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IMPORTANT DATES

February 13th: 1st day of Rajab

Occasions in the moth of Rajab:

Birthdays of : Imam Ali, Imam Baqir, Imam Taqi, (A.S) and Lady Zainab

Martyrdom of : Imam Naqi and Imam Kazim (a.S) Mi'raj (Maba'th of Prophet)

Greetings From IACS team

Assalamu Alaikum everyone!

We congrat you on on the beginning of the spiritual season, the blessed months of Rajab, Sha'bān, and Ramaḍān.

Month of Rajab is full of occasions. In this issue we focus on the birthday of Imam Ali (a.s) and Maba'th of the Prophet Mohammad (p.b.u.h) and we encourage you to learn more about the rest of the occasions that are listed under "important Dates".

POEM

He was born in the Ka'ba
 The Prophet he saw
 He supported him always
 Though times were raw.
 He married Fatima
 And had Hassan and
 Hussain
 And Zainab and Umme
 Kulthum
 Who would later all be in
 pain.

He stuck by the Prophet
 From the beginning till the
 end.

*The one who plants the tree of
 goodness will reap the sweetest fruit.
 -Imam Ali (AS)*



**Have you planted a
 tree of goodness?
 tell us how?**

A Miraculous Birthday

It was Friday 13th of month of Rajab when Fatima binte Asad, entered the precincts of the Kaaba and prayed to Allah saying,

" O'my protector ease my pain."

All of a sudden the wall of the Kaaba opened up and she, as if by some unseen force went inside the Kaaba and the wall closed.

The people were surprised to observe such a thing! They tried very hard to push open the door of the Ka'bah but it wouldn't open.

After 3 days, Fatimah bint Asad came out through the Kaaba door where Prophet Muhammad (S) was waiting outside to hold the new-born.

The best scholar of all times, Imam Ali (a.s) was born!



A LEADER BY ALLAH'S WILL

IMAM ALI IN QURAN

Why hasn't Imam Ali (a.s.)'s name been mentioned in the Holy Quran?

One should be aware that although Imam Ali's name has not been mentioned in the Quran, nevertheless, can be found in the Prophet's sayings. One very good example is the hadith of Ghadir which is considered the official announcement of the appointment of Imam Ali as successor to Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) after his death. Moreover, the Holy Quran itself has spoken about Imam Ali (a.s.). The most important verse that has spoken about him, is verse 55 of Surah Ma'idah which says: "Only Allah is your Waliyy (one who is in charge of everything) and His apostle and those who believe, those who establish prayer and pay the poor-rate while bowing down in rukoo'." It has been stated in both tafsir and hadith books that this ayah was revealed when Imam Ali (a.s.) gave his valuable ring as charity to a needy person while bowing down in Rukoo'. This verse is only talking about Imam Ali (a.s.) and no one else is meant by this ayah. So, although Imam Ali's name hasn't been mentioned in the Quran, yet he has clearly been spoken of in it

Can you find more ayah's in Quern about the Imam?

Ever since childhood Imam Ali was alongside the Prophet, and learned about Qur'anic moral values and the wisdom of the Qur'an from him, and served as his secretary of revelation. Imam Ali was one of the leading scholars of Islamic jurisprudence among the Companions.

One of Imam Ali's most prominent characteristics was the learning he possessed by the leave of Allah. His learning was not limited to texts of jurisprudence and laws. He was also one of the leading figures of his time in mathematics and similar branches of science. Our Prophet praised this important attribute of Imam Ali in a hadith: "I am the city of learning, and Imam Ali is the gate".

Imam Ali was the 1st person to arranged the Quran chapters to turn it into a book format.

IMAM ALI THE MOST KNOWLEDGABLE



FATHER'S DAY

Did you know in some culture, Imam Ali's birthday is also celebrated as **Father's day?**

Here is an idea to make your father feel special on this day.

Make a tie using paper or fabric.



Write what's special about your father on the back and give it to him on the Imam Ali's Bday.



If your father likes chocolate, use the 2nd idea to make him happy on his day!



K FOR KINDNESS

Imam `Ali (A.S.) was very kind to children, especially to orphans. If he ever saw an orphan crying, he would stop whatever he was doing, bend down, give the child his salam, wipe away the child's tears, put his hand on the child's shoulder and say,

"My child, why are you crying? Has someone hurt you? Come, let me take you to my house."

`Ali (A.S.) would take the child home and treat him better than any father. He would bring the child sweets and cakes and honey and put them in the child's mouth himself.

Imam `Ali used to tell his followers to love and be kind to orphans, especially the orphans of martyrs killed in the path of Allah.

"They have lost their loving fathers," he used to say. "So cheer them up and look after them just like a father.

"Their fathers were martyred in jihad and for the sake of Islam. and they have rights on you. Make their souls pleased with you by cheering up their children and looking after them."

Imam `Ali (A.S.) was so kind to orphans and laid so much stress on them in his teachings that one of his companions said:

"How I wish that I too was a young orphan so that I would receive kindness and love from Imam 'Ali (A.S.) *Love and be kind to children, especially orphans.*"



The 27th of Rajab marks the day that the angel Jibrā'īl first descended upon Prophet Muḥammad (p.b.u.h) with the opening verses of Sūrah al-'Alaq, the 96th chapter of the Qur'ān.

This marked the Mab'ath, or delegation of the Prophet (s), as the messenger who would convey the final religion of Allah: al-Islam.

In a society full of injustice and ignorance, the best of Allah's creation was appointed with a message to provide guidance and salvation for mankind until the end of time.

Upon the command of Allah, the Prophet started an all-out struggle to invite people towards the truth. This relentless struggle continued throughout the most difficult of conditions. Initially confined to a small number of individuals, day by day the religion of Islam grew. Prior to the Mab'ath, the Messenger of Allah used to frequently escape city life and spend time alone in the cave of Ḥirā', located north of Makkah. There he would worship Allah and ponder about His creation. On one such day when he was in the cave, something very different happened!





Imām al-‘Askarī (a) narrates: “Then when he completed 40 years of age, Allah the Exalted and Glorious looked at his heart. He found it to be the best of hearts, the greatest, most submissive, and most humble. Therefore He ordered that the doors of the heavens to open and the angels to descend while Muḥammad looked at this. And He ordered that His mercy descend from the bottom of His ‘arsh (throne) down to the head of Muḥammad.



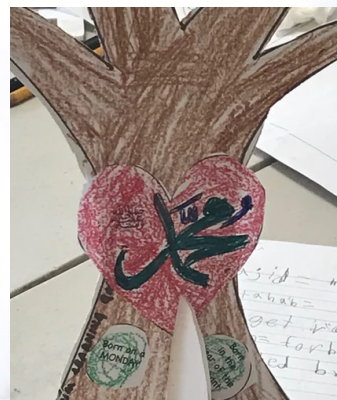
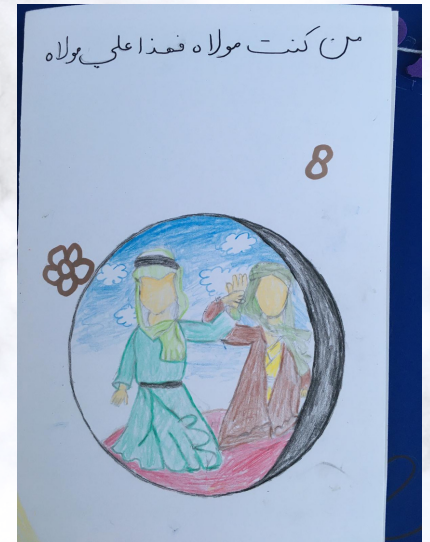
And he looked at Jibrā’īl - the trustworthy spirit, encompassed in light, the most beautiful of all the angels - descend upon him, take his upper arm and shake it saying “O Muḥammad! Read!”. He replied “And what should I read?” Jibrā’īl said “O Muḥammad! Read in the Name of your Lord who created; created man from a clinging mass. Read, and your Lord is the most generous, who taught by the pen, taught man what he did not know.”



If the greatness of a day is judged by the grace that Allah sends down in it, then this is undoubtedly a profoundly grand day in history. This because the blessing of Islam is the greatest blessing that Allah ever gave to humanity. Our heartfelt congratulations to all Muslims on this great and festive day.



Flashback to IACS celebrations



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