying, backbiting, slandering, arguments, and fighting.

Abu Huraira ؓ narrates, Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever does not stop indulging himself from lying or acting upon it nor does he leave the acts of ignorance, then Allah is not in need of him abstaining from eating or drinking" [Sahih Al Bukhari:6057]. Therefore, let's see how we can maximize the reward of our fast.

What to be mindful of when Fasting in Ramadan

- Protect your eyes, ears, heart, tongue and hands from impermissible deeds.
- Adopt the qualities of humility and patience.
- Use your time in beneficial tasks and avoid indulging in useless talk and activities.
- Make sincere dua to Allah ﷻ for Taqwa.
- Deal with others for the sole intention of love and fear of Allah ﷻ.
- Analyze yourself in order to improve your today from yesterday.

May Allah ﷻ help us to make this Ramadan better than all the previous ones so we may attain its true purpose. Ameen

Dr. Farhat Hashmi

Respected Readers, Assalam alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Alhamdulillah, the first issue of Al-Huda Newsletter for the year 2019 is here. To recap, the year kicked off with convocations and ceremonies for our sisters and brothers who completed the Qur'an and Al-Huda Islamic education courses. The joy of the Qur'an completion ceremonies was doubled with the presence of our teacher and mentor Dr. Farhat Hashmi, giving us an opportunity to be further inspired through her knowledge. On the philanthropic side, the country experienced a rather harsh winter, with temperatures dropping below zero in many areas. Al-Huda's welfare wing distributed winter wear, bedding and food ration amongst hundreds of families in these areas. The Al-Huda publication teams have also been active in creating content, editing and designing various useful products. Last but not least, with the blessed month of Ramadan just around the corner, Al-Huda regional teams have been preparing to arrange Dawra-e-Qur'an sessions, deliver Ramadan food ration packs and arrange other beneficial activities to engage our sisters and brothers observing the Blessed month.

May Allah ﷻ include and accept us among those who spread Khair in the blessed month and always. Ameen. The newsletter team would also love to hear from you. You can email us at newsletter@alhudapk.com

Tahira Khan

Dawra-e-Qur'an during the month of Ramadan

With the advent of Ramadan, Dawra-e-Quran is being planned by Al-Huda at national and international venues. Dr. Farhat Hashmi will be conducting a month long 'Dawra-e-Quran' program at Al-Huda Institute Mississauga, Canada from April 23th, 2019. The sessions may be accessed using the following links:

www.farhathashmi.com/alhudalive

<http://m.facebook.com/DrFarhathashmi/>

<http://www.youtube.com/drfarhathashmiofficial/>



Lahore Region's Convocation Ceremony

A total of 336 students received certificates in a convocation ceremony on 7th January 2019, at Al-Huda Lahore. The academic coordinator for the region, Fariha Mela gave a report of the region's performance for the year, along with Dr. Farhat Hashmi giving a lecture on 'The Qualities of a Da'ee (caller to Islam)' The ceremony concluded with the graduating students sharing their experience and sentiments. We congratulate and make dua for the graduating students on their achievements.

To plant a tree is ongoing charity

Tree Plantation kicks off in KPK and Punjab

With the arrival of spring, March was the ideal time for tree plantation. Both student and staff of Al-Huda KPK held a tree plantation activity on 13th March by planting 200 Estonia and Cedar Trees in the city of Peshawar in Ibrahim Park, Hayatabad, Peshawar. A similar activity was held in the city of Lahore with over 500 trees planted, meeting the target of 2,000 trees. May this initiative be accepted as Sadqa Jariya-ongoing charity.

Fahm-al-Qur'an course for Young Brothers in Karachi

The Al-Huda Karachi launched a Fahm-ul-Qur'an course for young boys at its North Nazimabad branch in February of this year. A course that focuses on Tajweed also covered a brief Tafseer as well as Salah in congregation and recreational activities for the young boys. Over 80 students have enrolled in this course with supportive parents to further encourage them.

The Signs of Allah ﷻ in Honey

Allah ﷻ states in the Qur'an, "From within the bee a varied color drink is released which has healing ..." [Al Nahl: 69]

Incredible facts about Honey

- ◆ It is the female bee that produces honey.
- ◆ A bee has two stomachs, one of which stores the nectar which it picks from the flowers. It is enzymes within the bee's belly that then produce honey from this nectar.
- ◆ Once the honey is formed in the bee's belly, it is released through the bee's mouth and stored in honeycombs. The honeycomb itself is prepared with intricate work by the bees.
- ◆ More than 300 different varieties of honey can be found around the world.
- ◆ Latest research has discovered several properties in honey that are beneficial. Honey can fight bacteria, fungus, viruses, and is anti-inflammatory and antioxidant.



The Month of Taqwa

O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become pious.

[Al-Baqara:183]

The Month of Sabr

A person who does not stop speaking ill and telling lies, then Allah ﷻ is not in need of him leaving food or drink.

[Sahih Targheeb wa tarheeb:1080]

The Month

The Month of forgiveness

Bad deeds done are erased between one Ramadan to the other, provided major sins have been avoided.

[Sahih Muslim: 552]

The Caravan of Knowledge is proceeding

Dr. Farhat Hashmi has been delivering her classes at Al-Huda Canda on Sahih Bukhari, Qur'an Tadabbur Wal A'mal, Fiqh ul Quloob, as well as several lectures on preparing for Ramadan at various locations.

- * January 2nd, 2019, 'Sone jaagne k Aadab' at Heinz Castle, Kunji bai (Gujarnawala)
- * January 3rd, 'Perdesi ya Musafir', at Taj Marquee Civil Lines Jhelum
- * January 7th 'Daa'e Deen k Ausaf' at Liberty Castle Main Boulevard, Gulberg 3 Lahore
- * January 8th, Tafseer Surah Ad Dahr at Nayaab Banquet Hall 51 Kareem block, Allama Iqbal town, Lahore.
- * January 9th, Tafseer Surah Al Qiyama at Prime Marquee NESPAK Housing Society, Lahore
- * January 10th, Tafseer Surah Al Mursalat at Anmol Banquet Hall, Gulshan Ravi, Lahore
- * January 11th, the role of the mother and teacher in educating a child at Al Alaa International School, College Road Township, Lahore

! Increase me in knowledge



World renowned Muslim Scholar Yasir Qadhi visits Al-Huda Islamabad

Yasir Qadhi is a Pakistani-American Muslim scholar with a following of millions across the globe. Qadhi who is also an author of numerous books on Islam and Dean of Academic affairs of an Islamic institute in Texas, USA was visiting Pakistan earlier this year, and took time out to visit Al-Huda Islamabad. Being a Friday, he was gracious to deliver the Jumma Khutbah shedding light on Ayat-e-Noor. The Khutbah was followed by a discussion with Al-Huda staff and students, in which the virtue of Tazkiya (self-purification), the quest for Islamic knowledge, and acting upon it was discussed.

In a separate interactive session with students about inviting people to Islam, Yasir Qadhi shared practical guidelines on fulfilling the obligation of reforming the Muslim Ummah. He also shared thoughts on spreading knowledge as well as practice and display of Islamic manners. The importance of implementing the guidelines starting from home along with Islamic parenting for children.

Al-Huda's 6th Regions Convocation Ceremony

January 2019 was a month for Regions 6th convocation ceremony in Islamabad. With regions gathering for the events which were held from the 25th to 26th of January, it was an opportunity for more than 2,000 staff and student combined to meet, share and present various reports and lectures. A total of 9,936 graduating students were presented with certificates. A knowledge sharing of best practices and training session was conducted on the 25th of January for teaching staff, with an objective to refresh Al-Huda's mission and hallmark.

The convocation ceremony was hosted on 26th of January with the Regions Director Yasmin Khakwani presenting a report on Al-Huda's humanitarian efforts being conducted in the regions. Coordinator of Examination Division Samina Jawad presented an analysis on Al-Huda's educational endeavors along with Coordinator Dr. Bushra Faisal and Coordinator Sadia Khan. It was also an ideal platform for Al-Huda's students to share their reflections. A student with a disability Mehmal Ishaque, enrolled in Al-Huda's online course was also present. The sister shared her sentiment about the course and how it has made a difference in her life. Another student of the faculty of correspondence and communication, Sir Ilyas who is also employed with the government and had recently completed Qur'an course sent an audio message about his experience, thanking Al-Huda. Dr. Farhat Hashmi gave a talk on the 'Qualities and virtues of a Da'ee' (caller to Islam). We congratulate the graduating lot and pray they benefit from the knowledge and pass it on to those around in the community.

Al-Huda participates in conference at Allama Iqbal Open University

A two-day conference was hosted by Allama Iqbal Open University's faculty of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies from the 28th of February to the 1st of March, 2019. The theme of the conference was 'Ilm ul Qirat' with acclaimed reciters and experts in the field invited from Pakistan and around the world. Several research papers and lectures were presented at the conference, giving students of Al-Huda a great opportunity for learning.

Fire-extinguishing Workshop

As part of Safety, the Al Huda administrative staff arranged "Fire Extinguishing training" course on March 20th, 2019.

The workshop for staff, and students covered the causes of fire, ways to extinguishing it, along with a demonstration and hands on practice by the participants on the use of firefighting tools.

Short online courses for children

A week-long online course for children aged 8 to 14 has been arranged as part of Al-Huda's short online courses. The course covers the correct way of Salah along with its spiritual benefits. The program is being conducted by Dr. Kanwal Qaisar which aims at instilling love and interest of Salah from an early age.

Al-Huda's Social Media Courses now accessible from 32 countries

Another success story for A-Huda's social media courses. Through mainstream social media platforms people across 32 countries are now able to take the courses. From the continent of Africa, 100 sisters and brothers from Abu jad, Cano and Lagos in Nigeria were able to complete the Fahm-ul-Quran course. Going up North from Africa, the online courses have now also been made available for sisters and brothers in Sweden.

The Month of Fasting

"So whoever witness this month should fast".

[Al Baqarah: 185]

The Month of Dua

The Dua of three men is not discarded - father, a fasting person and a traveler.

[Sunan Al Kubra lil Baheqi: 6484]

The Month of Qiyaam

Who ever fasts during Ramadan out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's reward, then all his past sins will be forgiven.

[Sahih Al Bukhari: 37]

of Ramadan



Services to Humanity

Al-Huda strives to tackle illiteracy

Al-Huda Lahore is currently running 10 community schools for children since 2006. With more than 1,500 children enrolled, they are provided contemporary as well as religious education along with uniforms, books and meals free of cost. Al-Huda Officers Colony Wah Cantt branch is running a similar school for 250 children. The children who struggle with academics at this school for various reasons have a different program. In order to help them lead a self-sufficient life and become active members of society in the future. Under this program they are taught life skills along with Islamic education, so they are able to live a life with dignity by earning a halal livelihood. It doesn't end there. Not only are the children being taught but their mothers have also been made part of the project by being taught the Qur'an. With some of the mothers whose native language is Pashto are being taught in Pashto.

A local from Dera Ismail Khan with a disability gets a new life

The Al-Huda 'Social Welfare Department' has once again made a difference, Alhamdulillah. This time for a local of Dera Ismail Khan with a disability, who was provided with the financial assistance to start his own business to run a general store. The business would assist him in earning a dignified and Halal means of livelihood for his family. The 'Social Welfare' team tells us the confidence that it gave him was heartwarming. He expressed the deepest gratitude and was full of Duas for Al-Huda's initiatives in helping support communities.

Your donation can help a family get Ration Packs

Data for distribution of Ramadan Ration packs is being collected across all regions. A target to cover 10,000 families is being aimed at this year. You too can help in making sure the families can receive the ration by donating for the cause.

Each pack costs PKR 2,750. You can contribute as many as you like by sending your funds to



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Student Corner

Book Review

In this newsletter, Shafaq Rani and her Research team reviews the book 'Quran aur Ihsan.' A translation from Arabic to Urdu of 'Al Ihsaan fi Darasatil Qur'an'. The book which focuses on the ways to achieve excellence by the companions of the Prophet ﷺ, covers five important issues which highlight the belief in the Qur'an and its recitation. Most importantly pondering and reflecting upon its message. The book is sure to motivate and inspire readers to read and recite the Qur'an with an objective, which is to understand and act upon its messages.

How the Qur'an helped overcoming grief

"I am a student of Al-Huda Gulshan Branch Karachi. It was one horrible day in 2018 when tragedy struck. I received the news that my husband passed away in an accident. It was like a bomb dropped over me at the time. But something held my heart. It was verses from the Qur'an. Surah Al Naml, Surah Al Qasas and Surah Al Ankabut. It was these very words, messages and meanings from the verses that helped me cope with the grief and kept me going. Listening to the verses healed my heart. With time I have kept myself occupied by seeking more knowledge. I have also started teaching online Tajweed to girls. It is because of my connection with the Qur'an, that I have come on the path of healing and am able to make a difference in other's lives."

Student of Al-Huda Karachi

Al-Huda New Publications



Obituary

Ina Lilahi Wa Ina Ilaihi Rajiun. With a heavy heart we announce one of our senior staff members, Rahat Tariq left for the eternal abode on 18th of April, 2019. May Allah ﷻ forgive her, accept all her righteous deeds and elevate her rank in Jannat ul Firdaus. Ameen



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