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Most historians attribute the rise and spread of Islam in India to the popularity and influence of the Chishty sufis, where Hazrat Mueenuddin Chishty, is the central figure, in leadership.

The life of this saint will influence any seeker of religious guidance and truth. The death anniversary is on 6 Rajab, and the annual Urs at Ajmer is not the only function in his honour. It is celebrated in most parts of the world where muslims can be found and noticeably where the rapidly spreading Chishty movements prevail.

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HAZRAT THALABA IBN ABDUR RAHMAN

REMORSE, AND FEAR OF ALLAH

Thalaba Ibn AbdulRahman ؓ was a young man at the age of 16. He always ran errands for the Prophet ﷺ. One day while walking through the city of Madina, he passed by a house with an open door. Out of curiosity he took a glance inside. In this glance, he saw a light curtain being blown away from a bathroom entrance where a woman was bathing. He took a long gaze until he realized what he was doing. He immediately lowered his gaze. With an extreme feeling of guilt and hypocrisy which ran in his mind. Thinking to himself, How could I be of the companions, one that is close to the Prophet ﷺ, one who runs his errands and be so horrible as to disrespect people's privacy??..

He feared that ALLAH would reveal an ayah to the Prophet ﷺ in evidence of his hypocrisy. He also feared of being seen by the Prophet ﷺ thinking he would read the ayah of hypocrisy on him. His guilt denied him to ever show his face to the Prophet ﷺ. So he ran away. Days went by and the Prophet ﷺ kept asking the other companions if they had seen Thalaba. No one had seen him. With the Prophet's ﷺ worry about Thalaba he sent a few of the companions to look for him everywhere, among them were Omar Ibn Al Khattab and Salman Al Farisiy. They looked everywhere in Madina, and they could not find him. The Prophet ﷺ asked Hazrat Umar ؓ and Hazrat Salman Al Farsy ؓ to look for Thalaba on the outskirts of Madina. They looked for him until they came about a set of mountains between Mecca and Medina where some nomads where herding sheep. Hazrat Umar ؓ asked the nomads if they had seen a young man with Thalaba's characteristics. They told the Companions about a weeping boy. He had been here for 40 days. He came down from the mountains once a day weeping and drank the milk they would offer him. Then he went back up the mountains weeping, crying, always asking ALLAH for forgiveness, and saying words of repentance. Hazrat Umar ؓ and Hazrat Salman asked the nomads if they could see him. They replied that they had to wait till sunset. So the companions waited until he came down and watched him. He had lost weight. His countenance reflected sorrow as he drank the milk that was mixed with his tears. He first choked and until he stopped crying for a short while he drank the milk. As he was about to head back to the mountain Hazrat Umar ؓ

approached him. When he saw them he asked them what they wanted and his head was facing towards the ground in shame. The Companions told him that the Prophet ﷺ was looking for him and they were to take him back to Madina.

The companions insisted that they take him back to the Prophet ﷺ but he refused and asked them if ALLAH had revealed verses saying he was a hypocrite. They told him that they had no knowledge of any such verses. He was taken back to Madina and he was too weak. The Companions took him to his house and laid him down. They went to the Prophet ﷺ and told that they found him and that he was weak because he only had one cup of milk everyday for 40 days. The Prophet ﷺ went to see him. Thalaba asked again if ALLAH had put him among the hypocrites or revealed that he was. The Prophet ﷺ assured him that there were no such verses. He laid out Thalaba's tired, weak body and placed Thalaba's head on his lap. He said, "Oh Prophet of ALLAH remove the head of a sinner away from you.? The Prophet ﷺ comforted him until he told the Prophet ﷺ I feel as though ants are walking between my flesh and bones. The Prophet ﷺ told him it was death and his time had come. The Prophet ﷺ asked him what he desired and he asked that ALLAH would forgive him and also that Muhammed ﷺ would accept his forgiveness.

Thalaba kept on reading the Shahadah and the Prophet ﷺ witnessed the soul leaving the body while Thalaba's head was on his lap, Thalaba last proclaimed "There is no God Worthy of Worship other than ALLAH, and that Muhammed ﷺ is the Messenger of ALLAH"

The Prophet ﷺ gave ghusul to Thalaba's body and with the Sahaba carried him to the grave. It is narrated that on their way to bury Thalaba, the Prophet ﷺ walked on his toes. When Hazrat Umar ؓ and other Sahaba seen this unusual act they asked about this, the Prophet ﷺ explained that he was being crowded with the Angels and there was almost no space to walk. How fortunate could anybody be when the Holy Prophet ﷺ Lap is your destiny to leave this world and then to be washed (Ghusul) by Him ﷺ and then to have your Janaza Salaah read by the Prophet ﷺ.



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MARRIAGE IN THE SHADE OF GRATITUDE TO ALLAH

What a perfectly matched couple....This marriage was indeed prepared in Jannah(Heaven)....It's like a page from a fairytale...These were just a few of the comments made after Yusuf and Fatima's nikaah (wedding) ceremony.

A few years later and two beautiful kids in their spacious home, "the sea was no longer so calm"...Like many other marriages, Yusuf and Fatima's marriage seemed to be experiencing some turmoil. Both were sincere and not a night passed when they would go to bed without making peace and amends.

Fatima comes to her husband Yusuf with a proposal: "I read in a magazine, a while ago, about how we can strengthen our marriage." She smilingly and lovingly offered.

"Each of us will write a list of the things that we find a bit annoying with the other person. Then, we can talk about how we can fix them together and make our lives happier together."

The husband agreed. So each of them went to a separate room in the house and thought of the things that annoyed them about the other. They thought about this question for the rest of the day and wrote down what they came up with.

The next morning, at the breakfast table, they decided that they would go over their lists.

"I'll start," offered Fatima. She took out her list. It had many items on it. Enough to fill 3 pages, in fact. As she started reading the list of the little annoyances, she noticed that tears flowing from Yusuf's eyes.

"What's wrong?" she asked. "Nothing" Yusuf replied, "keep reading your list."

Fatima continued to read and tears flowed now more profusely from Yusuf's eyes and began to wet his beard. Fatima somewhat nervous read all three pages to her husband. She neatly placed her list on the table and folded her hands over the top of it.

"Now, you read your list and then we'll talk about the things on both of our lists." She said happily.

Quietly Yusuf stated, "I don't have anything on my list. I think that you are perfect the way that you are. I don't want you to change anything for me. You are lovely and wonderful and I wouldn't want to try and change anything about you."

The wife, touched by his honesty and the depth of his love for her and his acceptance of her, turned her head and wept.

This is not to say that you must overlook every fault in your partner. If a marriage partner is abusive, or is an alcoholic or drug addict, or is unfaithful, or something

of that nature then yes of course there must be changes.

But when it comes to the little things, remember that we are all imperfect beings, struggling to worship our Creator Allah as best we can, pursue our dreams in an Islamic way, raise our families, put food on the table, and balance all of the above fairly. We all have faults. We all make mistakes.

In every marriage there are times of compromise. If you go looking for faults in your partner you will find plenty and that is for sure! You will find many mistakes, bad habits, and imperfections.

But you know what? If you look honestly in the mirror you will see the same things in yourself.

If you focus on your partner's imperfections you will never be happy. You will always be dissatisfied, wanting more, feeling deprived, feeling frustrated. And you will end up making your partner miserable, and pushing your marriage into misery. Instead, look for what is good in your partner. See his or her beauty, good habits, loving or kind gestures, relationship with the Creator Allah, hidden potential, and Islamic aspirations. If you look for beauty you will find it. Nurture that beauty by appreciating it, and it will grow. The love between you will deepen like a strong river, becoming more and more powerful over time. And those little things that used to bother you so much will seem not very important at all.

Allah is pleased with those who are thankful to Him. He increases His favours which become the means of comfort and respect in your marital home. If one fails to offer gratitude and reconcile our "petty" differences, then such an attitude surely amounts to disregard for the so many favours Allah has blessed us with.

Allah Ta'ala says: "If you give thanks, I will give you more: but if you are thankless, lo! my punishment is severe." (Holy Qur'an 14:7).

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HAZRAT JUNAID BAGHDADI

Shaikh al Itlaaq, Mamba-e-Isaar, Sultan-e-Tariqat, Hazrat Shaikh Junaid Baghdadi (RA), was born in Baghdaad in 218 Hijri, in the initial phase of his life was a wrestler under the employment of the king. Such was his renown that people would challenge him for large sums of money and he would wrestle in front of large audiences with the king looking on.

On one such occasion, a very feeble looking man asked the king that he would like to challenge the imperial wrestler. The king was initially reluctant to accept the man's offer for he felt that the man would pose no challenge to Shaykh Junayd. However after a while the king accepted and the bout began.

Both wrestlers began to warm up with the huge crowd waiting in anticipation. Just before the match started the challenger said to Shaykh Junayd that:

'I want to say something to you. You and I both know that I cannot beat you. The reason for my challenging you is that I am a Sayidd (descendent of the Prophet sallahu alayhi wasallam).

I and my family have been struck with poverty and we have not eaten for many days. Such are things that we cannot bear the hunger anymore. I beseech you to respect my lineage and let me win this match so that I may get the reward and be able to feed my family'

Shaykh Junayd was shocked by the man's request but he accepted and to crowd's great surprise lost the bout. He bore the great disgrace of defeat for the sake of respecting the family of the Prophet sallahu alayhi wasallam. That night when Shaykh Junayd went to sleep he saw the Prophet sallahu alayhi wasallam in a dream. The Prophet sallahu alayhi wasalam said to him:

O Junayd. For my family you made such a great sacrifice. Because of this I have asked Allah to make you the greatest wali of your time

And it was the blessing of this action and duaa that transformed the wrestler Junayd into the great Shaykh Junayd Baghdadi rahmatullahi alayh.

Teachings and Sayings:

Junaid's contributions to Sufism are many. His basic ideas deal with a progression that leads one to "annihilate" oneself (fana) so as to be in a closer union with the Divine. People need to "relinquish natural desires, to wipe out human attributes, to discard selfish motives, to cultivate spiritual qualities, to devote oneself to true knowledge, to do what is best in the context of eternity, to wish good for the entire community, to be truly faithful to God, and to follow the Prophet in the matters of the Shari'a". This starts with the practice of renunciation (zuhd) and continues with withdrawal from society, intensive

concentration on devotion (ibadat) & Remembrance (dhikr) of God, sincerity (ikhlas), and contemplation (muraqaba) respectively; contemplation produces fana. This type of "semantic struggle" recreates the experience of trial (bala) that is key in Junaid's writings. This enables people to enter into the state of fana. Junaid divides up the state of fana into three parts:

- 1) the passing away from one's attributes through the effort of constantly opposing one's ego-self (nafs);
- 2) passing away from one's sense of accomplishment, that is, passing away from 'one's share of the sweet deserts and pleasures of obedience'; and
- 3) passing away from the vision of the reality 'of your ecstasies as the sign of the real overpowers you'. All of these stages help one to achieve fana. Once that has been attained, a person is in the state of remaining, or baqa. It is through the stage of baqa that one is able to find God – or rather, have God find him / her. Reaching baqa is not an easy thing to do though; getting through the three stages requires strict discipline and patience. There is even debate amongst scholars as to whether or not the third stage is even possible to reach. Junaid helped establish the "sober" school of Sufi thought, which meant that he was very logical and scholarly about his definitions of various virtues, Tawhid, etc. Sober Sufism is characterized by people who "experience fana [and] do not subsist in that state of selfless absorption in God but find themselves returned to their senses by God. Such returnees from the experience of selflessness are thus reconstituted as renewed selves," just like an intoxicated person sobering up. For example, Junaid is quoted as saying, "The water takes on the color of the cup." While this might seem rather confusing at first, 'Abd al-Hakeem Carney explains it best: "When the water is understood here to refer to the Light of Divine self-disclosure, we are led to the important concept of 'capacity,' whereby the Divine epiphany is received by the heart of any person according to that person's particular receptive capacity and will be 'colored' by that person's nature". As one can see, such a simple phrase holds such deep meaning; it brings the reader back to a deeper understanding of God through a more thoughtful metaphor.



ARRIVAL OF HAZRATH SOOFIE SAHEB RA IN DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA

It was a normal morning in the winter of 1895 when a ship S.S Hoosen, docked at the Durban Harbour. On board was a person, simple in dress in a yellow garb and a cloth hat. As he stood on the deck of the ship looking at the people on the wharf to welcome their respective relatives and friends, little did the people realise that he was to make such a great impact in their life-style, to make them God-fearing and to bring about spiritual, mental and social upliftment, and an enhancement in the quality of their lives. His was a name that, with the Grace of Almighty Allah, will till Eternity, remain on the lips of the people, a name that will remind future generations of his selfless sacrifice for the Deen of Islam and for the general upliftment of the masses in South Africa.

Custom formalities being over, the passengers now disembarked and on the wharftside, relatives embraced, hugged and met each other. Some were helping the passengers with their heavy luggage, tin trunks and suitcases along the gangway from the ship, others were stacking the luggage on the horse wagon on the wharf, while some were being driven away by their relatives and friends. Looking at the scene as he came down the gangway, this humble son of Islam, with a walking stick in one hand and a small cloth-covered bundle in the other (in it were his spare koortha, loongie, singlet, miswak, towel, a Quraan, a tasbeeh and a book with various wazifas) carefully stepped on to soil of Southern Africa with confidence knowing that the blessings of Allah and his Pir are with him.

As he walked he greeted the people, some returned his greetings while others just stared at him curiously. No one offered to give him a lift into town or even ask him whether he had a place to stay. Hazrath Soofie Saheb RA made his way to the Jumah Musjid which was then a very simple building in Grey Street.

Hazrath's Second Day in Durban

After Salat al fajr the next morning, the incident of the previous night with the Muezzin, spread like wildfire among the local Muslims. Out of curiosity Musallees gathered around Hazrath and began to talk to him, among other things, about his village at home in India. On learning that he was from Ratnagiri, District Kōkan, then one Rooknoodeen and one Fazloodeen Jhetam who were from the same district, took a greater interest in him. He explained his mission to them and that he was sent by his Pir O Murshid, Hazrath Khwaja Habib Ali Shah RA of Hyderabad, India to serve the Deen of Islam.

The Musallees offered him accommodation and to be their guest, but the Imam refused to let him go. After a short consultation with both parties he decided to sleep at the house of the Imam but eat at the homes of the Musallees. This made everyone happy.

Locating the Grave of Hazrath Badsha Peer RA

The next morning after breakfast at the Rooknoodeen home where others were also present, Hazrath inquired about the grave of Hazrath Sheikh Ahmed RA. Unfortunately they could not remember such a person. Next he made inquiries at the Jumah Musjid from the Imam. After failing to get a definite answer he then asked to be taken to the local Muslim cemetery in Brook Street.

At the entrance he made Muraqaba (meditation) until he was able to identify the actual grave.

He walked directly to the grave. After removing the overgrown grass and weeds, the shawl that he had on his shoulder was placed on the grave of Hazrath Badsha Peer RA. Hence the first Gilaaf (cloth cover) was placed on it by Hazrath Soofie Saheb RA. He told the people who were present at the graveside on this historic occasion that it was this personality who had foretold his arrival, and that Hazrath Shaikh Ahmed RA was the Badsha (King) of the Peers of his time. Hence he is well known today as Hazrath Badsha Peer RA.

The people then remembered that there was a person who wore torn and tattered clothes and was referred to as a diwana because he had no family and he had no care for this world. He spent most of his time seated either in the vicinity of the Juma Musjid or at the Brook Street cemetery. He would often move from one place to another. He frequently visited the small and remote villages and towns in northern Natal where there were Indians, although travelling in those days was difficult.

They also remembered him saying that a man of "shariat" has left the shores of India bound for South Africa and those who want salvation in the hereafter should follow this leader when he arrived.

Demise of Hazrath Soofie Saheb RA

In early 1911 Hazrath Soofie Saheb RA made a trip to India which proved to be his last. He returned in April the same year. Two days before his demise he had a high fever and he lay on the floor holding the feet of his mother, as was his custom, reminding her that Paradise lies at the feet of the mother.

On Thursday, 29 June 1911 (2 Rajab 1329), at about noon, he performed wudu and asked to be taken to the door leading out of the house. He was weak and had to be assisted by his second son, Hazrath Shah Abdul Aziz Soofie RA, and one of his mureeds, Hassan Miajee. While standing at the door, he looked towards the Khanqah in a northerly direction and said,

"May Almighty Allah, through the Wasila of our Beloved Nabie ﷺ, accept the humble effort of ours and may He safeguard the Khanqahs"

He was brought back to his room where he spoke to his mother and informed her that he was about to meet his Creator, His Beloved Prophet ﷺ and his Pirane Azam. He then lay on the floor facing the Qibla, and as the Muezzin was calling the faithful to Zohar, this humble son of Islam breathed his last. He was 63 years of age.

"To Allah we belong and unto Him is our return." Quraan

His Mureed, Hassan Miajee, who was requested by him a few days earlier to perform the Ghusal (and the Janaza Namaaz) carried out the wishes accordingly. His funeral took place the next day in accordance with the wishes of the people to enable them to attend. In the presence of thousands of people of all races and religions, he was buried in the present Mazaar Shareef, overlooking the Indian Ocean where the thunder of the breaking waves on the shore can be clearly heard.



BY MOULANA
SHAH FAISAL
KHAN SAHEB

Q 1.) What is the significance of this month of Rajab shareef?

A 1.) The month of sowing seeds

Hazrat Allama Safoori says: Rajab is the month of sowing seeds, Shabaan (the next month) is the month of watering them and Ramadaan is the month of reaping the harvest. Therefore if one does not sow the seeds of worship and prayers in the month of Rajab and does not water them with the tears of remorse in the month of Shabaan, Then how will he then able to reap the harvest of mercy in the great and glorious month of Ramadaan? He goes on further saying Rajab purifies the body, Shabaan purifies the heart and Ramadaan purifies the soul. (Nuzzhatul Mjaalis)

Rajab Is A Sacred Month Of The Almighty

Dear Readers: There are 4 months that are especially sacred in the court of the Almighty Allah. It has been stated in Surah Taubah (The chapter of repentance): "Indeed the number of months before Allah are 12, In the book of Allah, Since the day he created the heavens and the earth, of which four are sacred, This is the straight religion, So do not wrong yourselves in those months, and constantly fight against the Mushrikeen as they constantly fight against you and know well that Allah is with the pious and positive people.

(Surah Taubah Verse: 36)

The foregoing blessed verse refers to Islamic lunar months which are based on the appearance of the moon. The rulings of shariah are also observed on the basis of the lunar months, for example the fast in Ramadaan, Zakaat, Hajj (rights), and Islamic festivals such as Eid-Meelaad-un-Nabi ﷺ, Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha, Night of Meraaj, Shabe-e-Baraat, Giyaarwee Shareef, Chatte Shreef, and the annual

Urs's of other Auliya Allah are all celebrated according to the lunar months. Commenting on the afore mentioned verse Hazrat Sadr-ul-Afaazil writes in Khazaainul Irfaan shareef: (out of the four sacred months) three are consecutive : Zil Qad, Zill Hijjah, Muharram ,and the one which is separate is Rajab. Even in the days of darkness and ignorance Arabs would consider killing each other haraam in these months. Islam further enhanced the significance and sacredness of these months. (Khazaainul Irfaan)

Let Us Welcome This Sacred Month Of Allah

Hazrat Aboo Omaamah ؓ narrates that the Holy prophet ﷺ said: There are 5 nights in which dua's are answered 1.) The first night of Rajab 2.) 15th of Shabaan (Laylatul Baraah) 3.) The night between Thursday and Friday 4.) The night of Eid-ul-Fitr (Sweet Eid) 5.) And the night of Eid-ul-Adha (Jaamius Saghier)

Feel Free To Avail Yourselves Of Divine Blessings

The 6th day of this great month is dedicated and marked as Chatte Shareef (Urs) of the king of the Indian subcontinent, a great spiritual gift of the most beloved of Allah to the Indian subcontinent, the king of all kings Sayyiduna Sultaan ul Hind, Sayyiduna Khwaaja Moeenuddeen Hassan Chishty , Sanjari, Ajmeri , Hassani, Hussaini about whom the great poet of Islam (brother of Ala Hazrat Imaam Ahmed Raza Khan Bareilvi) Allamah Hassan Raza Khan says:

*Khwaaja Hind wo darbaar hai Ala tera
Naheen Mahroom khabhi maanghne waala tera
(Zauqu-e-naat)*

The 27th night of this month of Rajab is marked and celebrated as the night of Meeraj-un-Nabi (ascension) .At this scared night Rasullulah ﷺ travelled from Masjid-e-Haram (Makkah Mukarramah) to Masjid-e-Aqsa (Jerusalem) and then to the skies and saw his creator with his blessed eyes in the state of wakefulness and all this exclusive miracle was performed within a few moments. We should pray and supplicate in these nights Allah loves the mediums of his beloved ones.

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DNA OF A MUSLIM BUSINESSMAN

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The recent controversy surrounding the meat industry, locally as well as internationally, has led to a greater awareness amongst all consumers, Muslim and Non-Muslim alike, regarding what they consume. From donkey and horse DNA being found in processed products in Europe, to water buffalo in South Africa, what has become apparent is that, in some instances, the consumer has been misled by unscrupulous businessmen and the time has surely arrived to ensure that consumers are fully aware of what they are consuming.

It is however, imperative to remember that the matter of DNA testing is not as simplistic as it appears. Laymen do not often understand intricacies of involved in the process of testing. The NIHT since its inception has always consulted with professionals in the field of science and food technology to better understand issues that faced the organization. The organization had therefore established the NIHT Scientific Advisory Council to assist with the scientific issues which would arise from time to time.

During a recent meeting of the National Independent Halaal Trust (NIHT) board, presentations on genetics were done by Dr Arshad Mather and Dr Muhammed Sayed, two of the members of the NIHT's Scientific Advisory Council. Their presentations provided valuable insight into the building blocks of life. Regarding genetic testing, it was established that some of the testing methods were extremely sensitive and as such, DNA contamination is possible, even though the product tested did not contain the species whose DNA was found. Results are not often as conclusive as they are deemed to be.

In a meat processing or manufacturing facility where different species of meat is handled, for example beef, mutton and chicken, "contamination" is a great possibility. If a worker has handled chicken, and then touches a beef product, and if hypothetically thereafter the beef product is sent for DNA testing, it is possible that the traces of chicken DNA will also be found. Therefore results therefore have to be verified by professionals in the field before any conclusions can be drawn.

Amongst the Ulama present at the meeting were Mufti M.A Hazarvi, principal of Darul Uloom Pretoria, Moulana Sayed Yusuf of Saaberie Chishty, Moulana Aslam Sulaiman of Sultan Bahu Centre and Hafiz Ismail Hazarvi of Darul Uloom Pretoria. Commenting

on the meeting and presentations, Moulana Sayed Yusuf said that he was indeed impressed with the levels of consultation employed by the NIHT and the meticulous research done into important matters facing the organization.

Nevertheless, what the entire saga highlights is that the proper labelling of products, is a necessity and it is clear that all meat traders and manufacturers, including the small Muslim butchery need to comply with the proper labelling legislation as stipulated by law. The Muslim businessman is duty-bound to follow Islamic business ethics, values and principles because, on the discussion of Halaal and Haraam, these are not limited to food and beverage consumption alone, but encompass the Muslims entire life. The manner in which you earn your livelihood has to be Halaal as well!!!

Islam gives complete freedom to economic enterprise. A Muslim may choose any means of earning his wealth provided that it conforms with Shariah. The behaviour of a Muslim businessman in his trading and dealing is codified within Islamic law. The ultimate Muslim Businessman is exemplified by none other than the exalted Prophet of Islam, our leader and guide, Muhammed Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam. His example in all facets of life is second to none.

Lying and cheating is strictly prohibited in business dealings. The Holy Qur'an has stressed the importance of fairness in business: "And, O my people, give full measure and weight justly, and defraud not men of their things, and act not corruptly in the land making mischief. What remains with Allah is better for you, if you are believers" (Surah 11. Verses 85-86). Numerous Hadith testify to the honesty of our Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam in all aspects of his life. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), while reprimanding the dishonest dealer, said: "Whosoever deceives us is not one of us."

According to Imam Al-Ghazali (R.A), a Muslim who makes up his mind to adopt trade as a profession or to set up his own business should first acquire a thorough understanding of the rules of business transactions codified in the Islamic Shari'ah. Without such understanding he will go astray and fall into serious lapses making his earning unlawful. Honesty and integrity therefore needs to be in the DNA of a Muslim businessman.

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INDIAN REMEDIES

BY HASINA BEGUM

COLDS

Mix a gram of dalcini/cinnamon powder with a teaspoon of honey to cure cold.. Prepare a cup of tea to which you should add ginger, clove, bay leaf and black pepper. This should be consumed twice a day. Reduce the intake as the cold disappears.

GINGER FOR COLDS

Ginger tea is very good to cure cold. Preparation of tea: cut ginger into small pieces and boil it with water, boil it a few times and then add sugar to sweeten and milk to taste, and drink it hot.

DRY COUGHS

Add a gram of turmeric (haldi) powder to a teaspoon of honey for curing dry cough. Also chew a cardamom for a long time.

BLOCKED NOSE

For blocked nose or to relieve congestion, take a table spoon of crushed carom seeds (ajwain) and tie it in a cloth and inhale it.

SORE THROAT

Add a tea spoon of cumin seeds (jeera) and a few small pieces of dry ginger to a glass of boiling water. Simmer it for a few minutes, and then let it cool. Drink it twice daily. This will cure cold as well as sour throat.

ASTHMA

Boil ajwain in water and inhale the steam.

BACKACHE

Rub ginger paste on the backache to get relief.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Have 1-2 pod garlic (lasan) first thing in the morning with water

Mix 1 table spoon and 1 table spoon ginger (adrak) juice, 1 table spoon of crushed cumin seeds (jeera), and have it twice daily.

MIGRAINE

For the cure of migraine or acute cold in the head; boil a tablespoon of pepper powder, and a pinch of turmeric in a cup of milk, and have it daily for a few couple of days.

BLOOD SUGAR

A tablespoon of amli juice mixed with a cup of fresh bitter gourd (karela) juice and taken daily for 2 months reduces blood sugar.

CURE FOR INJURIES

For any cut or wound, apply turmeric powder to the injured portion to stop the bleeding. It also works as an antiseptic. You can tie a bandage after applying haldi/turmeric.

CRAMPS

You must do a self-massage using mustard oil every

morning. Just take a little oil between your palms and rub it all over your body. Then take a shower. This is especially beneficial during winter. You could also mix a little mustard powder with water to make a paste and apply this on your palms and soles of your feet.

HEADACHES

If you have a regular migraine problem, include five almonds along with hot milk in your daily diet. You could also have a gram of black pepper along with honey or milk, twice or thrice a day. Make an almond paste by rubbing wet almonds against a stone. This can be applied to forehead. Eat an apple with a little salt on an empty stomach everyday and see its wonderful effects. OR When headache is caused by cold winds, cinnamon works best in curing headache. Make a paste of cinnamon by mixing in water and apply it all over your forehead

ARTHRITIS

Turmeric can be used in treating arthritis due to its anti-inflammatory property. Turmeric can be taken as a drink other than adding to dishes to help prevent all problems. Use one teaspoon of turmeric powder per cup of warm milk every day. It is also used as a paste for local action.

HEART

Turmeric lower cholesterol and by preventing the formation of the internal blood clots improves circulation and prevents heart disease and stroke. Turmeric can be taken as a drink other than adding to dishes to help prevent all problems. Use one teaspoon of turmeric powder per cup of warm milk every day. It is also used as a paste for local action.

INDIGESTION

Turmeric can be used to relieve digestive problems like ulcers, dysentery..Turmeric can be taken as a drink other than adding to dishes to help prevent all problems. Use one teaspoon of turmeric powder per cup of warm milk every day. It is also used as a paste for local action.

HONEY A GOOD CURE FOR ALL DISEASES

Mix 1 teaspoon honey with half teaspoon cinnamon powder and have at night.

HICCUPS

Take a warm slice of lemon and sprinkle salt, sugar and black pepper on it. The lemon should be eaten until the hiccups stop.

HIGH BLOOD CHOLESTEROL

In 1 glass of water, add 2 tbpsps of coriander/dhania seeds and bring to a boil.. Let the decoction cool for some time and then strain. Drink this mixture two times in a day. OR Sunflower seeds are extremely beneficial, as they contain linoleic acid that helps in reducing the cholesterol deposits on the walls of arteries.

ISLAM-OUR ETHICS, OUR IDENTITY...

BY SHEIKH ZUZE ISHAAQ - HEAD OF DAWAH ACTIVITIES AT ORANGE FARM

Islam is not just a religion, Islam is everything. Muaz ibn Jabal when the Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him) sent him to Yemen to address especially the people of the book. He ((Peace and blessings be upon him)) gave him the following instructions:

"You are going to meet the group of the people of the book. Invite them to the declaration that there is no God, except Allah and that I am the Messenger of Allah. And if they obey you in that, then teach them that Allah has decreed upon them five prayers which have to be performed every day and night. And if they believe in that, then teach them that Allah has prescribed upon them charity, which has to be taken from the rich and given to the poor. And if they obey you in that, then warn them of the honor of wealth. And take heed of the invocation of the oppressed for indeed there is no screen between his invocation and Allah".

Alhamdulillah! The safety of Deen and Imaan is dependent on total & wholehearted submission & obedience to the Devine Revelation which Allah Ta'alah revealed for the transmission to the mankind and Jinn in the agency of Muhammad (Peace and blessings be upon him).

It is only through the sheer grace and mercy of Almighty Allah Ta'alah that He has granted us a wonderful platform to propagate our beautiful religion of Islam. We also thank Moulana Sayed Yusuf for allocating us this page in the most awaited monthly journal i.e. Al Kausar

All praises are due to Allah, for this very day that the Saaberie Chishty Dawah Centre and its activities has proved to be truly inspirational in which from the past years it has invited people to the path of Islam through Dawah family days and Jalsa annually, as a essential feature of the Dawah package. However the possible reverts to Islam acknowledge the religion of Islam as the solution to their problems.

As a teacher of the Dawah Centre, without doubt I

acknowledge this Centre as a hardworking, socially conscious and tireless in its pursuits of social being, and a lot had developed in people's life-as a sense of determination to succeed in achieving their hopes, desires, and aspirations, sense of cohesion and unity of purpose...

In sphere of our religion as in every other sphere, the key to success remains in education since this Dawah centre has indeed present an interest Islamic alternative to the people here through activities such as ; Pre-school, Adult female Madreesa, Weekend Secular study classes and overall madreesa for the children. Such Dawah activities comply of essential tenets of, Deen intellect and Dignity.

It has indeed proved through the society that it has undoubtedly lead to the progress and development of humanity as a whole, and actively contributed and participated in the mainstream of society issues of the day.

'Insha-Allah in the next series of this page publication we will scrutinize more in every corner of the activity from the Dawah side and how that is helping and changing people everyday though the above message was to introduce the fundamental ground of the Saaberie Chishty Dawaah Centre outlook...'

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GREED – The Fumes of Self-Indulgence

MOULANA NASIK AHMED

Greed is the inordinate desire to possess wealth, goods, or objects of abstract value with the intention to keep it for one's self, far beyond the dictates of basic survival and comfort. It is applied to a markedly high desire for and pursuit of wealth, status, and power. As a secular psychological concept, greed is an inordinate desire to acquire or possess money, wealth, food, or other possessions, especially when this denies the same goods to others. It is typically used to criticize those who seek excessive material wealth, although it may apply to the need to feel more excessively moral, social, or otherwise better than someone else. A well-known example of greed is the Dutch-born pirate Hendrick Jacobszoon Lucifer, who fought for hours to acquire Cuban gold, becoming mortally wounded in the process. He died of his wounds hours after having transferred the booty to his ship.

It is an undeniable fact that the growth of materialism has surpassed all known limits and the present century is the age of greed. Just as there were previous periods which were known for different characteristics, our century is the age of greed. The source for this, perhaps, is the lack of human ethics and moral values in our lives. People in the world are more than ever-conscious of keeping up with the mighty rich, whether they do it on bank loans or hire-purchase systems. Everyone seems to be caught in the rat-race. I believe that in today's world the increased number of people who are victims of psychological problems are a standing testimony to our greed. It can be established that a code of conduct is entirely absent from human nature. The motto seems to be "Each one for himself and no one for others". The twenty-first century has been labelled in various ways and perhaps the period of greed is as good a label as any other. Hazrat Ali (Radiyahallahu Anhu) has said: "Greed is the key to trouble and carries human beings to hardship. It causes mankind to commit sin." Many times it so happens that human beings, due to greed, sell out their personality and their religion thus making them-self disgraceful in society. Imaam Jaafar Saadiq (Rahmatullahi Alayhi) has said: "Any human being who is content with what Allah Almighty has provided for them is the richest of all human beings." In Islam, Muslims are encouraged to live a simple life. The Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) and the Sahaabah (Radiyahallahu Anhum) adopted a simple life style in order to live an Islamic life to its complete. Allah Almighty has mentioned in the Holy Quraan: "And you devour the wealth (inheritance) of others greedily. And you love the riches exceedingly." (S 89: V 19-20) Hazrat Hakim bin Hizam (Radiyahallahu Anhu) narrates that the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) has said: "This wealth is (like) green and sweet, and whoever takes it without greed, Allah Almighty will bless it for him, but whoever takes it with greed, Allah Almighty will not bless it for him, and the person will be like the one who eats but is never satisfied. And the giving hand is better than the taking hand." (Bukhari) A scholar has said: "Nothing can corrupt the human personality like greed." Dr. Franklin Nathaniel Daniel Buchman once said: "There is enough in the world for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

Greed arises as a small problem but as the days go on we become monsters. We will want more, more, and more. We will never be satisfied with what we have. Worst of all, we will always risk what we have with the optimism in our minds that we will acquire more and more. At the end, after we have lost everything, there would be nothing else to do except to accept that we ever were so greedy. I was once asked to say something about greed and all I could think of was: "Greed has no time or limit. It has one objective: to produce and consume. It has pity neither for beautiful nature nor for living human beings. It is ruthlessly ready without a moment's hesitation to crush beauty and life." Once, an emperor was coming out of his palace for his morning walk when he met a beggar. He asked the beggar: "What do you want?" The beggar laughed and said: "You are asking me as though you can fulfill my desire." The emperor was offended. He said: "Of course I can fulfill your desire. What is it? Just tell me." And the beggar said: "Think twice before you promise anything." The beggar was no ordinary beggar. So the emperor insisted: "I will fulfill anything you ask. I am a very powerful emperor. What can you possibly desire that I cannot give to you?" The beggar said: "It is a very simple desire. You see this begging bowl? Can you fill it with something?" The emperor said: "Of course!" He called one of his viziers and told him: "Fill this man's begging bowl with money." The vizier went and got some money and poured it into the bowl, and it disappeared. And he poured more and more, but the moment he would pour it, it would disappear. And the begging bowl always remained empty. The begging bowl seemed to be bottomless. Everything that was put into it - everything - immediately disappeared, and went out of existence. Finally the emperor dropped at the feet of the beggar and admitted his defeat. He asked the beggar: "What is the begging bowl made of?" The beggar laughed and said: "It is made up of the human mind. There is no secret. It is simply made up of human desires." Therefore we should always remember that greed is a bottomless pit which exhausts the person in an endless effort to satisfy the need without ever reaching satisfaction.

May Allah Almighty, through the Wasilah of Nabi (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam), grant us the strength and ability to refrain and forsake such a despicable attitude from our lives, Aameen!



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SATANISM ON THE RISE

BY FAIZEL KHAMKAR

When studying various newspaper reports on the various crimes committed worldwide we would have noticed that a certain number of hideous crimes were committed with satanic connotations. One newspaper correspondent notes that headlines with satanic inferences make a good marketing strategy and therefore becomes a great seller. Are comments like these fair or are they simply a means of washing away stark reality?

The evidence in the cases which has and was brought forward to the various courts clearly suggests that the criminal acts were motivated by satanic persuasions. To simply suggest that this should only be seen as murder, rape, assault or whatever criminal activity is being charged only and ignore the reason for the criminal activity is misleading. Implying that evidence must be first obtained through thorough research deserves to be argued and championed yet it appears from subsequent legal processes that the facts were correctly analysed removes the idea that there was speculative journalism to start off with. Besides creating a possible legal problem to confirming the intent to commit the crime it also hides the social challenges which must be faced with and dealt with by the broader community.

The implication in the article that such reporting must be done with more circumspect suggests that we as society must not be correctly informed about such matters. The principle of public interest a cornerstone of freedom of expression is compromised by those that espouse to hold very dearly to such principles. It raises the question: "is there a hidden agenda behind such statements?"

A recent report that the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) was to be taken to court on the grounds of hate speech because a teacher had warned learners about the dangers of taking to crime following various media reports on satanistic inspired criminal activity gives us the clue that such hidden agendas do

exists.

We know that tools such as abusing the hate speech principle has given credibility to a number of neo liberal agendas and all indicators are that in order to gain recognition of Satanist the same tools will be utilised. The fight for such recognition dates back a number of decades. Furthermore the tool of using the press to create a lopsided debate has historically proven to be a winner. It has become a winner largely because of a lethargic reaction to what is first seen as a ridiculous idea not deserving an answer. The popularisation of tattoos could be seen as the opening round which was clearly won by the Satanist. Tattoos which were the identity of the Satanist is now so well hidden by this strategy that Satanist can no longer be distinguished from non Satanist.

We need to be vigilant to the challenges and threats posed by the Satanists on two fronts. Firstly in order to protect our families and those that are near and dear to us from becoming victims of crimes inspired by Satanism and secondly from preventing our close circle of relatives from being lured to this cult. The problem however lies with the assimilation of previously distinct cult identity into main stream culture. This requires us to be more aware of what is going on around us and possibly forming a closer knit communication set up. Failure to curb this menace will lead to the escalation of the destruction of civilised societies free of any moral compass.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS FOCUS

BY FAKIR HASSEN

Aleppo, SYRIA - The minaret of Aleppo's ancient Umayyad mosque has been destroyed, with the regime and the opposition blaming each other. The mosque, in Aleppo's UNESCO-listed Old City, has been the centre of fighting for months and had already suffered extensive damage. The report came as the UN's Syria peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi was on the verge of quitting amid growing frustration at deadlocked international efforts to end the worsening conflict.

Al-Hassa, SAUDI ARABIA - Five people have died of a deadly new virus from the same family as SARS, and two other people were in intensive care in Saudi Arabia's al-Ahsa governorate in the Eastern Province. A Saudi man died in March from the virus. The novel coronavirus (NCoV) is from the same family of viruses as those that cause common colds and the one that caused the deadly outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that first emerged in Asia in 2003.

Boston, USA - Muslims at the Boston mosque attended by the two marathon bombing suspects have made it clear that the Tsarnaev brothers' attack had nothing to do with the American Islam preached there. Authorities are still working to piece together a motive for the attacks at the Boston marathon that killed three people and wounded 264, as more details emerged about the ethnic Chechen brothers accused of carrying out the attack.

Madinah, SAUDI ARABIA - Former Dutch Islamophobe and a former leading member of far-right Dutch politician Geert Wilders' party Arnoud Van Doorn visited the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah to pray

and say sorry for becoming part of a blasphemous film. Doorn was among the Freedom Party leaders who produced the blasphemous film, Fitna. Last month he reverted to Islam after an extensive study about the religion and the Prophet (peace be upon him). Van Doorn unveiled plans to produce an international film on Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Islam.

Michigan, USA - A judge has finalised a \$700,000 settlement between McDonald's and members of Michigan's Muslim community over claims that a Detroit-area McDonalds falsely advertised its food as Halaal. Ahmed Ahmed, who represented plaintiffs in the class-action, claims he bought a chicken sandwich in September 2011 at a McDonald's but found it was not Halaal.

Tokyo, JAPAN - Myanmar democracy icon and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi has lamented restrictions on and the estrangement of Muslims in the country. Addressing a press conference in Tokyo, she called for reforming citizenship laws to help the sizable Rohingya Muslim minority to feel more secure in the Buddhist country. Her comments came as activists expressed disappointment that Suu Kyi has remained largely silent about several episodes of communal bloodshed. The Rohingya have been described by the UN as one of the world's most persecuted minorities.

Baghdad, IRAQ - Iraq has suspended the licenses of 10 satellite TV channels, including the hugely popular Al Jazeera, for promoting "sectarianism," the country's media regulator said yesterday, as more than 215 people were killed in just six

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days. The bloody unrest, which began with deadly clashes between security forces and Sunni Arab anti-government protesters in north Iraq, has raised fears of a return to all-out sectarian conflict that plagued the country in the past and killed tens of thousands

Makkah, SAUDI ARABIA - Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, Emir of Makkah region, said that Makkah would be in a new attire with the completion of several gigantic development projects, including the largest-ever expansion of the Grand Mosque, within the coming two to three years. He said that there are several ring roads, infrastructure projects, public transport projects, expansion of the Grand Mosque and its mataf (circumambulating area), and development of unplanned districts to make Makkah the smartest city in the world.

Islamabad, PAKISTAN - Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates are to play a charity football match to raise money for the girls' education fund set up by teenage campaigner Malala Yousafzai, who was shot by the Taliban. The 15-year-old, from Pakistan's north-western Swat Valley, shot to international fame in October last year after she was shot by a gunman for campaigning for the right of girls to go to school. Malala has been nominated for the Nobel Peace prize.



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