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Do not sit idle, for indeed death is seeking you.' (Hazrat Hasan Al Basri RA)

Carry mercy and kindness in your heart for all people. ' (Hazrat Ali RDA)



NEWS & VIEWS

Are Your Children Safe?

The effects of this highly secretive program have left many Muslim families severely traumatized

The Muslim community once again came under the spotlight last month when it was revealed that officials across the United Kingdom working under the much maligned and controversial framework called PREVENT have forcibly attempted to take children away from their parents using the Extremism Risk Guidance also known as (ERG 22+). Very few Muslims across the United Kingdom are aware of ERG 22+ let alone the guidance it entails and more importantly the implications it has for them in the grand scheme of things. ERG 22+ was developed after a study was conducted by prison service psychologists on twenty convicted offenders in prison who were deemed to have had a relationship with the Islamic faith. Furthermore, after the study was completed,



psychologists identified twenty-two risk factors for establishing whether individuals were exposed to groups advocating terror or if they posed a credible security risk to the people. Harrowing stories of parents desperately trying to stop the authorities from forcibly removing their children allegedly at risk of extremism are now becoming the norm rather than the exception. It should be said that parents and their children targeted by the authorities have suffered a great deal by being randomly visited at home and being subjected to invasive questioning effectively

being put on trial under the circumstances. Furthermore, the use of secret evidence gathered by the authorities on children that has been presented in family courts has left families facing an uphill battle when attempting to challenge the accuracy of the information and the manner in which it has been gathered. The effects of this highly secretive program have left many Muslim families severely traumatized and on the verge of mental breakdowns leaving them with no one to turn to for counselling and rehabilitation.

BAIT-US-SALAM UPDATES

Baitussalam Welfare Trust: Aide sent to Indonesia in aftermath of earthquake



Recently calamity struck the country of Indonesia

in form of an earthquake that brought about a lot of destruction in the country. Along with other international organizations, BWT also stepped up to provide aide and relief goods to Indonesia to help the people in need.

Memorandums signed for upcoming projects in Syria:



BWT is picking up pace in its relief work projects for the aid of the Syrian refugees in partnership with various Turkish NGOs. After a recent visit by a Trust member, a lot of new projects have been

agreed upon work on which will commence soon InshaAllah.

the projects include a school project in Gaziantep, a school project with the Diyanet foundation in Adana; a 20 containers school project in Killis in collaboration with the Killis Governor and AFAD; a health Page 2

A Pakistani woman gifts a hand embroidered Quran to a Madinah museum

One of its newest additions is a hand embroidered Quran that took 32 years to make

The Holy Quran Exhibition in Madinah is home to some of the most unique handwritten copies of the Quran. One of its newest additions is a hand embroidered Quran that took 32 years to make.



The person behind the hand embroidered Quran is a Pakistani housewife, Naseem Akhtar, who hails from a small town in the Punjab Province.

She started writing the Quran back in 1987 and completed it earlier this

year. Naseem recently visited Madinah and handed it over to the Holy Quran Exhibition.

Speaking to a regional news channel she said that sometimes it would take her an entire day to sew one or two lines as she was

extremely cautious of the task she had on her hands. The Quran has been placed in a display in the exhibition and is open for visitors.

P.S. entry to the Holy Quran Exhibition is free of charge.

Jamia Baitussalam Talagang: A visit for interested Parents by Ustaaz

A Lahore based NGO, Ustaaz, is arranging a field trip for those aspiring educationists or institutions who are open learning and sharing, to Jamia Baitussalam, Page 2



Facts, Events & Beliefs

Misconceptions Innovations and the Month of Safar

Safar is the 2nd month in the Islamic calendar. It has just begun and along with it have risen again the many misconceptions and beliefs that people associate with the month.

Here are some facts and misbeliefs that are associated with the month of Safar:

The meaning of Safar

and the historical background Literally, it means empty or a house that is empty from items and goods. It also means empty handed. The Arabs (the pagan of Makkah) believed in the sacredness of the holy months. They did not indulge in war or any other crime in these months. Page 2

Number of converted Muslims increases in Norway

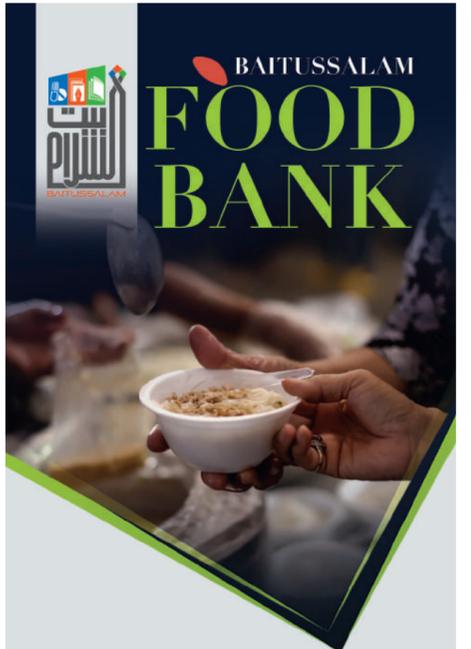
The number of Norwegians choosing to become Muslim since 1990s has increased

The number of converted Muslims in Norway increased to at least 3,000 in the recent years, a researcher at Oslo University's Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages said. Norway's leading Verdens Gang newspaper reported that the number of Norwegians choosing to become Muslim since 1990s has increased. The report said the number of converted Muslims in the country during 1990s were around 500 while this number has reached around 3,000 in the recent years. Noting that previously Norwegian women used to convert



to Islam as a result of marrying Muslim men, Vogt said: "This trend has now changed drastically. Now, women are choosing Islam after reading and researching about Islam." Monica Salmouk, a converted Muslim, told the newspaper that she chose Islam 4 years ago after researching and reading number of books about

the religion. Salmouk said she visited the Islamic Cultural Center (ICC) mosque in Greenland, Oslo and chose to adopt Islam as her religion. Solva Nabila Sexelin, a 42-year old Norwegian, also said she decided to convert to Islam after being inspired by the Muslim asylum seekers which she has been helping out.



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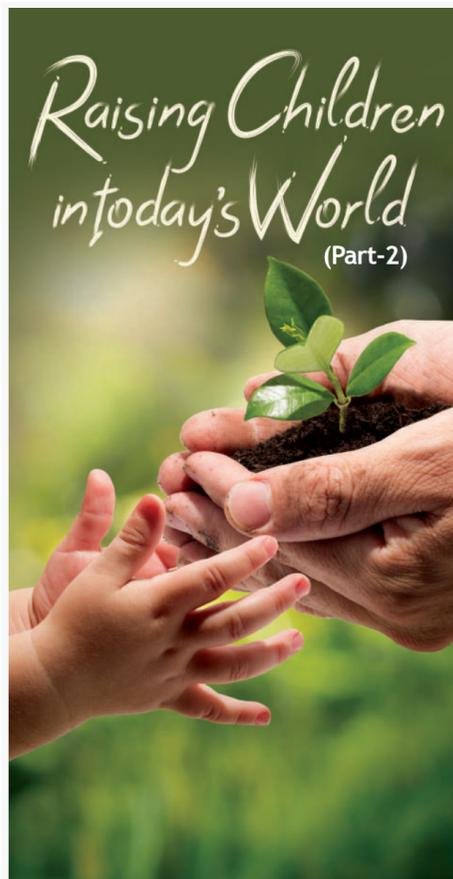
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Raising Children in today's World (Part-2)

deeds. However, praise must be limited to Islamic deeds and deeds of moral value.

8. Avoid humiliation: Similarly, do not humiliate them in front of others. Children make mistakes. Sometimes, these mistakes occur in their efforts to please the parents. If you are unhappy with your children, tell them in private.

9. Sports: The Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) encouraged sports such as swimming, running and horse riding. Other sports that build character and physical strength are also recommended, as long as the children maintain their Islamic identity, wear appropriate clothes and do not engage in unnecessary mixing.

10. Responsibility: Have faith in their abilities to perform tasks. Give them chores to do in line with their age. Convince them that they are performing an important function and you will find them eager to help you out again.

11. Don't spoil them: Children are easily spoiled. If they receive everything they ask for, they will expect you to oblige on

every occasion. Be wise in what you buy for them. Avoid extravagance and unnecessary luxuries. Take them to an orphanage or poor area of your city once in a while so they can see how privileged they are.

12. Don't be friends: It is common in the West for parents to consider their children as friends. In Islam, it doesn't work that way. If you have ever heard how friends talk to each other, then you will know that this is not how a parent-child relationship should be. You are the parents, and they should respect you, and this is what you should be teaching them. The friendship part should be limited to you and them keeping an open dialog so they can share their concerns with you and ask you questions when they have any.

13. Pray with them: Involve them in acts of worship. When they are young, let them see you in act of salaah (salat). Soon, they would be trying to imitate you. Wake them up for Fajr and pray as a family. Talk to them about the rewards of salaah so that it doesn't feel like a burden to them.

14. Emphasize halal: It is not always good to say "this is haraam that is haraam". While you must educate them on haram things, Islam is full of halaal and tell your children to thank Allah (SWT) for the bounties He has bestowed on them - not just for food and clothes. Tell them to be thankful for having eyes that see, ears that hear arms and legs and, the ultimate blessing, Islam in their hearts.

Set an example: As parents, you are the best example the children can have. If you talk to your parents rudely, expect your children to do the same to you. If you are disrespectful to others, your children will follow too. Islam is filled with Divine advice on the best ways to bring up your children. That makes it an obligation upon parents to be good Muslims so their children will try to emulate them. If you don't take Islam seriously, neither will your children. It goes back to our third point, which is to give them Islamic heroes. As a parent, you should be their number one hero.

Memorandums signed for upcoming projects in Syria:

Talagang on the 31st of October 2018.

The visit agenda will include and introduction to the Baitussalam Welfare Trust specially its Education department; a detailed visit of the institute, presentations on various topics, a discussion session between the students of Jamia and the teachers, students' demonstrations and last but not the least a small but powerful bayan by Hazrat Maulana Abdus Sattar (DBA).

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clinic in Killis in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Health; and a widows and orphans colony benefiting approximately 450 widows and orphans in Syria. May Allah (SWT) accept and make easy for the people involved their tasks and work and provide relief to the beneficiaries and keep everyone under His Divine blessings. Ameen

"The happiest people are those who have found that Allah سبحانه تعالى is enough"

Alhumdolillah The first session of the Baitussalam Youth Club's weekend Program for Girls was conducted on Friday 14th September. Participants were from the following schools & Collages

Karachi Grammar School	Nakhla
Convent of Jesus & Marry	Nixor
Education Bay	Lycems
World Academy	Jaffer Public
CAS	St Patrick's.
The Intellect	It was an interactive and lively session Masha Allah.

7. Praise them: Praise is a powerful tool with children, especially in front of others. Children feel a sense of pride when their parents' praise them and will be keen to perform other good

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They used to wait for such holy months to be over so that they can be free from all sort of restrictions and avail the opportunity to indulge in robbery, theft and war. Therefore, as soon as Muharram used to be over, and Safar began, they would start committing crimes, theft, robbery, fighting other tribes, leave their homes vacant and it is therefore this month named Safar.

Virtues of this month and prescribed practices There are no particular practices of this month in the light of Quran and Sunnah, therefore a person should continue his/her daily routine practices. And as for the virtues of this month, it is the 2nd month of the Islamic calendar. There is no bad luck or ill-omened in this month as most of the people think. The Prophet (SAW) said:

"(There is) no Adwa (no contagious disease is conveyed without Allah's Permission), nor Tiyara [nor is there any bad omen (from birds)], nor (is there any) Hama, Safar." (Al-Bukhari).

Superstitions and misconceptions of Safar There are many misconceptions, innovations and whims prevalent among the people concerning the month Safar. On the other hand, bad lucks and ill-omened have been associated with this month. Some of these misconceptions are created by the Pagan of Makkah and followed by some sects of this Ummah and they associated many others to them. The followings are some of them:

Misplacing the months The pagans of Makkah were guilty of wrongdoings concerning the month of Safar. They used to play with it by making it earlier than its actual place or postponing it. The Quran indicates this in the following verse: "The postponing (of a

Sacred Month) is indeed an addition to disbelief: thereby the disbelievers are led astray, for they make it lawful one year and forbid it another year in order to adjust the number of months forbidden by Allah, and make such forbidden ones lawful. The evil of their deeds seems pleasing to them. And Allah guides not the people, who disbelieve." (At-Tawbah 9:37)

Not marrying in this month

Some people think that marrying in this month brings many bad lucks, ill-omens and even destructions. Marrying in this month has no bad lucks or ill-omens in the light of authentic teachings of Islam. One can perform Nikah (marriage) at any day, night, week, month and year with any restrictions except when he/she is in the state of Ihram (during Ihram while performing Hajj and Umrah

Not starting a new business in this month This month is full of misfortunes and calamities. So, one should not start business or any other work during this month as it will bring bad luck. There is nothing to do or start new business during this month; it is only whims of the people and nothing else.

Conclusion In short, there are no bad lucks, ill-omens, misfortunes or calamities in any person, month, date or number in Islam. If something bad happens, it is due to our evils and bad deeds. We have to reform our deeds in order to remove calamities from our life. We should understand that all conditions which we face or befall us, good or bad, favorable or unfavorable are from our Lord (as a result of our bad or good deeds and actions). Allah the Almighty says:



CROSSWORD PUZZLE OCT - 2ND
 CAN YOU GUESS THE PRESENT NAMES OF THE COUNTRIES MENTIONED BELOW?

ACROSS
 1. Abyssinia
 2. Ceylon
 3. Tylos

DOWN
 4. Benadir
 5. Zanzibar
 6. Java

Answers Puzzle Oct'18-1
 Across: Algeria; 2-Iran; 3-Libya
 Down: 4-Egypt; 5-Indonesia; 6-Jordan

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