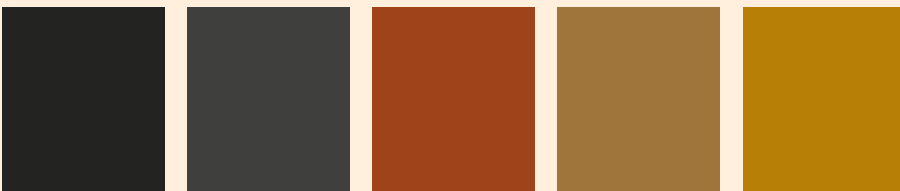
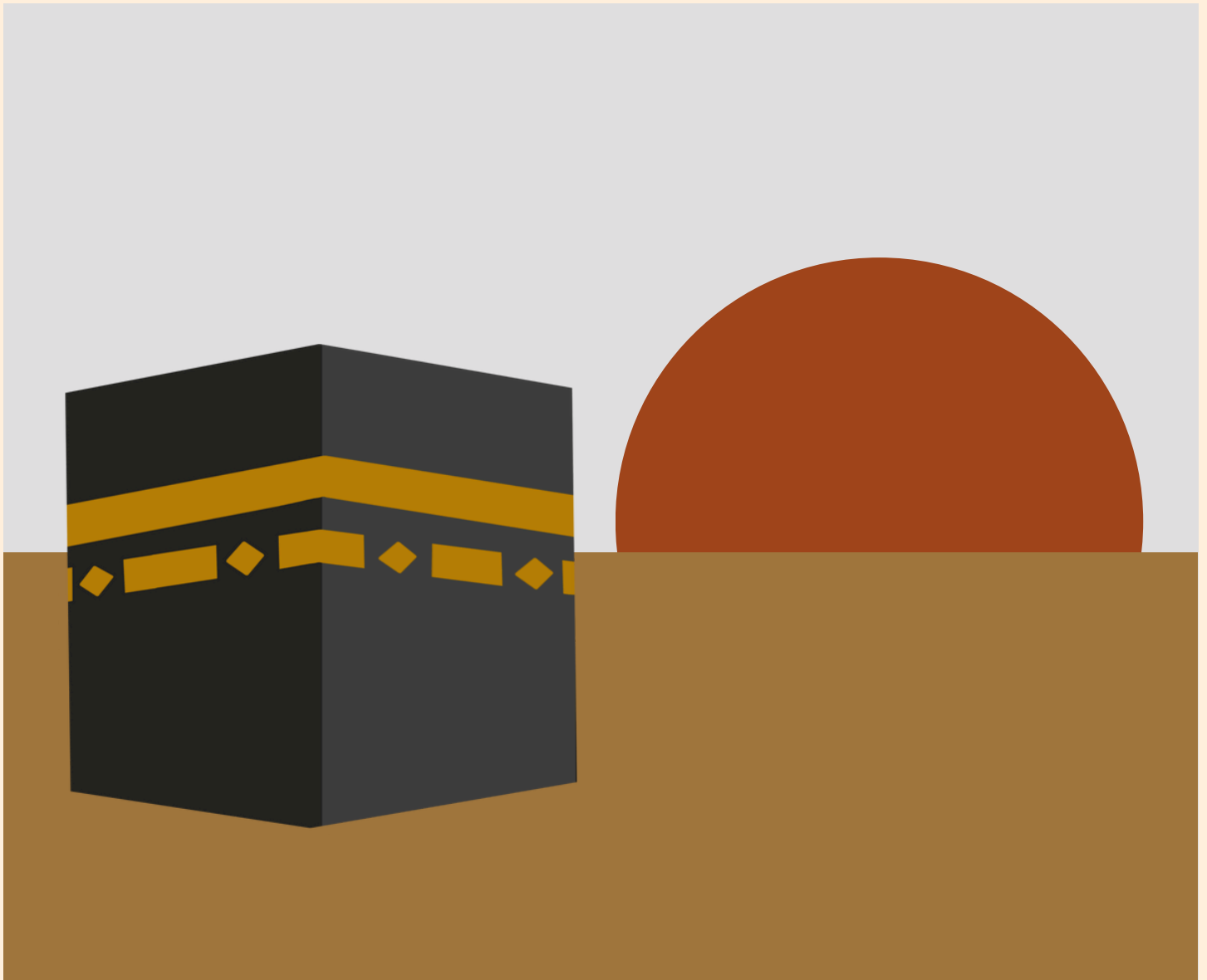


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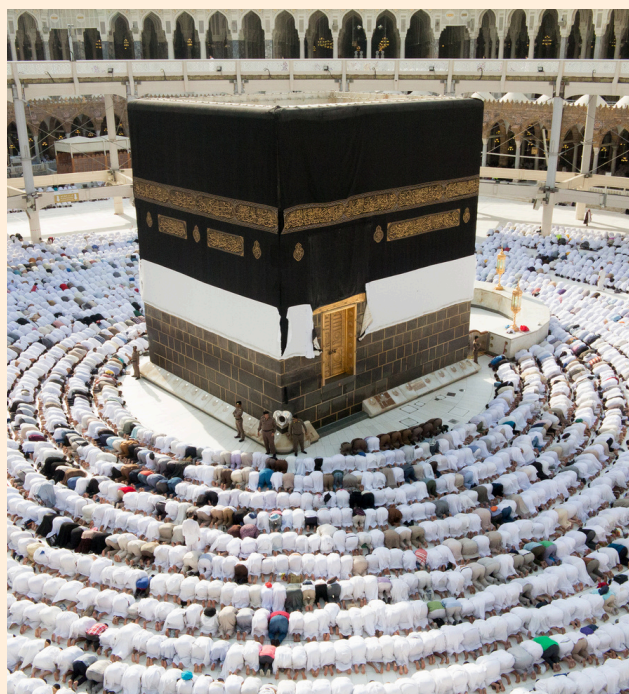
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A MONTH OF SACRIFICE

JUNE 2024



It was narrated
by Abu Hurairah:

"ALLAH'S MESSENGER (ﷺ) SAID, "UMRA IS AN EXPIATION FOR THE SINS COMMITTED (BETWEEN IT AND THE PREVIOUS ONE). AND THE REWARD OF HAJJ IS NOTHING EXCEPT PARADISE."

Sahih al-Bukhari: 1773
Book 26, Hadith 1

Look back at Dhul Hijjah

As the twelfth and final month of the Islamic calendar comes to an end, we look back at the sacred time of *Dhul Hijjah*, a month where we observe the blessed days of *Hajj* and *Eid-ul-Adha*. May Allah bless and accept from those who observed hajj and made Kurbaani and bring freedom, peace and prosperity to those who were unable to do so, due to oppression, sickness or destitution.



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THE ETERNAL SPRING

Today, the Holy City of Mecca sees between 2-3 million pilgrims every year during Hajj. Even during the time of the Prophet Muhamad (ﷺ), Mecca was a center for trade and travel. However, this wasn't always the case. In the days of Ibrahim (AS), Mecca was an empty desert valley devoid of life and, more importantly, water.

Presently, as millions of pilgrims drink from the well of Zamzam, we should remember the sacrifice and trial faced by Ismail (AS)

and his mother, Hajar. When Ibrahim (AS) told Hajar that it was Allah SWT who commanded that he leave his wife and child in the desert, Hajar said, "We are not going to be lost since Allah Who has commanded you is with us."¹ As the mother of Ismail soon found herself in the desert with a child crying from thirst and no water to be seen, her *Tawakkul* in Allah was rewarded in the form of an angel digging his heel into the desert, causing the water of Zamzam to spring forth.

1: IBN KATHIR, 49.

Although for many of us around the world, having water to drink seems like a mundane part of life, a devastating number of Muslims today, like Hajar in the desert, put their faith and reliance on the mercy of Allah SWT for the simple blessing of a glass of water.

Every sip of water that quenches the thirst, every bite of a fruit that fills the mouth with sweetness and every moment of relief from the heat that one finds while resting in the shade is a blessing that was only given to Hajar for her trust in Allah when all hope felt lost.



The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: The guests of Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, are three: The warrior, the pilgrim performing Hajj, and the pilgrim performing Umrah.

Sunan an-Nasa'i: 3121.

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ - لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ إِنَّ
 الْحَمْدَ وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ - لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ ❀

I am present, O Allah, I am present. There is no partner unto You. I am present. Praise and glory are yours (for You). The Kingdom is also Yours. There is no partner for You.



END OF YEAR LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Asalamualaykum wa rahmatAllah wa Barakatahu.

By the grace of Allah, we have come to the end of another successful school year, and I would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers, volunteers and administrators. Many memories have been made together and I look back fondly with each and everyone of you. I express my gratitude for the honour of having been able to work with you side by side at fostering a better future for our ummah. At Al-Ansaar, we aim to provide a spiritually beneficial environment for the prosperity of all of our students, which wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication you have shown this past year. The Prophet of Allah (SAW) said, "Verily, the believers are like bricks of a building, each part strengthening the other." (Sahih al-Bukhari 2585). Much like the bricks of a building, every single one of you brings a unique quality and sense of importance to Al-Ansaar that allows us to thrive as a community and an institution of spiritual growth.

As we reflect upon the school year, I would like to highlight the importance of all our community members. Starting with the teachers, I ask Allah to bless the knowledge you spread forth to our students and allow it to act as a source of Sadaqah jariyah for every one of you. The dedication that you hold in your hearts for the educational growth of our students allows us to have hope in the coming generations of the Ummah. For our volunteers I ask that

Allah bless the time you have given as a sadaqah in the path of Allah and bring you a just reward for your hard work and sacrifices. In today's busy world, it is hard for us to take time out of our lives beyond work and duties of the house to give back to our communities only for the sake of The Most Gracious and Merciful. Lastly, I ask Allah to bless our admin team, who work behind the scenes day and night to ensure everything falls into place. Much like the gears hidden behind the face of a clock, the work of the admin team, although often unnoticed by the public, holds our operation together and keeps the gears spinning among hundreds of moving parts. I would also like to give a special thank you to the parents of our students who have trusted us with the future and well-being of their children. I would like to extend my gratitude personally and I hope that from Allah (SWT) we may help ensure that your children become a source of baraqah in your homes.

InshaAllah, with the help of our growing and dedicated community, we look forward to another successful year to come. May Allah allow us all to drink the waters of Al-Kawther from the hands of Rasool Allah.

JazakAllah Khair,



Numan Goraya | Principal | Al-Ansaar Islamic Academy

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BLESSINGS FROM BEYOND

As Muslims, our *Akhira* should always be at the forefront of our minds. What is love if not the concern we have for the *Akhira* of those we hold near and dear to our hearts? But this begs the question, what can we do for the *Akhira* of others? What can parents do for the *Akhira* of their children, and what can children do for the *Akhira* of their parents? We know from the words of the Holy Prophet (SAW) that while our good deeds come to an end upon death, there are ways in which we can continue to receive the reward of good deeds from beyond the grave. It was narrated by Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said:

"WHEN A MAN DIES ALL HIS GOOD DEEDS COME TO AN END EXCEPT THREE: ONGOING CHARITY (SADAQAH JARIYAH), BENEFICIAL KNOWLEDGE AND A RIGHTEOUS SON WHO PRAYS FOR HIM."¹

So, how can we act upon the wisdom of Rasool Allah (SAW) from this hadith? For starters, we need to understand the three deeds mentioned in hadith and how we can implement them into our lives. Starting from the top, "Sadaqah Jariyah" is

a type of charity that continues to benefit the people, such as building a well or a masjid. The second deed mentioned in the hadith is “beneficial knowledge.” In the context of the hadith mentioned above, beneficial knowledge can refer to knowledge which brings one closer to Allah, such as sharing a reminder from the Quran and Sunnah. Lastly, a “righteous son who prays for him” refers to our pious children who will continue to make dua for us even after we have returned to Allah.



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Now that we understand the deeds mentioned in the hadith of Rasool Allah (SAW), we must take it upon ourselves to implement them in our lives. As for *Sadaqah Jariyah*, there are many opportunities to donate to the Al-Ansaar Islamic Foundation. However, the focus of this article is the last two deeds mentioned in the hadith. The “Full-Time Hifz Program” at Al-Ansaar helps parents give their children the opportunity to learn and share beneficial knowledge as they memorize the book of Allah. Furthermore, the Hifz Program will teach children proper Islamic etiquette, ensuring they grow into righteous believers who will pray for their parents. The “Full-Time Hifz Program” is a fully functional school for children aged grades k-12, accredited with Alberta Education covering all school subjects as well as memorization of the Holy Quran under the guidance of scholars and qualified teachers.

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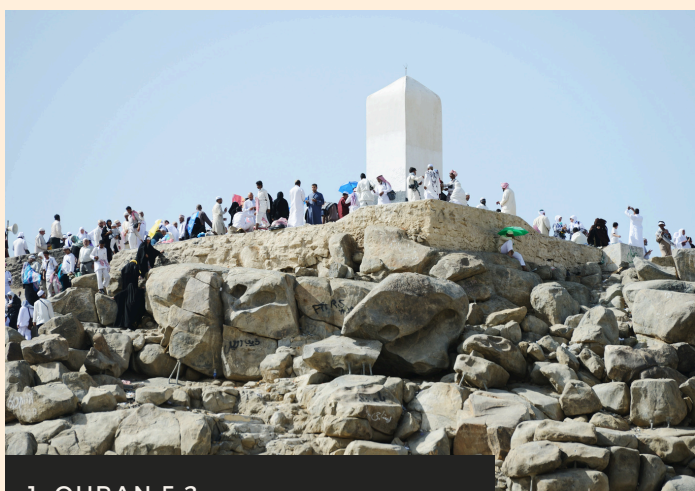
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Hajj is a highly ritualistic act of worship, consisting of many symbolic rituals that hold great significance within Islam. Allah SWT brings attention to the sanctity of the month of Hajj, Dhul Hijjah, and the rituals of Hajj, saying, “O believers! Do not violate Allah’s rituals of pilgrimage¹, the sacred months, the sacrificial animals, the ‘offerings decorated with garlands, nor those ‘pilgrims’ on their way to the Sacred House seeking their Lord’s bounty and pleasure.”¹ Aside from the important link it has with the legacies of Ibrahim AS and Ismail (AS), Hajj has an important connection to *Qiyama*, the Day of Resurrection, that we should reflect upon.



1: QURAN 5:2



Consider the different rituals that one must perform for their Hajj to be accepted. Why are we supposed to enter the state of *Ihram* (ritual consecration), use two white cloths to cover ourselves, for men, and not wear any stitched clothing? Why must we not shave or pluck any hair, not trim nails, or put on any perfume or cologne until we leave the state of *Ihram*? Why do we say “*labayka Allahuma labayka*” (I am here at Your service, oh Allah, I am here at Your service)? Why must we walk long distances for days to perform the various rituals required to complete Hajj?

Carefully considering these many stipulations, we should be able to draw similarities between Hajj and the events leading up to the beginning of the Judgement of Allah. It should remind us

of how we will be buried once we pass away and how we will be resurrected: wrapped in white cloths, resurrected bare and dishevelled, and clothed once again in white based upon our level of righteousness in this worldly life. It should remind us of how all of humanity will be gathered together in the Land of Gathering, the lands of *Shaam* (may Allah uplift the plight of our brothers and sisters there in Palestine), and all will be forced to heed the call to this land where the Judgement will take place and travel to it in various fashions, again, based on the level of piety one had in this life. It is as if Hajj is a rehearsal and a reminder for the Day of Judgement and Resurrection; the day on which each will know their final destination: Paradise or Hellfire.



In celebration of the blessed days of Hajj, Al-Ansaar Islamic Foundation hosted “All About Hajj,” a special event focused on teaching children the importance of Hajj as a pillar of Islam. Children were taught about the history of the Ka’aba, the call to Hajj, Ihram, and Talbiyyah.

As Muslims living in the West, we must keep our children engaged with the deen in a way that will instill the values of Islam, along with the love of Allah and his Prophet (SAW), in their hearts. Follow Al-Ansaar Islamic Foundation on Facebook and Instagram at @Alansaar.ca to keep up to date with all of our events for both adults and children.





The month of Muharram is set to begin on the 7th of July, 2024. Muharram is one of the four sacred months of the Hijri calendar.¹ The other three sacred months are Dhu'l-Qadah, Dhu'l-Hijjah, and Rajab.² The 10th of Muharram marks the day of Ashura. To make the most of the month and follow in the Holy Prophet's (SAW) footsteps, we should try our best to fast on the day of Ashura.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Day of Ashura is expected to be on the **15th or 16th of July, 2024.**

DID YOU KNOW?

According to a hadith Narrated by Abu Qatadah Al-Ansari, the Prophet of Allah (SAW) said that “fasting on the day of Ashura is an expiation for the preceding year.”³ Fasting on the day of Ashura is a blessing in such a way that Allah forgives our minor sins from the previous year by simply observing this sunnah.

1: QURAN (9:36)

2: SAHIH AL-BUKHARI: 4662

3: SAHIH MUSLIM: 1162



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