



The Samfeen Times

Ignorance

قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَنتَ أَكْأَبْنَا فَنَسِيْنَهَا وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ نُنْسِيْ

Allah will respond, “It is so, just as Our revelations came to you and you neglected them, so Today you are neglected.”

Surah Taha Ayah 126



Alhamdulillah, the theme for this month is **ignorance**. The quality of ignorance can refer to the state of a person before Islam, or negatively describe a person's characteristics or traits. A person can live their life with ignorance- like those who live their entire life following the desires and keeping themselves away from Allah (swt), ignoring Him as if he isn't there. You may have heard the term “Ignorance is bliss” which essentially means sometimes it's better to go unaware of something or live without the supposed burden of that knowledge. We can say for sure that in our deen, ignorance is certainly *not* bliss, rather, a strong Iman and a good foundation of knowledge in Islam is enlightenment, and it brings you one stepping stone closer to Jannah inshaAllah.

The All Knowing

Allah SWT has 99 beautiful, meaningful, and impactful Names that have a deep rooted significance. One of these names is Al 3Aleem, the All knowing. Allah SWT mentions in many parts of the Quran and reminds us that He is al 3Aleem, and sometimes that is in the context of showing those who are ignorant and misguided that He SWT knows everything that they do. We must understand that the less we know, the more we resemble the people that Allah SWT speaks against. We must learn and gain knowledge whether it be related to the World, or the Deen. Seeking knowledge is incredibly valuable, and bring us closer to Allah SWT and bring us to truly understand this name, what it means, and how it impact our daily lives.

الْعَلِيْمُ
AL-'ALEEM
The All-Knowing



Deed of the month

- Seek knowledge on the punishment of those who are ignorant and how Allah SWT feels about those who are not knowledgeable or students of knowledge.
- Make sure to always understand what it means to be ignorant. The one who is the most successful isn't the one who starts earlier, it's the one who starts with sincerity. So if you decide to seek knowledge sincerely, then you can reach your goal.
- Allah SWT said to turn away from those who are ignorant. (surat al A3raf, ayah 199). Be sure that the influence around you isn't a group of people that isn't uplifting you to be more knowledgeable and attend more halaqas and memorize the Quran.
- Make sure that when you gain knowledge, you are doing it with sincerity and honesty. The first people who will be put in the hellfire are not non muslims, but Muslims who had the incorrect intention. So when seeking knowledge, do not do it for anyone but Allah SWT.
- Pass the knowledge you gain onto the next generation. Don't keep the knowledge to yourself. If you will be a Father or Mother in the future, you will want the valuable knowledge you gain to be passed on so you don't have ignorant children.



عَنْ أَنَسٍ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ

عَلَّمَ وَيَكْثُرُ الْجَهْلُ وَيَكْثُرُ الزَّنا وَيَكْثُرُ شَرْبُ الْخمرِ وَيَقَلُّ الرَّجَالُ وَتَكْثُرُ النِّسَاءُ حَتَّى يَكُونَ لِحَمْسِينَ امْرَأَةً الْقَيْمُ الْوَاحِدُ. . وَفِي رِوَايَةٍ: «يَقُولُ الْعُلَمَاءُ وَيُظْهِرُ الْجَهْلُ». مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ

Anas told that he heard God's messenger say, "Among the signs of the last hour will be the removal of knowledge, the abundance of ignorance, the prevalence of fornication, the prevalence of wine-drinking, the small number of men and the large number of women, so that fifty women will have one man to look after them." A version has "the small amount of knowledge and the presence of ignorance."

(Bukhari and Muslim.)



Quiz of the Month

This photo is a great representation of the efforts our parents go through to give us good lives. Often our parents experience many challenges and overcome difficulties for our sake and we have no knowledge of it. I don't think there is any way that we can ever repay our parents for how much they do for us. We know that in Islam Allah reminds us multiple times in the Quran to respect our elders and be kind to our parents. There are also many ahadith talking about the same thing. Although we will never be able to care for our parents the way our mothers did when we were babies, we can take a look at the many ayahs and ahadith to see how we can repay our parents to the best of our ability.

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ إِمَّا يَبُلُغَنَّ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أَفٌ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا (٢٣) ﴿٢٣﴾

"For your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And honor your parents. If one or both of them reach old age in your care, never say to them 'even' 'ugh,' nor yell at them. Rather, address them respectfully." [17:23]

This ayah not only tells us the way we should be addressing and acting towards our parents but it also emphasizes importance of doing so by putting the command immediately after the one of worshipping Allah alone.

We can and should show our gratitude to our parents in our actions and behaviors, this can be done in many ways: Not raising our voices, not delaying the things they ask us to do, helping with cleaning the house, giving them respect in each and every interaction, etc. For example, if we put our dirty clothes in the hamper instead of the floor we will be keeping our rooms more tidy and making our parents happy. Thanking our mothers for making dinner and simply telling them it tastes good shows our gratitude to her for making it. These are example of simple things we as children may seem overlook but are big in the eyes of our parents.

The picture and caption are a great representation of the society we live in today. It reminds me of the hadith when Jibril (AS) went to the prophet SAW asking him questions about Islam, Iman, Ihsan, and the day of judgement which included, "...He said: Messenger of Allah, when is the Hour (of Doom)? He replied: The one who is asked about it is no better informed than the inquirer, however I will narrate some of its signs to you. When the slave-girl will give birth to her master, then that is from its signs..." This snippet talking about the slave-girl giving birth to her master represents a child commanding her parents rather than the other way around. This occurrence is prevalent in the world today, especially in the newer generation. It is common to find kids talking back to their teachers and parents and throwing fits when they don't get what they want. The children of today have grown accustomed to getting what they want when they want it and the parenting style known as "gentle parenting" has also become popular. This "parenting" lacks disciplining children and just fulfills their every wish resulting in kids who only know how to tell people what to do.



Sadaqah for Barakah

It's been about a year and almost a month since October the 7th, with the intensification and rapid genocide of our Palestinian brothers and sisters. It's been about 75.5 years since the beginning of this horrible occupation of our brothers and sisters. Inshallah we make dua, we do the best we can, and we pass our knowledge onto the next generation so we have people who can liberate Falastin. The least we can do as of right now is spare some of our wealth to our brothers and sisters who need it more than we do, and inshallah when we are questioned what we did for the people of Palestine, we will be able to say that we took part of our Monetary wealth and gave it to them (and inshallah more effort).

حَدَّثَنَا عُثْمَانُ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا جَرِيرٌ، عَنْ مَنصُورٍ، عَنْ أَبِي وَائِلٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ أَنْوَأَخَذُ بِمَا عَمَلْنَا فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ قَالَ " أَمَّا مَنْ أَحْسَنَ مِنْكُمْ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ فَلَا يُؤَاخَذُ بِهَا وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ أُخَذَ بِعَمَلِهِ فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ " . ا

It is narrated on the authority of Abdullah b. Mas'ud that some people said to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ): Messenger of Allah, would we be held responsible for our deeds committed in the state of ignorance (before embracing Islam)? Upon his he (the Holy Prophet) remarked: He who amongst you performed good deeds in Islam, He would not be held responsible for them (misdeeds which he committed in ignorance) and he who committed evil (even after embracing Islam) would be held responsible or his misdeeds that he committed in the state of ignorance as well as in that of Islam.



History Halaqas Summary

Othman ibn Affan (ra) is a noteworthy sahaba for many reasons. He was known as “The Possessor of Two Lights” because he married two daughters of the prophet (saw): Ruqayya and then Umm Kulthoum. After the death of Ruqayya and then Umm Kulthoum, the rasool (saw) told him that if he had another *unmarried* daughter, he would give her to him. The second importance of Othman ibn affan (ra) is his status among the angels. In one hadith, the rasool (saw) is sitting in his home when Abu Bakr (ra) and Omar (ra) enter the house. The rasool (saw) did not fix his position and cover his thigh except for Othman. When asked about this he said “Wouldn’t I be shy of someone whom the angels of shy of?”. Thirdly, Othman (ra) bought a well called “Roma” for the Muslims after they came to Madinah without money. The rasool (saw) said “Whoever brings this water, Jannah will be fore him”. Othman bought the well and supplied the Muslims with a surplus of water, completely free of charge. Before the war of Tabook, when the rasool was asking for donations to put together an army to fight the persians, Othman (ra) donated 100 camels with seats full of treasures all three times the rasool (saw) asked the group. Because of this the rasool (saw) said “After what he has done today, nothing he does in the future will harm him” ie: even his future sins will be forgiven. Another great virtue of Othman is his contribution to the compilation of the Quran. He is one of the 5 sahabas whom the Quran was passed down from to Abdullah ibn Habib Sulaymi who passed it to Asim who was the teacher of Hafsa. So Othman (ra) is in the chain of the one who gets their Ijazah! Another important topic covered is the history of the Qabbala. We talked about a man named Abdullah ibn Saba who was from the Jews of Qabbala. We understand from the prophet (saw) that there is one path to Allah (swt) and there are many alternate pathways created by Shaytaan to mislead people from the straight path to Jannah. Some of these paths include, christianity, liberalism, lgbtq, feminism, idolatry, Shias, and many more, all of which are started by Shaytaan and have the same end goal of preparing the earth for Maseeh Al Dajjal. We explored the relationship that will begin between the Shias in Iran and the zionists who will be kicked out of Palestine after it is liberated. Lastly, the concept of “Batiniyyah” or “ghunusiyyah” refers to the idea 3 layers of revelation from God: Meanings that can be derived and easily understood by the common person, meanings that are specific to rabbis and people educated, and then knowledge of the Qabbala which is the highest level of knowledge for a very important and select group of people that nobody else has any access to or understanding of at all. This concept exists in every “religion” and even presents itself in some deviant Islamic groups like the “Shia Batiniyya” or the specific group of shias that follow this ideology.





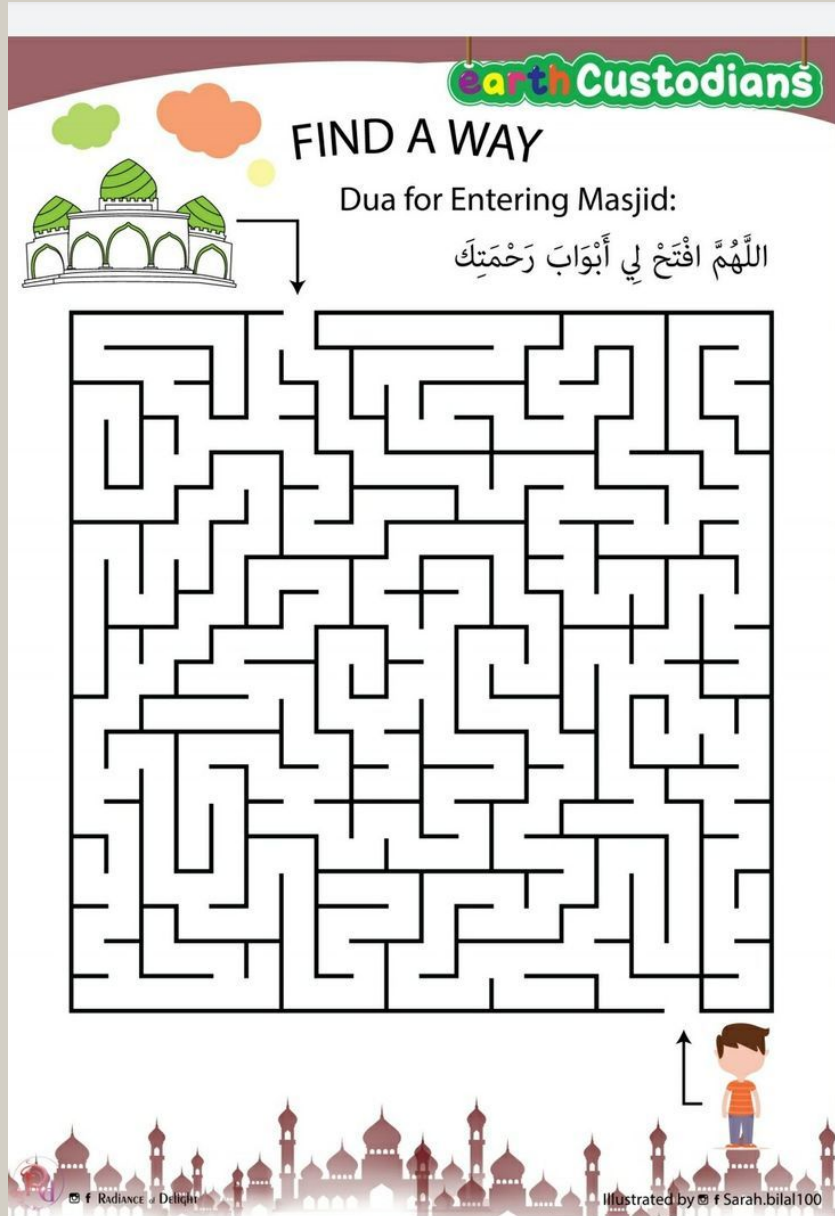
Highlighted Article of the Month

Understanding Christianity From an Outside Scope will be our first highlighted article, and for good reason. The author invites readers on a personal journey to explore Christianity from a Muslim perspective, highlighting the need to understand other faiths rather than ignore them. The article talks about Christianity's beliefs, including the divinity of Jesus and the concept of the Trinity, comparing it to Tawheed. Examples are also given, including conflicting accounts of Judas' death and the origins of biblical manuscripts. The author questions the consistency of Christian scriptures, presenting them as human rather than sent by God. They tell us how we should examine both the Quran and the Bible to see the differences and similarities between them. The Muslim reader is called to broaden their perspective, saying that engaging deeply with other beliefs strengthens our own faith and gives us an understanding of how other people think. If you haven't already, please read this article and prepare to discuss it at Tamkeen soon.





Game



خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ

Be gracious, enjoin what is right, and turn away from those who act ignorantly.

Surah Al A'raaf Ayah 199



Story of the Month

One day, a Bedouin entered the Masjid in Madinah and, unaware of its sanctity, began urinating in a corner. The companions were outraged and wanted to stop him, but the Prophet PBUH calmly told them to let him finish. Afterward, the Prophet PBUH gently explained to the man that the mosque is a place for prayer, not for relieving oneself, and ordered his companions to clean the area with water. The Prophet PBUH handling of the situation reflects his patience, wisdom, and kindness in dealing with ignorance. Instead of reacting harshly, he corrected the man with gentleness and compassion, using the moment as an opportunity to educate rather than punish. This approach not only won the Bedouin's heart but also demonstrated the Prophet PBUH'S understanding that kindness and education are more effective than reprimand in guiding others toward better behavior.

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال:

قام أعرابي في المسجد فبال، فقام الناس إليه ليقعوا به، فقال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: دعوه وأريقوا على بوله سجلا من ماء، أو ذنوبا من ماء، فإنما بعثتم ميسرين ولم تبعثوا معسرين.

— صحيح البخاري، كتاب الوضوء، حديث رقم 6128

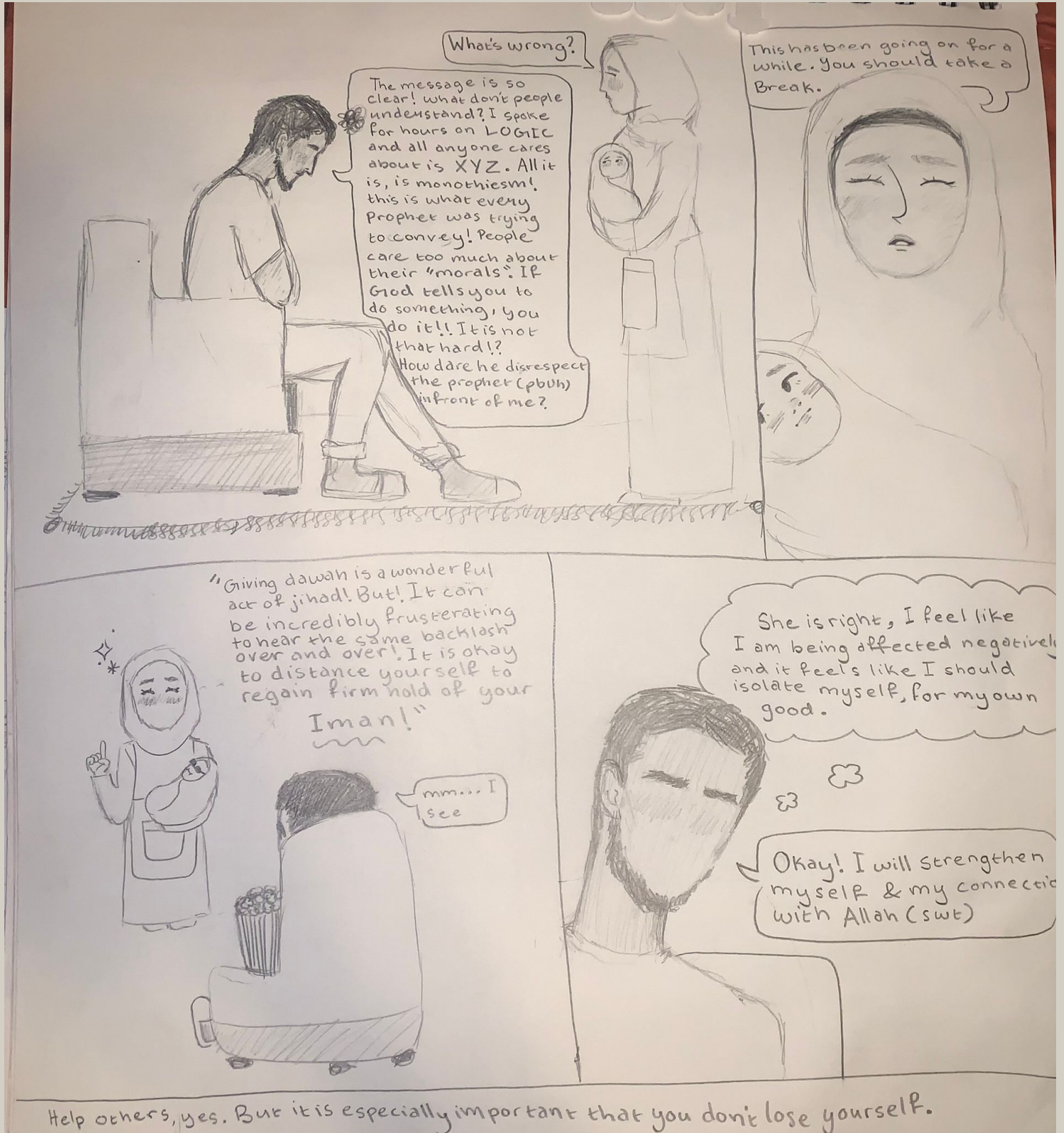
Tamkeen News

Quiz Answers: Quiz answers for this Month have been an awkward up and down. Some weeks we may have 35, the other we may have 50. As of right now, the weeks are unpredictable and there is no way we can know if we will fade out or hit a high number close to our record of 79. Inshallah we continue to go higher and higher and reach more people who will answer the quiz.

Reflection Articles: Alhamdulillah, little but valuable amounts of Reflection Articles have come in this month, both emotional and intellectual. Such as “I am Late... Again” submitted anonymously, “How Classical Judaism and Talmudic Law Influence and Explain Israel's Actions” by Umar Siddqui, and “Einstein, the genius of the 20th century..... right?” submitted anonymously! Inshallah more beautiful reflection articles are coming on the way and we will regain a higher number of more reflections.



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