

ship, reading of the Qur'an, giving charity, purifying one's behavior, and doing good deeds.

As a secondary goal, fasting is a way of experiencing hunger and developing sympathy for the less fortunate, and learning to thankfulness and appreciation for all of God's bounties. Fasting is also beneficial to the health and provides a break in the cycle of rigid habits or overindulgence.

Perhaps fasting in Ramadan is the most widely practiced of all the Muslim forms of worship.

Laylat al-Qadr literally the „Night of Decrees“ or „Night of Measures“, is the anniversary of the night Muslims believe the first verses of the Quran were revealed to Muhammad by the angel Jibril. It is also the anniversary of the night in which the Quran is believed to have been revealed in its entirety. Any acts of worship undertaken on this night are rewarded in multiple thousands in comparison to the same act of worship done on any other day.

Muslims are encouraged to fast six days in Shawwal beginning after Eid ul-Fitr; these days need not be consecutive. According to hadith, one who fasts the month of Ramadan and six days during Shawwal will be rewarded as though he fasted the entire year.

Important event in Ramadan History: the Battle of Badr:

The Battle of Badr, fought March 17, 624 AD (17 Ramadan 2 AH in the Islamic calendar) in the Hejaz of western Arabia, was a key battle in the early days of Islam and a turning point in Muhammad's struggle with his opponents among the Quraish in Mecca. The battle has been passed down in Islamic history as a decisive victory attributable to divine intervention or the genius of Muhammad. Badr, however was the first large-scale engagement between the two forces. Advancing to a strong defensive

position, Muhammad's well-disciplined men managed to shatter the Meccan lines, killing several important Quraishi leaders including Muhammad's chief antagonist, 'Amr ibn Hisham.

For the early Muslims, the battle was extremely significant because it was the first sign that they might eventually defeat their enemies in Mecca. Mecca at that time was one of the richest and most powerful pagan cities in Arabia, which fielded an army three times larger than that of the Muslims. The Muslim victory also signalled other tribes that a new power had arisen in Arabia and strengthened Muhammad's authority as leader of the often fractious community in Medina. Local Arab tribes began to convert to Islam and ally themselves with the Muslims of Medina; thus, the expansion of Islam began. [info: internet] ◆



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As-salāmu 'alaikum!

A'ūdhu bi-llāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm.

The biggest Bela, curse, on mankind is from Shaytan, therefore we have been ordered to run away from Shaytan. But people now are running after him. When I was at the airport I saw a small

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car with a sign “Follow me!” written on it. Why is “Follow me!” written on it? And I saw a gigantic plane coming and beginning to follow. Now mankind is not running from Shaytan, but running after Shaytan to follow that cursed one! If you follow a cursed one, what should happen? Will blessings reach you or curses? Therefore we must say: *A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raġīm, bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm.*

This “*bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm*” is our sword, our sword for defending ourselves. And it is so easy to defend ourselves against Shaytan, but it looks so difficult and it never becomes hopeless when it runs after a person. It says, “One day I shall catch him, and when I catch that one ...” When he is drinking, Shaytan comes to that one, saying, “Oh my best friend, please taste and smoke, it is very very useful. Because if you don’t smoke, no one will say that you are complete a youth from our time. “My head is turning!” “Don’t worry, today it may turn, but tomorrow it will be okay ... Just look in the mirror!” Like in the old days when they used to have smoking places and they would have a mirror. And there you could arrange your appearance in the best of ways. You must pay a lot of attention to the way you look.

Shaytan is teaching people about *sharr*, evil things, which are cursed by Heaven. Anything that you do against the Rule of Heaven brings a curse on you. As quickly as lightening it comes on you, destroying something of yours!

Oh people! Welcome to you! Welcome to you because your ego never likes to come here and it gets angry: “Why you are taking me to that place? There is no dancing there, not even any smoking and they are making some rules. Why are you taking me to

that place?” Therefore we must say: *A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raġīm*, and then we must say: *Bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm, bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm – ... bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm!*

Why are you throwing stones at Mina? Why, what does it mean? Allah Almighty wants to teach us that we must always throw stones at Shaytan! When it comes and tries to take you away from the blessed way, throw with “*A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raġīm*” and say: “*Bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm*”! That one must know that we are servants of our Lord, the One who created us!

Who can say that there is no god? So many foolish people! I may ask: If there is no God – who brought you into existence? How did you come into existence? By yourself? Were you invited to come here? How can you say, “There is no God”? To say that there is no god is so easy, but it is so bad, it is the worst thing that men may say! It makes heavenly Anger to fall on them and when heavenly Anger is moving there is no power that can come against it! Your missiles, your destroyers, your such-and-such weapons, atomic weapons, and every technology that you have is nothing if heavenly Anger is moving to come to earth!

Oh people, we are a handful of people here and we have reached, *inshā’ Allāb*, tonight a holy night, Laylatu l-Barā’a, about which the Prophet ﷺ said, “There is no other night that may be more valuable after the Night of Power than the Night of Barā’a”!

Where is the Imam? Read the Surat Hā Mīm!

[Imam:] “*A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raġīm, bismi llābi r-raġmāni r-raġīm. Hā-Mīm, wa l-kitābi l-mubīn. Innā anzalnāhu fi laylatin mubārakatin innā kunnā munzirīn fibā yufraqu kullu amrin ḥakīm ...*” [44:1-4]

Al-ḥamdulillāb, blessings have reached us, *al-ḥamdulillāb*, and we are asking for forgive-

ness and guidance from our Lord Allah Almighty in this year to be sent to us, so that we may follow His most beloved and glorified servant in creation from pre-eternity up until eternity, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ! This is the way that mankind can save themselves. If not they should be taken away!

And this night tonight is going to bring a new change for the whole year and it will show us what is going to happen, and we hope that our names will be in the table of Paradise people, not in the table of Hell’s people.

Oh people, Duniyā is a dark place. Whoever is giving love for this dirty Duniyā can never be happy. And Duniyā is a dark place, but Shaytan and our ego are urging us: “Oh, you must try to be forever in this Duniyā!” What is the result? Melting, melting, melting ... Whoever asks to be with Allah Almighty, He will give them real existence, eternal life! Eternity – such a sweet word in western languages I have never seen ... Eternity, eternity, *ebedi, sarmadi, daimumi* ... There isn’t any other word that gives my soul such enjoyment and pleasure as that word “eternity”, “eternal”. Eternity!

Try to reach eternity! If not, you will have to go back to the worlds of darkness where you can’t see anything. Some crea-

tures are living in the darkness, dark places, under this earth – and it is not easy! It is such a big trouble for a person to be imprisoned in the darkness! There is so much happiness and enjoyment for those people who are asking for enlightened worlds, invisible worlds, to reach more and more pleasure and lights! Divine Lights are reaching them forever, forever, forever without end. This Duniyā is dirty! There is so much dirtiness in it, yet people are asking to be here, there, to be this, to be that ... They have such weak faith, such weak beliefs! It is not true! Come, little by little and try to accept to be in eternity for an eternal life in blessed countless oceans of creation! Come and ask for that! Don’t live for Duniyā, but try to live for the Creator of Heavens. May Allah forgive us! *Fātiḥab!*

Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb

Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb

Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb

Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!

Allābumma ṣalli ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin in-nabiyyi ummi wa ‘alā ālibi wa ṣaḥbbi wa salim ... ♦

T H E I S L A M I C C A L E N D A R

The Month of Ramadan

Ramadan is a special month of the year for over one billion Muslims throughout the world, a time for inner reflection, devotion to God, and self-control. There are as many meanings of Ramadan as there are Muslims.

The third “pillar” or religious obligation of Islam, fasting has many special benefits.

Among these, the most important is that it is a means of learning self-control. Due to the lack of preoccupation with the satisfaction of bodily appetites during the daylight hours of fasting, a measure of ascendancy is given to one’s spiritual nature, which becomes a means of coming closer to God. Ramadan is also a time of intensive wor-