

Dhul Qa'dah

The sacred month

As the journey of our lives continues, we pass by various moments and occasions. We have entered Dhul Qa'dah, which is amongst the sacred months of Allah. It is also one of the months of Hajj. As Muslims we should be enthusiastic towards the arrival of Hajj and create the Hajj fever at home by talking about Hajj and the story of Ibrahim (May Allah bless him).

Meaning of sacred month

The 4 Sacred Months

Allah, the Almighty said,

“Surely, the number of months according to Allah is twelve (as written) in the Book of Allah on the day He created the heavens and the Earth, of which there are Four Sacred Months. That is the right faith. So, do not wrong yourself therein....” (At-Tawbah 9:36) *Page 2*

Announcements

> Luton Library Hajj Exhibition

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- The Expansion of Masjid Al Harum
- Capturing the spiritual journey through Social Media

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The Prophet (May Allah's Peace be upon him) said,

"The division of time has turned to its original form which was current when Allah created the Heavens and the Earths. The year is of twelve months, out of which four months are sacred: Three are in succession Dhul-Qa' da, Dhul-Hijjah and Muharram, and (the fourth is) Rajab of (the tribe of) Mudar which comes between Jumadi-ath-Thaniyah and Sha'ban." (Saheeh Al-Bukhari)

As Muslims we should be enthusiastic towards the arrival of Hajj and create the hajj fever at home by talking about hajj and the story of Ibrahim (May Allah bless him).

Allah created some months more sacred than others. The meaning of sacred is that it is forbidden to sin within these months. Although the prohibition of sinning is ongoing and general however in the sacred months it is more severe. Initially, warfare in this month was completely forbidden but later it was permitted. Hence there are records of the companions engaging in military action during these months after the demise of the Prophet.

Months of Hajj

The months of hajj are Shaw'wal, Dhul Qa'dah and Dhul Hij'jah. Although the main rites of hajj are in Dhul Hij'jah, a person can go in the state of ihram for hajj. Historically and even those people who don't have access to modern transportation, leave their houses months before hajj. Therefore Islam has made it permissible for people to enter the state of Ihram from the 1st of Shaw'wal. The state of ihram means to make intention for hajj and abstain from the normal clothing and adornments etc.

Once they reach Makkah they can perform umrah of Tamat'tu hajj and the arrival hajj tawaf in this month. The details of hajj will be discussed in the next issue, InshaAllah.

Conclusion

For people whose hajj is compulsory must perform hajj and start their preparation. Those who cannot make it should ask Allah to grant them the opportunity to perform hajj.

General people should remember the meaning of 'sacred month' and increase the good deeds and most importantly abstain from haram. *By Mawlana Muhammad Rayhan*

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Preparing for the new academic year

Mawlana Thaqib | Zuhri Academy

It is indeed a time of ambition mixed with aspirations and hope when we are starting a new year. For parents it can be a time of uncertainty especially when your child is starting a new school, college or university. Students who are eager are generally excited to achieve highly while the less keen are dreading the early morning starts.

Whatever your scenario maybe, in this article we will focus on how we can ease and benefit from this process by gaining the help of Allah azza wa jal.

Ikhlāas = the most important ingredient in any action especially in studies must be that we are doing it for the right reason. As Muslims we know that true appreciation is only received from Allah. Therefore whatever we do must be for our Creator. Students who are striving to learn must intend to please Allah through the education they are learning and not look for praise from anyone else. Parents should focus on the responsibility of upbringing placed on them by Allah and should only expect their true reward from Him. The results are not in our control, so we should leave that to Allah. Either way He will reward us for our intentions.

WHY WE DO SOMETHING WILL IMPACT HOW WE DO IT AND WHAT WE ACHIEVE.

Effort= it is the Sunnah of Allah that He grants those who strive for something what they strive for. This could be seen throughout history and through experience. If the intentions are for the right cause, then one will achieve a lot with even the most minimal of effort. It is naive to assume that your intelligence alone will grant you good results. It's a paradox; not to utilise intelligence by not putting in effort. Similarly parents who assume that their children will achieve, just by attending the schools or with their non active support. It is vital that we are

involved. Statistically those children whose parents are familiar with the requirements of their children's education and are actively involved have achieved far more. It's disappointing to see that many in our community do not have the slightest of knowledge of what their children are studying; some will not even know which school year they're in.

EVEN ANIMALS FEED THEIR CHILDREN SO WHAT IS IT THAT MAKES US HUMAN?

Set goals= nothing is achieved without setting targets. Aim for the sky you may get close enough. However realistic targets must be set. As students this will motivate us to study. For parents it will grant us a good perimeter to measure the progress of our children. Disciplinary measures could be applied for those who fail to reach those targets especially if there is not a valid excuse. Rewards could be, and should be given to those who attain those targets. Make sure the rewards are sustainable though.

IT IS AMAZING WHAT A MOTIVATED STUDENT CAN ACHIEVE.

Respect= This is possibly the most vital ingredient in success however the most absent in our times. One will only gain knowledge from a teacher or school he or she respects. Parents have a vital role to play in this regard. In religious sciences it is my humble experience that students and parents who respect the school and teacher will succeed insha'Allah. The contrary can be detrimental to your future. It is by no means a justification for any injustices practised by any institution neither is it a claim that the teachers are infallible. The position of education in our religious tradition is so highly regarded that one MUST RESPECT its source. Knowledge is the quality of Allah. It is a great blessing of Allah to those who achieve even a morsel of this knowledge. The truth is that the more knowledge you gain the more you can reflect on how much you don't know and that is what should humble us.

Luton Muslims show their solidarity with the Christian community

Luton Muslims show their solidarity with the Christian community after the tragic attack on a priest.

Islam teaches kindness and respect to all human beings regardless of their faith and racial background.

It is very encouraging to see that Muslims are going out of their way to support their Christian friends.

We are living at a time when extremists from all faiths and backgrounds are attacking Mosques and Churches around the globe. Islam is very clear on preservation and protection of places of worship. It is very evident in the Islamic history as to how Muslims protected places of worship, for example, the Church of Holy Sepulchre in Palestine, when Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) entered and reassured the Christians of Jerusalem that he is not here to convert churches into Mosques. He even avoided praying Salah in the church when the priest requested him to do so, fearing it may be converted into a Mosque. Unfortunately in the UK we have had many incidents of right wing extremists, in the name of Christianity, invading mosques and creating panic and fear amongst the worshippers.

In order to tackle this type of intolerance communities of all backgrounds need to work together by having regular get-togethers and community events.

Luton Council of faith is exemplary in this issue. Priests and Monks stood together outside the Bury Park Jami Masjid last year when it was invaded by Britain first.



To make a change all good people have to do something and what could be better than getting involved with Luton council of faiths.

By Mawlana Muhammad Rayhan

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Discover Islam Luton Update

The Annual Hajj Exhibition is nearly here...



Millions of Muslims around the globe are set to embark upon the blessed pilgrimage of Hajj in the coming weeks. But what is Hajj? Why is the journey so important for Muslims? What do people do whilst on Hajj?

These are just some of the questions our major exhibition will set out to answer. The exhibition will examine the significance of Hajj and explore how this spiritual journey has evolved throughout history. This unique experience will share personal stories from locals as well as famous historical personalities using a combination of classical records and contemporary social media tools.

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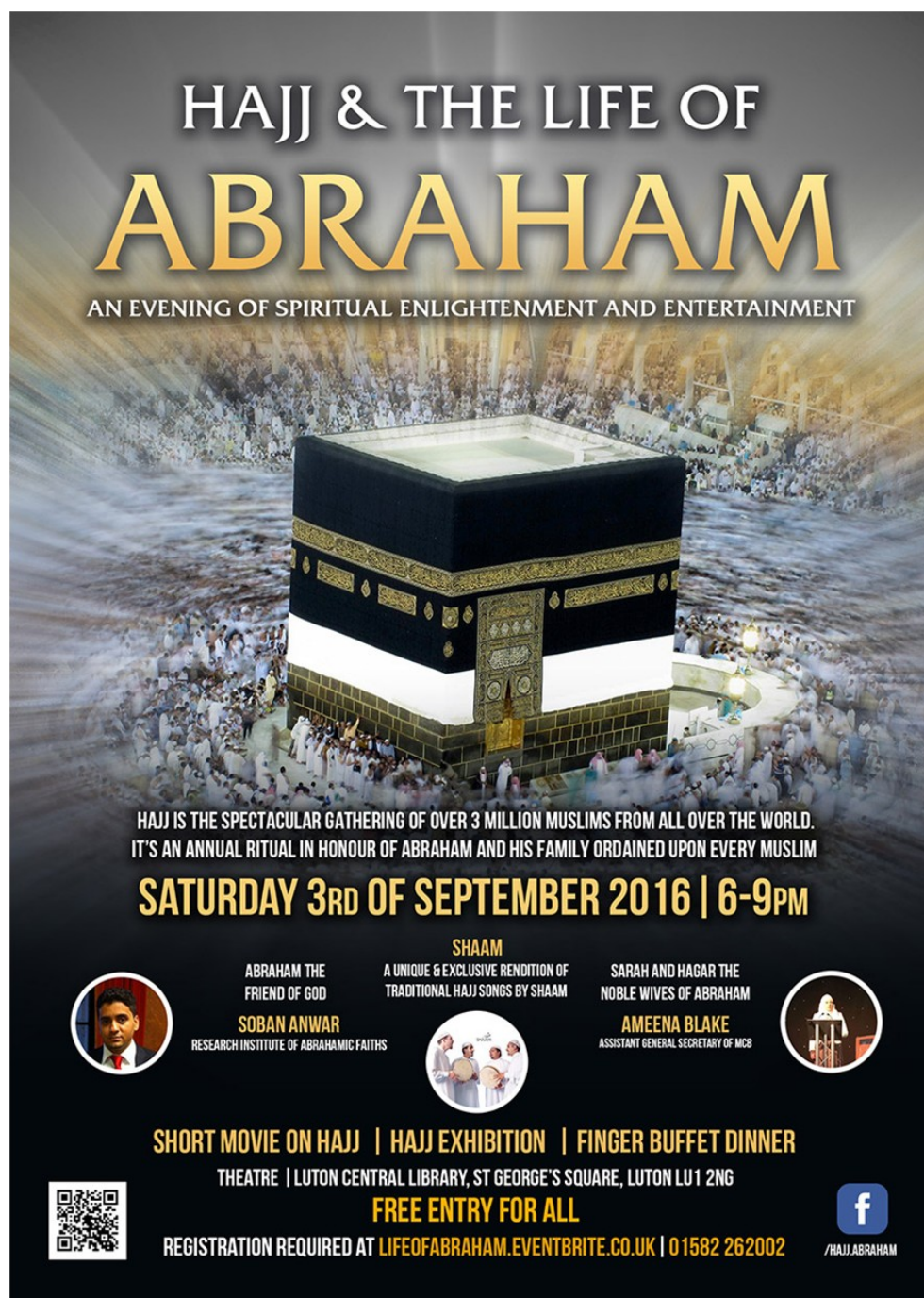
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This event is being supported by faith communities and local community organisations including UK Islamic Mission, the Discover Islam Centre, Hockwell Ring Mosque, Al Jalal Mosque, Masjid Al Ghuraba, Inspire FM & Zuhri Academy Luton.

The aims of the event are to enlighten visitors of the common origins of the Islamic, Judaic and Christian faiths from the lineage of Prophet 'Abraham'.

The evening's programme will include:

Reception from 6pm with drinks and light refreshments.

Short movie clips on the spectacular festival of Hajj.

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