

# NEWS BRIEFS

Various news bits from Muslim Communities in North America ,Europe and other Parts of the world *Submitted by our Team of Local ,National and International*

## Project Update

During the last week of August, a number of architects were invited to the IHS to view the proposed design of the new Centre prepared by Dr. Akram Al-Attar and Sr. Fatima Jahanmiri. They were then requested to provide a quotation for the preparation of the drawings of the proposed Centre. As mentioned in the last issue of this Newsletter, Sr. Fatima and Dr. Akram have spent countless hours designing the new Centre, which will comprise of a Masjid, main hall (Husainiyyah), Washing and Shrouding Room, Classrooms for the weekend and potential future academic school, IHS Offices, Library and bookshop, visiting scholars quarters, shop to sell Islamic clothing and other articles, and activity area for youngsters.

The architects will be providing their quotations during the first week of October then the IHS Executive will be making a decision accordingly.

Fund to contribute towards the project is still open, and requires the support of Al-Haqq readers and anyone who feels like supporting the work of the IHS.

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## IHS Meeting & Election

Members and supporters of the *Islamic Humanitarian Service* gathered in Kitchener at the end of May 2014 for the annual general meeting (AGM) of the charity. Minutes from the previous year's meeting were read, discussed and approved. Reports from the Executive Committee members, in addition to the various Cabinet Members were tabled before the membership. The Financial Statements were approved at the gathering following discussion on both the Balance Sheet and Income Statement.

At the bi-annual election that was held, the following office bearers were elected, or acclaimed:

Religious Director: Br. Sultan Hudda (re-elected)  
Deputy Religious Director: Br. Ruhullah Amiri (appointed)  
Administrator: Br. Sayyid Sajid Marhon (re-elected)  
Finance Officer: Br. Murtaza Ali (Br. Muhammad Abbas Hyder)  
Committee Member: Br. Habibullah Mahbobi (re-elected)

Br. Muhammad Abbas agreed to assist whenever needed and will serve as an advisor to the Executive.

Reports from the United Muslim Women of Canada (Toronto Chapter), Husayni Madresa, Horn of Africa, were discussed with participants asking questions and engaging in dialogue with the various representatives.



### New Principal Appointed

IHS Director, Br. Sultan Hudda, has appointed Sr. Shama Murtaza to serve as Principal of Husayni Madresa, following the resignation of Sr. Zainab Amiri. Sr. Zainab's new employment opportunity, working on select weekends, caused her to step down, and so Sr. Shama has been appointed to cover the remainder of the term, till August 2015. Sr. Shama is currently the Office Manager of the IHS, and has been an active community member since coming to the Kitchener-Waterloo area in 2002.

### Madresa Year End Picnic

Students, teachers, assistants, and guests gathered at Waterloo Park for the annual Husayni Madresa year end program on Sunday June . Presentations, and awards, were made to the students, with lunch served for all, and plenty of games and activities.



### Islamic Association of Regina

Ja'fari Muslims throughout the Canadian province of Saskatchewan gathered in the city of Regina to celebrate the official opening of the new Islamic Centre on Saturday May 17, 2014, coinciding with Rajab 17, 1435. The community, known as the Islamic Association of Regina (IAR) was excited with this new step forward, and held a fun filled day in which Madresa students kept a small play, qasida (poetry) reciters came forward with their poetry, since the day was also used to mark the birth anniversary (Wiladat) of Imam Ali (AS). Guest speakers included Shaykh Hassanain Kassamali and Shaykh Shafiq Hudda

### Community Prayer Breakfast

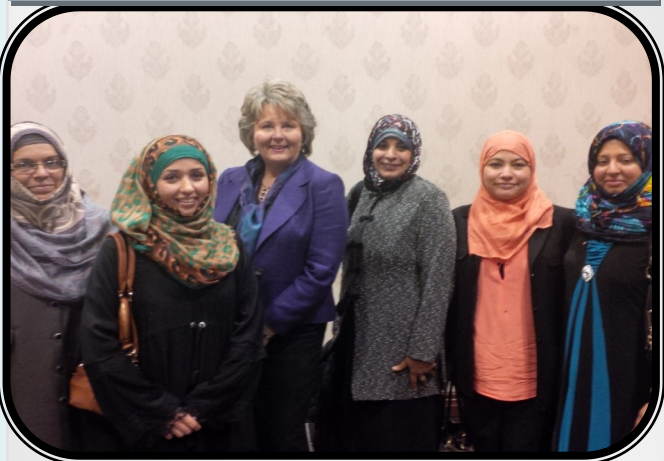
The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Kitchener-Waterloo Community Prayer Breakfast was held on Wednesday May 7, 2014, at Waterloo Inn. *Interfaith Grand River (IGR)*, *KW Council of Churches* and the *Cities of Kitchener & Waterloo* host the yearly event, which usually starts early in the morning at 7:00AM. Kitchener Mayor Mr. Carl Zehr, and Waterloo Mayor Ms. Brenda Halloran welcomed and appreciated the participants for coming. The amount raised this year was gifted to "*Pathways To Education Canada*", a charity dedicated to helping youth in low income communities transition from high school to post-secondary education and training. The Digital Media Manager of the organization, Mr. Jason Shim, was keynote speaker. The title of his lively talk was "*The Heart Of Technology: Engaging with Modern Youth in Diverse Communities.*"

IHS had booked a full table, and was represented by the Director Br. Sultan Hudda, Administrator Br. Sayyid Sajid Marhon, Finance Officer Br. Muhammad Abbass Hyder, Committee Member Br. Syed Habibullah Mahbobi, Accountant Br. Murtaza Ali, along with staff members and volunteers Sr. Shama Murtaza, Sr. Duaa Al-Aghar, Sr. Alina Amiri, Sr. Tooba Anvar & Sr. Fatima Ali.

For the first time in the three plus decades of the breakfast, the main opening prayer was recited by a Muslim, Br. Shafiq Hudda. The closing prayer was by Ms. Melissa Ireland, an Aboriginal Student Support Coordinator.



The Director of I.H.S. Br. Sultan Hudda with the Mayor of Kitchener Mr. Carl Zehr at Community Prayer Breakfast



Staff members and volunteers of I.H.S. with Mayor of Waterloo Brenda Halloran at Community Prayer Breakfast

### IGR Victoria Park

Numerous cultural, ethnic, and faith groups rented a table in Kitchener's Victoria Park as part of the KW Multicultural Associations annual outdoor festival. As in past years, Interfaith Grand River (IGR) was also present, and provided information to the members of public who attended the festival June 14 & 15, 2014.

### Al-Quds Rally

Peace and justice loving individuals from all across Ontario gathered in downtown Toronto during the final Saturday in holy Ramadhan, for the annual Al-Quds Day rally. The procession started at Queens Park and concluded at the US Consulate on University Avenue, on July 26, 2014. According to one of the speakers, Dr. Zafar Bagash, this year's rally was the largest in North America, bringing people from many ethnic/religious backgrounds together. Even some Jewish Rabbis attended the forum, to condemn the Israeli aggression especially during the recent bombardment in which thousands of people were murdered, including scores of children.

Following the successful Islamic Revolution in Iran during the late 1970's, founder Ayatullah Imam Ruhullah Khumayni urged Muslims all over the world to remember the suffering of the Palestinians, by declaring the last Friday of the blessed month of Ramadhan as Yawm al-Quds, a day for Palestine.



Sheikh Shafiq Hudda with Jewish Rabbis attended the forum, to condemn the Israeli aggression.

## 5<sup>th</sup> IHS Islamic Day Camp

Students aged 4 till 15 attended the fifth annual Islamic Day Camp sponsored by the IHS during the last two weeks of



August 2014. The attendance was higher than in previous years, with almost 50 youngsters registered for the yearly fun event. Each of the ten days were filled with indoor/outdoor activities, congregational prayers, arts/crafts, Holy Qur'an recitation, and much more. A popular new addition this year was an impromptu, in which students were picking a topic, and then had to speak for 1 to 1.5 minutes about that subject, without large gaps and be as cohesive as possible. Some teachers and camp leaders even participated in the activity, usually held after Salaat (prayers).

Lunch on the first Friday of the camp was sponsored by Mina, a division of *Maple Leaf* foods that caters to Muslims by offering hand-slaughtered Halal products. Even those participating in the Friday prayers, Jumu'ah, were invited to partake in the meal.

On the last day of camp, each student was presented with a Certificate of Participation, and a gift card from a local ice cream store. Appreciation was extended to all camp leaders, namely Sr. Shehed Hadi, Sr. Maryam Mohamed, Br. Rafey Haider, Br. Ali Marhon, Br. Mukhtar Hudda, Br. Minhal Hudda, and Br. Faizan Haider. In addition, Sr. Larib, Sr. Kamla, and Sr. Sumama served as assistant camp leaders as required. The Office Staff, consisting of Sr. Shama Murtaza, Sr. Duaa Al-Aghaar, Sr. Laila Alizi, and Br. Hussain Walji provided important backup support for the annual fun children camp.



**Error:** The previous issue of *Al-Haqq* mentioned that the 2014 youth Islamic Day Camp held at the IHS would be the sixth annual one. In actuality, it was the fifth one. *Al-Haqq* apologizes to readers for the mistake. Editor

## Government, Political and Religious figures paying a visit to Ayatollah Khamenei at the hospital after Surgery.

- **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 75, reported to be in 'good health' after operation**

Iran's top authority Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has successfully undergone prostate surgery, Iranian state media and his website said yesterday, in a rare public report on the state of his health. State television said later the operation was successful. "The operation took place without anaesthetic at a state hospital. The leader will stay at the hospital for a few days to recover like all other identical cases," said the head of his medical team. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 75, who has the final say on all state matters and has been Iran's top leader since 1989, was reported to be in 'good condition' and his doctors said he was resting after the surgery.



President Hassan Rouhani visited the supreme leader in hospital



Former Iranian President Dr. Mahmud Ahmadinejad Visiting Ayatollah Khamenei at the hospital.



Former Iranian President Ayatollah Rafsanjani visiting leader



Government officials and Imam Khomeini's family members visiting Ayatollah Khamenei at the hospital



Ayatollah Javadi Amoli paying a visit to the Leader

## Ahlulbayt TV: The Road trip across North America has begun!

A vision that became a reality. AhlulBayt TV was once a dream. It then rolled out and was the first of its kind in the UK to bring exciting, innovative productions combined with the teachings of the Quran and the AhlulBayt (pbut) exclusively in English. Whether it was in the form of live lectures, live shows, contests or Q&A sessions, a significant amount of effort was made by the team to deliver what the audience needed: a place where they can tune in to receive Islamic knowledge in the English language. The channel combined the wisdom of scholarship and the energy of youth to bring the best of both worlds through contemporary thinking, addressing present day problems and issues faced by the Muslim community.

Many are aware of the journey of Ahlulbayt TV in the UK, as they, their families, or friends are viewers of the channel. Accessible from all parts of the world, the viewership numbers continue to increase daily. The ability to watch live made things even easier. More over, videos On-Demand allowed people to tune in to shows that they had missed. The channel always hosts guests and scholars from all parts of the world and produces inspiring documentary series from various regions as well. However, what was missing is a live presence outside the UK. That was the next step.



Over the past couple of years, discussions about expanding the footprint of the channel have been debated: Where? What? When? How? These were questions that all had to be answered. By the Grace of The Most Merciful, in early 2014, Ahlulbayt TV announced its expansion, with its first active and live presence to be in Toronto. This was an exciting opportunity for the teams in the UK and Toronto to leverage its already large viewership in North America, into an actual Ahlulbayt TV community in that region. The purpose of this was to continue and grow the mission of the channel, to bring The Holy Household in Every Household.

The channel reached out to community members who were interested in being part of the mission for volunteers to help out in shows, events, and other activities, creating a team that would be able to spread the mission. Posters were created, hashtags were tweeted and emails were forwarded about the first ever live shows from Toronto. The team in Toronto along with its respected guests tackled contemporary issues facing the community, ranging from education to health matters. A lot of traction was made as viewers started calling in, asking their questions and voicing their opinions. Most of all, viewers were impressed to see that the channel they had watched from overseas was now live from their country (or continent!). In addition to the live shows, documentaries were made from Toronto featuring Muslims and non-Muslims alike, presenting the diversity of the local community and its variety of activities and efforts. Weekly shows continued in Ramadhan as well and were well received by the communities across North America.

Ahlulbayt TV has been active within the community in Toronto with its volunteers and representatives engaging community members and participating in events at local mosques helping to inform the crowds of the channel's newly established local presence.

Today, the goals of the channel in North America are to continue growing in Toronto and beyond. The team hopes to continue producing shows and creating events that aim to engage, inform and spread the message of the Holy Prophet and his Family.

The valuable lessons that can be learnt from the Holy Household are infinite and the channel aims to continue sprinkling these messages in various forms of media. Less than a decade ago, families were struggling to find ways for themselves and for their children to hang on to the message of Islam and the Path to Paradise with threats from what Hollywood showcased. Today, that threat is being combatted: there is a contemporary medium that can draw children, youth and adults to Islam.

To conclude, firstly, the blessings and strength that the channel has received are all from The Most Merciful and we will forever be indebted to Him. Secondly, the channel has continued to produce and grow because of its viewers, which is a very positive and hopeful sign. The channel is grateful for the dedicated and passionate volunteers in Toronto for not only spreading the word about the channel's expansion in North America, but also without whom the programs from Toronto would not be possible. Their work has been fantastic! The only way that Ahlulbayt TV can continue to be financially stable is by the aid of Allah, and the channel's generous partners.

The team in North America hopes that you can all benefit from the channel and what it has to offer and looks forward to meeting you at its events. Please visit the Ahlulbayt TV Facebook page, Twitter feed, YouTube page and other social media accounts to find out more about upcoming events as well as view past videos! Do feel free to contact the team if you have any questions or would like to be involved in any volunteering or fundraising opportunities in Toronto or in your respective cities across North America. By partnering with the channel and committing \$30/month, your financial support will help the channel grow in North America and continue being The Holy Household of Every Household. All donations will receive a tax receipt. Please contact [toronto@ahlulbayt.tv](mailto:toronto@ahlulbayt.tv) for more information.

### Visit to Maple Leaf Foods

Shaykh Shafiq Hudda visited the chicken slaughtering plant of Maple Leaf foods in Brampton to review the process used. Since the procedure is done by hand, and not machine, the IHS has approved *Maple Leaf*, and its retail brand *Mina Foods*, as Halal and acceptable for members of the Ja fari Muslim community.

There are three chicken slaughter plants that are now acceptable for the community, including *Maple Leaf*, *Sargent Farms*, and *Port Colbourne Poultry*.

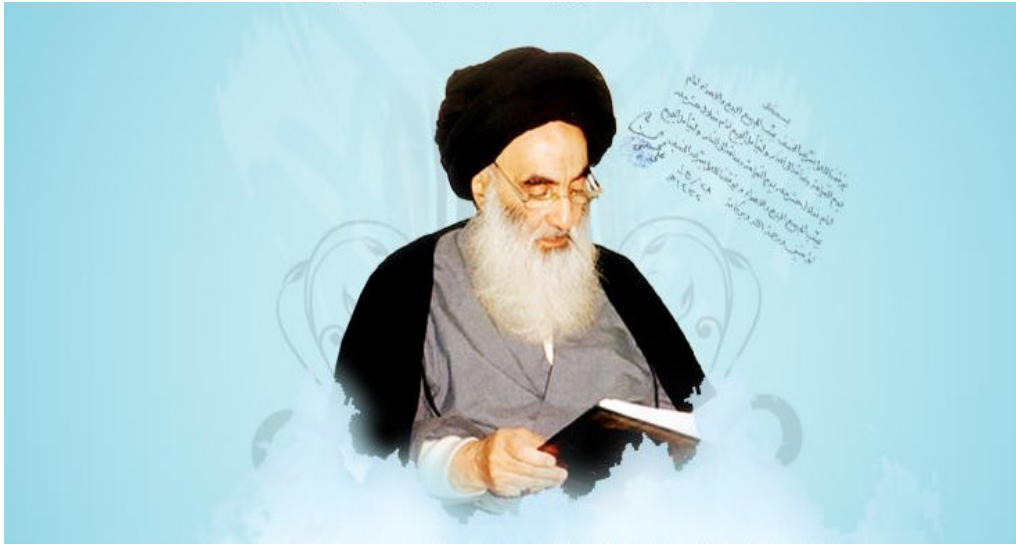


# Grand Ayatollah at the Centre of World Politics

<http://p.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/jul/31/husain-worlds-grand-ayatollahs-rally-behind-sistan/>

In an unprecedented move, six of the world's top grand ayatollahs have voiced public support for Grand Ayatollah Sayyid Ali Sistani and his handling of the ongoing crisis in Iraq. For any grand ayatollah to comment on the activities of another is rare, and for six of them to publicly support the specific activities of any one grand ayatollah is history in the making. Specifically, the grand ayatollahs have insisted

Ayatollah Sistani be in all matters, likely referring to the late calls for Minister Nouri al-Maliki to step down or be voted out of his position. The six



that Ayatollah Sistani followed political indirectness. Prime Minister al-Maliki either step or be out of position. Shiite

grand ayatollahs are Sheikh Vaheed Khorasani, Sayyid Muhammad Saeed al-Hakim, Sheikh Basheer al-Najafi, Sheikh Ishaq Fayyadh, Sheikh Safi Golpaygani, and Sheikh Nassir Makarim Shirazi.

The title "Sayyid" implies ancestry tracing back to Islam's Prophet Muhammad, whereas "Sheikh" indicates a "normal" lineage. In Shiite practice, all religious scholars are referred to by either title, and "Grand Ayatollah" is a partial translation of the phrase "Marja e Taqleed" (literally: the most authentic religious source to follow). All Shiites are obliged to follow a grand ayatollah of their choice for religious directives if they themselves are not qualified to do so.

Thus far, the governments of Iraq, Iran and the United States have not made significant progress in either reuniting Iraq or reducing support for Abu Bakr Baghdadi's band of militants. Analysts believe that the public show of unity behind Ayatollah Sistani is intended to be a major step in resolving the deadlock over action against the violence sweeping Iraq.

The level of public backing indicates not only widespread support for Ayatollah Sistani, but just as importantly, immense dissatisfaction with the prime minister. In the Shiite world, Mr. al-Maliki is believed to have largely contributed to the current crisis, and the rise of the "Islamic State." Expressing the Shia community's irritation with the sectarian policies of the Iraqi leader (who is also a Shiite), the grand ayatollahs have turned to Sistani to have the politician removed from office, albeit through the rule of law, rather than any sort of uprising.

Ayatollah Sistani popularly called for Iraq to function as a democracy wherein each citizen was entitled to a vote, famously rejecting alternative styles of authoritarian government. He also had a hand in influencing the country's constitution, favoring an inclusive government. That Mr. al-Maliki is believed to have pursued a sectarian agenda, despite publicly supporting Ayatollah Sistani, has greatly disappointed the grand ayatollah, according to reports. Acting in response, Sistani issued a statement calling for politicians to "not cling to power," taking the wind out of Mr. al-Maliki's attempts for a third term as prime minister.



Earlier this month, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon met with Ayatollah Sistani, marking the first high level meeting between the Shiite leader and any Western group. To date, Sistani has not met with any other leaders from the United States or Europe, despite holding immense sway over the fate of Iraq since the toppling of Saddam Hussein in 2003. The U.N. chief issued off the cuff remarks iterating his strong approval of the Grand Ayatollah, as well as expressing his personal respect for Sistani.

Grand Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi went so far as to release his statement on his official website, saying, "In my opinion, they [politicians] need to refer back to the opinion of the respected religious authority of Iraq, his Eminence Grand Ayatollah Sistani, to end their conflicts and seek the help of his highness to resolve their problems."

Similarly, Sheikh Golpaygani called on Muslims to follow the guidance of Sistani "to reach noble Islamic goals."

Rumors had swirled that Grand Ayatollah Khorasani, a widely popular figure, had thrown his support behind Mr. al-Maliki, prompting an immediate response from the religious leader, as told to Khabar News, "Any news of his Eminence's support to any politician in Iraq is incorrect, and his Eminence's opinion is that the people and the government of Iraq must follow the vision and the advices of the religious authority in city of Najaf."

The nearly 84-year-old Ayatollah Sistani, who resides in Najaf, is often colloquially referred to as "the religious authority of Najaf" or sometimes simply "Najaf," indicating his high-ranking stature. Al-Hakim, al-Najafi, and Fayyadh also reside in the city, and are well known for their long-standing support of the grand ayatollah.

According to analysts, the support for Ayatollah Sistani and his political work is not in reference to any sort of religious government, nor is it a call for a "wilayatul faqih" (Guardianship of the Jurist) government similar to that of Iran. Instead, it is a call for ordinary Shiites to follow the guidance of Grand Ayatollah Sistani when exercising civic matters, such as voting for candidates to replace Mr. al-Maliki.

<http://p.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/jul/31/husain-worlds-grand-ayatollahs-rally-behind-sistan/#ixzz39E88tOsf>

## What is Sayed Sistani's Fatwa?

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Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani issued a religious edict (fatwa) calling on Iraqi "Citizens to defend the country, its people, the honor of its citizens, and its sacred places." The Shia are generally very cautious when speaking about Jihad. The fundamental difference between them and the Sunnis on this subject is that the Shia consider the call for offensive jihad the prerogative of the infallible Imam of the time. In current times, the Imam is the Mahdi - the Shia believe he disappeared in 874 AD and will return at the end of time. In his absence, the religious scholars can only call for a defensive jihad when an aggressive enemy attacks their community or sacred places. While the Sunnis give the decision to call for offensive or defensive jihad to the political ruler and the scholars of religion. Being consistent with this doctrine, Shia religious scholars rarely called for jihad. The few previous calls for jihad were all calls for defense, as it was the case with the call for jihad to resist the British invasion of Iraq in 1914. The current fatwa by Grand Ayatollah Sistani was no different. It was clearly indicating that the call was to "Citizens to defend the country, its people, the honor of its citizens, and its sacred places."

Like all previous occasions, Sistani's fatwa was not a sectarian call for jihad. For in 1914, the fatwa by Sayyid Kadhim Al-Yazdi was to defend Iraq by fighting by the side of Ottoman generals, although the Sunni Ottomans were major oppressors of the Shia. Sistani too called on all Iraqis to defend Iraq and its citizens. The first line of defense is not the Shia holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, but Sunni Mosul and Tikrit, whose people have been hit hard by the crisis and great numbers of their families became internally displaced refugees. Furthermore, Sistani directed all interested volunteers to enlist in the army, according to the law and to fill the deficit in the Iraqi Security Forces. He also made the objective crystal clear: "the number of volunteers does not need to exceed the sufficient force that can accomplish the objective of protecting Iraq, its people, and its sacred places." Finally, it is worth noting that Sistani has rejected many calls in February 2006 to issue a Fatwa for Jihad after the bombing of the Samara Holy Shrines, a sacred mausoleum of Shia Imams. Much of the recent outcry against the fatwa, is based on western ignorance of the history of the Arab people and their faith. Much more, it is a failure of both ISIS and the west to recognize that Islam is the faith of peace and righteous deeds, whether you are Shia or Sunni, especially in this holy month of Ramadan. The fatwa is not about revenge or attack but the need to defend religious freedoms, sacred places and land from those whose aim is remove peaceful Muslims' freedoms to believe in Islam as they currently do, remove their shrines and to remove them from their lands. This aggressive ideology and behavior of ISIS are unfortunately far too common in the Arab world now and far removed from our true faith and the teachings of Islam.

# An Introduction to Ziyarat

By Saleem Bhimji

[This introduction has been extracted from the recent publication of the Islamic Publishing House ([www.al-mubin.org](http://www.al-mubin.org) / [www.iph.ca](http://www.iph.ca)) entitled LOVE FOR THE FAMILY. It will be available soon via PDF and Android APP for a nominal price.

**12. Reciting the Accepted Ziyarat:** When greeting the noble personalities, indeed, we can use our “own language” and our “own words” and there is nothing wrong with that when we wish to salute them, however the best way to greet these individuals is through the text of the ziyarat which the other infallibles have taught us to recite at the graves.

These beautiful words of salutation can be found in the recognized and verified books of prayers and supplications such as *Mafatih al-Jinan* of the late Shaykh ‘Abbas al-Qummi (which is also available in English and other languages) and other books compiled specifically for the ziyarat of the Ahlul Bayt E.

**13. Two Rak‘at Salat after Ziyarat:** One of the established recommendations is to recite a two rak‘at Salat after the ziyarat – keeping in mind that Salat is only for Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) and every act within it – the standing, bowing, prostration, etc... are all done with the intention of seeking nearness to Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him). One should also keep in mind that such a prayer carries a grand reward with it as one is praying to Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) alone after visiting His most beloved individuals – and as such, these prayers have the power to give an impact to all of those people whom the person prays for and asks for the reward to be dedicated to – the infallible, the person performing the ziyarat, his family, friends, community, etc... We read in the traditions that one of the supplications to recite after the ziyarat of Imam ‘Ali B is as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي صَلَّيْتُ هَاتَيْنِ الرَّكْعَتَيْنِ هَدِيَّةً مِنِّي إِلَى سَيِّدِي وَمَوْلَايَ وَوَلِيِّكَ وَأَخِي رَسُولِكَ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَسَيِّدِ الْوَصِيِّينَ عَلِيَّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ. اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَتَقَبَّلْهَا مِنِّي وَاجْزِنِي عَلَى ذَلِكَ جَزَاءَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صَلَّيْتُ وَلَكَ رَكَعْتُ وَلَكَ سَجَدْتُ وَحَدَكُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لِأَنَّهُ لَا تَكُونُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالرُّكُوعُ وَالسُّجُودُ إِلَّا لَكَ لِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي زِيَارَتِي وَأَعْطِنِي سُوْلِي مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ.

O Allah! I have performed these two rak‘at as my gift to my master, Your obedient servant, brother of Your Messenger, Commander of the Faithful and master of the successors, ‘Ali ibn Abi Talib, Allah’s blessings be with him and his Progeny. O Allah! Bless Muhammad and the progeny of Muhammad and accept this from me and reward me by them with the rewards due to the good-doers. O Allah! To You have I prayed, to You have I bowed down and to You have I prostrated, to You and only You, there is no partner with You. This is so because praying, bowing down and prostrating can be to none

other than You, because You are Allah, there is no god but You. O Allah! Bless Muhammad and the progeny of Muhammad and accept my ziyarat and grant me my wish by the status of Muhammad and his pure progeny with You.

**14. Supplication after the Salat:** There are special supplications to be recited after the Salat is complete and these have been narrated in the appropriate books of supplications and ziyarat. One should not miss out on this opportunity to continue to ask Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) for blessings while in such a sacred place.

In addition, note that each of the different ziyarat that we recite have their own special supplication which is recommended to recite following the Salat, and these can be found in the appropriate books of prayers and supplications.

**15. Recitation of the Qur’an:** Once the above acts have been rendered successful, one should then sit near the one whom he is visiting and recite the Qur’an, and ask Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) to dedicate the reward of the recitation towards the one buried in that shrine. Indeed, the reward will be given to the one whose shrine we are in and also to the one reciting the Qur’an.



إِذَا ذُكِرَ النَّبِيُّ فَاكْثُرُوا الصَّلَاةَ عَلَيْهِ فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ أَلْفَ صَلَاةٍ فِي أَلْفِ صَفٍّ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَلَمْ يَبْقَ شَيْءٌ مِمَّا خَلَقَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا صَلَّى عَلَيَّ الْعَبْدُ لِصَلَاةِ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَصَلَاةِ مَلَائِكَتِهِ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَرْغَبْ فِي هَذَا فَهُوَ جَاهِلٌ مَعْرُورٌ قَدْ بَرَى اللَّهُ مِنْهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِهِ.

*“When the name of the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) is mentioned, offer abundant blessings upon him 9, for whoever blesses the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) a single time will receive a thousand blessings from a row of a thousand angels, and nothing which Allah has created remains without blessing Allah’s servant whom Allah and His angels bless. So anyone who does not desire all of this is ignorant and conceited; and from whom Allah, His Messenger (peace be upon him and his family) and the Ahlul Bayt are clear.”*

#### **16. Presence of the Heart and Heart-Felt Repentance:**

When we are in these sacred places, one must be sure that everything we do is done with ‘presence of the heart’ – knowing where we are and why we are there, and once that is realized, then we can also come

to the understanding that we need to sit back and think of our past transgressions and make our heart-felt repentance to Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) - always ensuring that we ask the one whom we are visiting to pray for forgiveness on our behalf – this being a Qur’anic mandate to ask the Prophet

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#### **17. Showing Respect to the Shrine Complex and the**

**Volunteers:** It goes without saying that the entire shrine complex must be respected as this is a house of Allah (Glory and Greatness be to Him) and one of the homes of His final Prophet and as such, just as we respect our own property, we must be extra vigilant to show care and respect to the house of the Messenger of Allah

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# Islamic Medicine

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Islam is the religion of all times and places. It is a perfect system of temporal values. By practicing its laws Muslims all over the world not only attain spirituality but the pinnacle of all other glories and gain the wealth of health.

There is a great inter-relationship between modern medicine and some of our Islamic teachings.

Every word of Qur'an is in fact an experience of great reality and science is just an effort made towards this reality. Knowledge is limitless and its horizons are constantly expanding with every strike of progress disclosing fresh information and according to Qur'anic knowledge is a comprehensive text and it involves all branches of sciences, religion, technology, agriculture, engineering and medicine. It is definitely a miracle of our sacred religion that it expands on all branches of human knowledge. This is known from the following quotation from Qur'an:

*"We have revealed to you the Scripture so that it might be a clear evidence for every thing."*

In the following paper I have tried to elucidate that the guidelines given in the Quran and Sunnah concerned with the promotion of physical health of humans have been duly proved by years of modern medical scientific research all over the world. Some of them which I am going to deal with in this paper.

## ■ PRAYERS:

In Sura Moon "God deprecates those who are careless in their prayers offer them only for show." The blessed Prophet told us "Prayers are certainly health promoting." Although the real purpose of prayers is to worship Allah yet there is a large number of additional benefits also.

## ■ EXERCISE:

As we eat three times daily we need exercises to lessen the cholesterol in the body which increases in the blood after meals, thickens it and leads to the deposition of slit in the arteries. In addition to saving us from the sins and elevating us to the heights of spirituality, prayers are great help in maintaining our physical health. They keep our body active, help digestion and save us from muscle and joint diseases through regular balanced exercise. They help the circulation of blood and also mitigate the bad effect of cholesterol. Prayers play a vital role in acting as a preventive measure against heart attack, paralyses, premature senility, dementia, loss of control on sphincters, diabetes mellitus etc.

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Collateral circulation plays a major role in decreasing the danger of heart attack in patients. Patients above 55 years of age in which this type of circulation is developed have less severe attacks. It is possible to speed up the development of collateral circulation by regular and balanced exercises which is present in the prayers are not only potent, preventive measure against coronary heart diseases but also help in the development of collateral circulation in those people who have already suffered from a heart attack or are prone to it.

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## True Followers of Imam Husain(as) and Sayeda Zainab (sa)

Submit by Sr.Duaa Al-Aghar

His father died in 1937, leaving the family penniless. In 1945 the family moved to the holy city of Najaf, where al-Sadr would spend the rest of his life. He was a child prodigy who, ten, was delivering lectures on Islamic history, and at eleven, he studied logic and wrote a book to refute philosophy.<sup>[1]</sup> Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr completed his religious teachings religious seminaries under al-Khoei and Muhsin al-Hakim at the age of 25 and began teaching.

While teaching he became a prominent member of the Iraqi Shia community, and was noted for his many writings. His first works were detailed critiques of Marxism that presented early ideas of an alternative Islamic form of government. Perhaps his most important work was Iqtisaduna, one of the most important works on Islamic economics. This work was critique of both socialism and capitalism. He was subsequently commissioned by the government of Kuwait to assess how that country's oil wealth could be managed in keeping with Islamic principles. This led to a major work on Islamic banking that still forms the basis for modern Islamic banks.

He also worked with Sayyid Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim in forming an Islamist movement in Iraq. This attracted the attention of the Baath Party, which resulted in numerous imprisonments for the Ayatollah. He was often subjugated to torture during his imprisonments, but continued his work after being released. One of the founders of modern Islamist thought he is credited with first developing the notion, later put in operation in Iran, of having western style democratic elections, but with a body of Muslim scholars to ensure all laws corresponded with Islamic teachings.

If we want to talk about Ayatollah Sayyid Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr's personality, we could very easily say that he was without any doubt a genius, without a doubt a personality who was ahead of his time! If in the worldly sense we call Einstein a genius, or before him it is said that Leonardo Da Vinci was a genius, in the same sense we could very easily say with the complete consensus of the religious scholars that Shaheed al-Sadr was a man much ahead of his time.

In February of 1980, Shaheed al-Sadr was taken to prison for the last time. It was decided that he should be killed along with Bint al-Huda. There were things that happened to the women in the prisons that cannot be described, because it would be too shameful and embarrassing to do so. Not one or two cases, tens of thousands of cases. By God, the true nature of Saddam's atrocities has not been revealed to the world yet.

Bint al-Huda was taken with Shaheed al-Sadr to such a prison. Saddam gave orders to have both of them killed. Someone very close to Saddam asked him to kill Ayatollah Baqir al-Sadr, but to spare Bint al-Huda. Saddam said, "Kill the brother and let the sister live? Should I make the same blunder that Yazeed did?!"

We say to him, Yes, you have still made the same mistake, O Saddam, that Yazeed did! He thought that once Imam Hussain was dead, that was it. You think you won? This is history. Shaheed al-Sadr did not misunderstand history. He knew that his blood would bear fruits. When Saddam was hanged, there was only one chant that was heard: "Long Live Shaheed al-Sadr!"

How was Shaheed al-Sadr martyred? Most probably, after inhumane torture, he was killed by hammering nails through his skull. His and his sister's bodies were then set aflame.

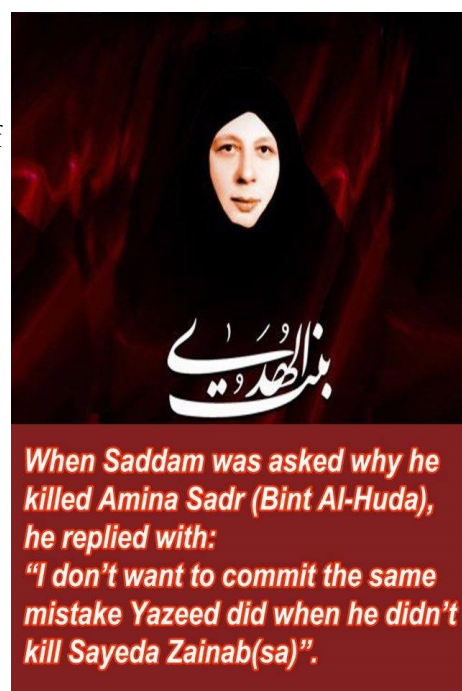


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## Why me ?why does God not like me ???

*Submitted By Sr.Shama Murtaza*

One of the Best Message which I Received and which Explains Life completely True and Best....

Arthur Ashe, The Legendary Wimbledon Player was dying of AIDS which he got due to Infected Blood he received during a Heart Surgery in 1983..

He received letters from his fans, one of which conveyed: "Why did God have to select you for such a bad disease??"

To this Arthur Ashe replied:

50 Million children started playing Tennis,

5 Million learnt to play Tennis,

5,00,000 learnt Professional Tennis,

50,000 came to Circuit,

5,000 reached Grand slam,

50 reached Wimbledon,

4 to the Semifinals,

2 to the Finals and when I was Holding the Cup

I never asked God " Why Me?"

and now in Pain I should not be asking God 'Why Me ?'

Happiness keeps U Sweet!!

Trials keeps U Strong!!

Sorrows keeps U Human!!

Failure keeps U Humble!!

Success keeps U Glowing but

only Faith keeps U Going.

So have Hope in Heart and Faith in God , don't think " Why Me?"

.Good day

## The sanctuary of Imam EL-Mahdy (may Allah hasten his appearance)

The Imam Mahdy sanctuary is one of the holy sites and landmarks in Kerbala city. Tens of thousands of pilgrims come to visit it and seek blessing.

It's located on the left bank of the EL-Husseinia River, at the North entrance of Kerbala holy city. It is 650 meters far from the Imam Hussein holy shrine. It's been named as (EL-Mahdy sanctuary) regarding the name of the awaited Imam EL-Mahdy (may Allah hasten his appearance). It's been mentioned that Imam EL-Mahdy (may Allah hasten his appearance) had prayed at this holy place, and that made it very sacred. It's considered one of the most significant holy sanctuaries in Kerbala holy city for being related to Imam EL-Mahdy (may Allah hasten his appearance). It's attended annually on a special occasion known as EL-Sha'banya Pilgrimage, which is one of the most important pilgrimages for the adorers of Ahlulbait (p.b.u.y). About 15 millions of pilgrims gathered there on the 15th Night of Sha'ban, approximately corresponded to June 24th.



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## UN Secretary-General's remarks to press in Najaf, Iraq

The following are the remarks of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki Moon after meeting Ayatollah Sistani in Najaf earlier today.

Assalam Alaikum.

Ramadan Kareem.

I am extremely honored to have met His Eminence Grand Ayatollah Al-Sistani today for the first time.

He is a man of the deepest wisdom and tolerance. He is an inspiration and a role model for his many followers in Iraq and beyond.

We reviewed the current crisis in Iraq and the necessary humanitarian response. I expressed the United Nations' gratitude for His Eminence's support for all efforts to protect civilians in the current conflict.

We discussed in detail the multiple reports of grave human rights violations against civilians, places of worship, religious leaders and atrocities in the areas controlled by the Islamic State.

The Security Council of the United Nations and the rest of the international community have spoken out against these acts, loud and clear. Here in Najaf, I once again, as Secretary-General of the United Nations, strongly condemn these violations of fundamental universal human rights.

His Eminence underscored that the fight against the Islamic State and other armed groups should be exclusively conducted by the Iraqi Security Forces and only within the framework of the Constitution. We also discussed the ongoing political process of government formation.

The parliament has now elected a new speaker, Dr. Salim al-Jubouri, a few days ago. I am pleased to hear that Dr. Fouad Massoum has been elected as President of this great country. I sincerely hope that under his leadership, an inclusive government should be formed without delay and within constitutionally mandated timelines. I had the honour of meeting him before we came here and I extend, on behalf of the United Nations, my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations for his election as President of Iraq. We will continue to work closely for peace, development and human rights of Iraq.

A new government that is truly inclusive will strengthen the unity of the country, fight effectively against terrorism and ISIS, as well as uproot the seeds of sectarianism and division. I expressed to His Eminence how deeply moved I was by his consistent calls for all sides to refrain from sectarian or ethnic rhetoric.

I strongly welcome his crucially important appeal for all citizens to exercise the highest degree of restraint, to work on strengthening the bonds between each other and avoid any kind of behaviour that may affect the unity of Iraq. His Eminence and I agreed that political leaders must refrain from radical statements and accusations.

In this time of crisis, when we see the shocking treatment of minorities by the Islamic State, His Eminence continues to preach peace, love and unity among all elements of Iraqi society.

I encourage all religious authorities to follow that example and stand up for tolerance, mutual respect and non-violence. Such calls would help silence the voices of those who wish to advance their own violent and divisive agendas. Such appeals would contribute to the unity of the country.

Once again, I was deeply impressed by my time with His Eminence. You can continue to count on my full support along with the United Nations as the people of Najaf and all of Iraq work to build a tolerant, peaceful and prosperous country for all its people.

Shukran.





## Green Hadiths

Did the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) say anything about saving our planet? Did he promote any ideas or practices relevant to the world's growing concern about the future of the earth and its resources?

Today, with the increasing awareness of the dangers facing our planet and the great interest in green ideas, a reflection on the guidance of the Prophet in this area proves helpful and relevant. What is distinctive about the Prophet's approach to environmental issues is the connection he establishes between green practices and the Hereafter reward, which represents for Muslims an incentive greater than any worldly gain or reward and, as a result, prompts a greater care for the earth and more effort to conserve its resources.



Below is a collection of the Prophet's *hadiths* that, although said 14 centuries ago, are so relevant today. The green ideas are not novel, they are as old and well established as the religion of Islam is.



Plant a tree even if it is your last deed:

1. Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said, "If the Hour (the day of Resurrection) is about to be established and one of you was holding a palm shoot, let him take advantage of even one second before the Hour is established to plant it."



Planting trees is a renewable source of *hasanat*:

2. Anas also reported that the Prophet said, "If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift (*sadaqah*) for him." (Bukhari)



Conserve resources even when used for rituals:

3. Abu Zarr Al-Ghafari (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said, "Removing harmful things from the road is an act of charity (*sadaqah*)."



Keeping environment clean is important:

4. The Prophet said, "Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that without a just cause, Allah will hold him accountable on the Day of Judgment." The listeners asked, "O Messenger of Allah, what is a just cause?" He replied, "That he will kill it to eat, not simply to chop off its head and then throw it away."



No for over-consumption! Consider recycling and fixing before buying new items:

5. Abdullah ibn `Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet said, "The believer is not he who eats his fill while his neighbor is hungry." (Authenticated by Al-Albani)



## THE UPRISING OF THE MAHDI AWAITS US

By Sayyid Hasan Mu'mini

Representation, just as occultation, is divided into two stages. The specific representation occurred in the minor occultation and the general representation occurs in the major occultation.

The specific representation occurred as the Imam would specifically name individuals as his representatives. Each one of them was introduced to the people by the previous representative.

But, the Imam appointed general representatives by specifying certain general and specific characteristics. Whoever has these characteristics, in all of their multifarious aspects, becomes the guardian (wali) of the society in religious and worldly affairs as the representative of the Imam.

This station of representation was given to the scholars who meet the criterion by Imam Mahdi ('a) himself.

Shaykh Tusi, Shaykh Saduq, and Shaykh Tabarasi all narrated from Ishaq bin 'Ammar who said:

وأما الحوادث الواقعة فارجعوا فيها إلى رواة حديثنا، فإنهم حجتي عليكم، وأنا حجة الله عليهم

Our master, Imam Mahdi ('a) [spoke about the duties of the Shia during the occultation]. He said: 'As for the events which will occur, turn to the narrators of our traditions, because they are my proof to you, while I am the proof of Allah<sup>1</sup>.

Likewise, Tabarasi narrated from Imam Hasan 'Askari ('a), who said:

فأما من كان من الفقهاء صانعا لنفسه ، حافظا لدينه ، مخالفا على هواه ، مطيعا لأمر مولاه ، فللعوام أن يقلدوه:

It is incumbent upon the laymen to follow (in taqlid) those amongst the jurists who are careful of their souls, protect their religion, oppose their carnal desires, and obey the commands of their master.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, the person responsible for the affairs of the Muslims during the major occultation is the jurist. He takes charge of the guardianship and leadership of the ummah. In the other words, he is the guardian jurist (wali al-faqih); the affairs of the ummah must be placed under his supervision. The jurists were given the authority of issuing religious decrees and judgement by the Infallible Imams ('a) before this period. But, officially recognizing the religious authority of Islamic jurists started from this period and will last until the Imam ('a) returns. After Imam Mahdi's ('a) advent, the government of the time<sup>3</sup> will continue from these divine saints.<sup>4</sup>

### APOLOGIA

( اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مَثَلُ نُورِهِ كَمِشْكَاةٍ فِيهَا مِصْبَاحٌ الْمِصْبَاحُ فِي زُجَاجَةٍ الزُّجَاجَةُ كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ زَيْتُونَةٍ لَا شَرْقِيَّةٍ وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضِيءُ وَلَوْ لَمْ تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ نُورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ لِنُورِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ )

Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The parable of His Light is a niche wherein is a lamp—the lamp is in a glass, the glass as it were a glittering star—lit from a blessed olive tree, neither eastern nor western, whose oil almost lights up, though fire should not touch it. Light upon light. Allah guides to His Light whomever He wishes. Allah draws parables for mankind, and Allah has knowledge of all things.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tabarasi, *Ihtijaj*, V.2, P.469

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, v.2, P.458

<sup>3</sup> Refers to the verse: "...and We make such vicissitudes rotate among mankind, so that Allah may ascertain those who have faith..." Quran, 3:140.

<sup>4</sup> *Bihar al-Anwar*, v.52, p.312; *Kamal al-Din*, v.10, p.256; *'Ayun Akhbar al-Rida* (a), v.1, p.264.

<sup>5</sup> Quran, 24:35

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As-Salamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatoh

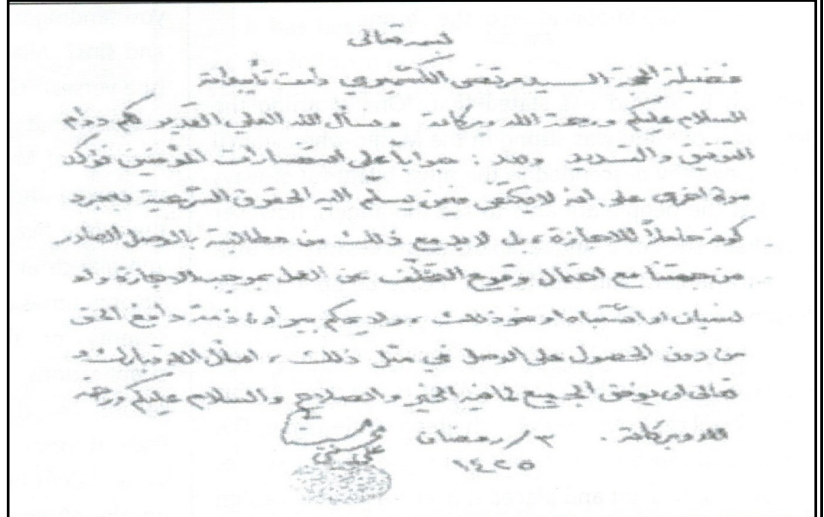
I ask Allah The Most High, The Omnipotent to always guide and support you.

In response to inquiries from Momineen, we emphasize once again that paying Islamic dues to whoever holds an authorization (Ijaza) is not sufficient. A demand for a receipt issued by must be made [to the person receiving the Islamic dues]. Bearing in mind that discrepancies in adhering to the Ijaza may occur either through forgetfulness, error or similar situations. A clear conscience by the payer (of Islamic dues) cannot be attained unless a receipt is obtained as above.

I ask Allah The Blessed The most High to grant everyone that which is good and beneficial.

Wassalamu alikum warahmatullah Wa-barakatoh

Seal and signature of Ali Al-Hussaini as-Seestani



## Dedications

This space is dedicated to readers of *Al-Haqq* and their family members who have passed away. Please recite Sura Fatiha for them and all Marhumeen

Those who would like to include names of their deceased in this section are requested to contact the Editorial Address stated in the inside front cover. There is no charge for this service.

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### DEATH IN THE STATE OF IMAN

رَبَّنَا لَا تُرِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ

لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us.  
And (instead) grant us Your special mercy,  
for You are the Granter of bounties without limits.

Al Imran 8

**Significance:** Anyone who recites this Du'a after each Salaah, he shall die in the state of Iman — Insha Allah.

# Paid in Full...

By Saleem Bhimji (www.al-mubin.org)

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّقُونَ أُجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ

“Every soul shall taste death, and you will indeed be paid your full rewards on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever is delivered from the fire and admitted to paradise has certainly succeeded. The life of this world is nothing but the wares of delusion.” (Al-Qur’an, Surat Ale Imran (3), Verse 185)

One of the universal truths which nothing in existence can escape from is death. This reality is so undeniable that in English we have a saying that, “There are two things in life which are inevitable: death and taxes.” Although today, we know that the extremely wealthy are able to avoid taxes through off-shore bank accounts, hiring the best accountants and other slick tactics, but even they are beginning to feel the crunch of the law.

Death however, is something which no matter how advanced science and technology will become, and no matter how clever people think they are, no one can ever escape. Therefore, rather than trying

to flee from death and attempting to circumvent the system which God has put into place, everyone needs to understand death and what comes after it, and make the best of the life of this world for the future abode. Although there are numerous verses which describe different aspects of death and the after-life, the one which we want to reflect upon in this article comes from Surat Ale Imran (3), verse 185 in which Allah has used some very interesting expressions which we need to review in greater depth.

Allah starts out the verse by saying that every soul (كُلُّ نَفْسٍ) will taste death (ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ). Let us first review each of these words individually.

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1- The word, soul (نَفْسٌ), has been employed, however

we know from a review of the commentary of this verse that Allah does not refer to the “soul” as we know it – and its death – but rather the human being (and really every-

thing in creation) in general; because the “soul” in itself does not die.

2- The method of experiencing death is referred to as tasting (ذَائِقَةُ) - and this is a very interesting word. If we think about our five senses: sight, touch, taste, smell and hearing, they all have their own competencies. There are some things which we can only see and our other senses are of no use when trying to understand it – such as the sun.

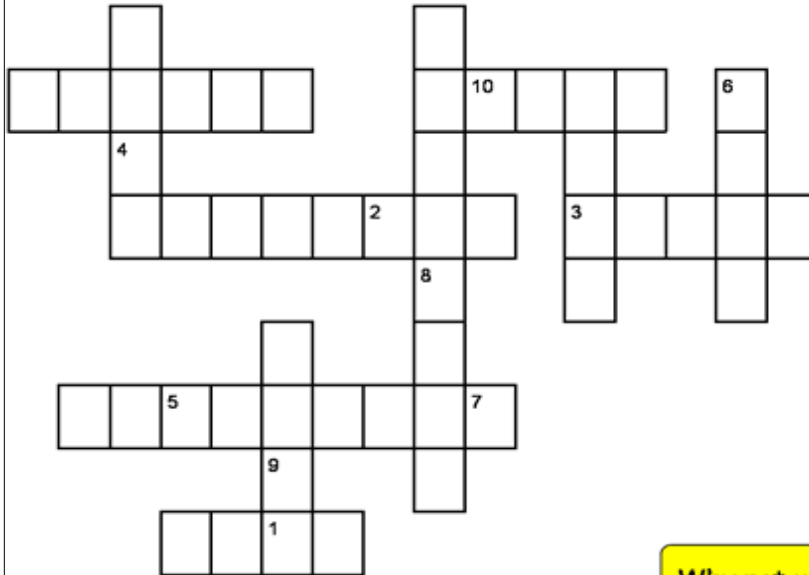
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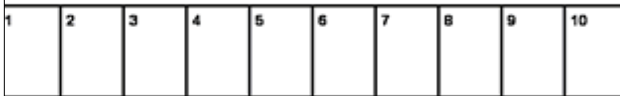
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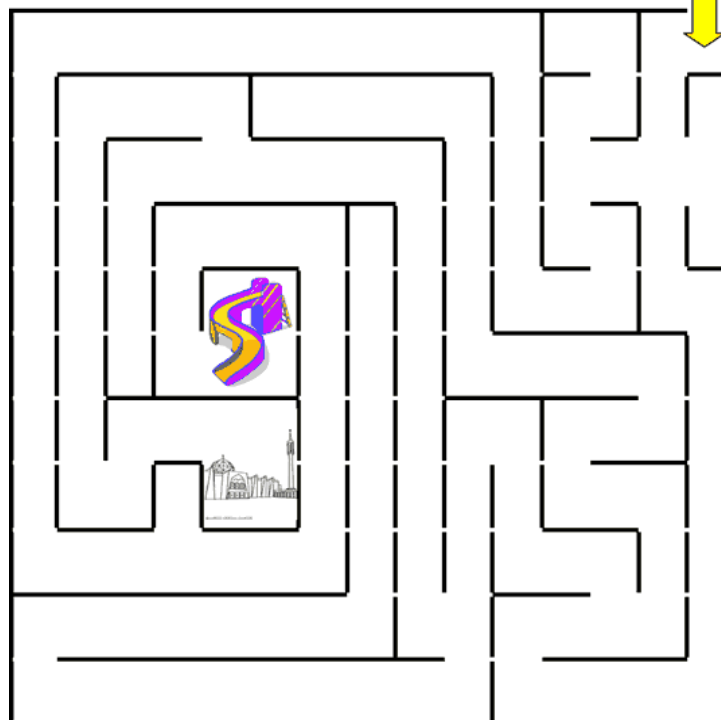
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Its time for Zohr Salah, get me to the Masjid as quick as possible!



# ROQUIYA'S KITCHEN

*Submitted by Sr. Duaa Al-Aghar*

## Iraqi Layered Fresh Fava Bean/Broad Beans & Rice

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lbs fava beans, before cleaning
- 1 cup rice
- 1 -1 1/2 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- 1 medium onion, chopped, 2 -3 tablespoons oil ,  
salt, to taste ,yogurt or date syrup

### Directions:

1. If using a rice cooker, measure the amount of water for the rice only then add and mix all ingredients together. If using a conventional pot, mix all ingredients together and cover with water that measures about the width of a finger above the rice line. Cover, bring to a boil, lower heat and allow to steam for about 1/2 hour. You can check the rice and beans for doneness.
2. Traditionally, when the rice is half cooked, it's divided in half, the mung beans and onions are laid on the bottom half and the rest of the rice is then laid on top (hence "m'tubuq" meaning "layered". Cover again and continue to steam.
3. Serve with dollops of plain yogurt or date syrup (dibis).



## Chocolate Pretzels

### Ingredients:

1. 24 circular pretzels
2. 24 milk chocolate candy kisses
3. 1 (1.69 ounce) package mini candy-coated chocolates

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Place pretzels on baking sheets. Unwrap candy kisses and place one in the center of each pretzel.
3. Place in preheated oven 1 to 2 minutes, until kisses melt. Remove from oven and place one candy-coated chocolate in the center of each pretzel. Chill in refrigerator until set.

