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“Spreading true knowledge of Islam”

QURANIC VERSE



“O my Rabb! Increase me in knowledge.”
(Surah Taha, Verse # 114)

“And keep giving direction and guidance, for direction and guidance surely benefits the believers.”
(Sura Adh Dhariyat, Verse # 55)

“Those who listen to the Word, and follow the best of it: those are the ones who Allah has guided, and those are the ones endowed with understanding.”
(Sura Az-Zumar, Verse # 18)

HADITH NABVI S.A.W



“Superiority of the one who has knowledge over the one who merely worships is like the superiority of the Moon over every other heavenly body. The Scholars are the Heirs of the Prophets and the Prophets, may Allah exalt their mention, did not leave behind any Money, rather their inheritance was Knowledge, so whoever acquires it has gained a great share. Seeking Knowledge is a way leading to Paradise. Whoever follows a path in the pursuit of Knowledge, Allah will make path to Paradise easy for him.”
(Al-Bukhari)

SAYINGS OF SAHABA R.A.



“Feeling conscious of being unable to know is called knowledge.”
(Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq R.A)

“He is the wisest and the most knowing man who advises people not to lose hope and confidence in the Mercy of Allah and not to be too sure and over-confident of immunity from His wrath and punishment.”
(Hazrat Ali Murtaza R.A)
[Peak of Eloquence, Nahjul Balagha]

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Teaching of Hazrat Abu Yazid Bastami (Rahmatullahi 'alayh):

"I strove in the spiritual combat for 30 years and I found nothing harder to me than Knowledge and its pursuits". It is easier for human nature to walk on fire than to follow the road of Knowledge, and an ignorant heart will more readily cross the Bridge (Sirat) a thousand times than learn a single piece of knowledge; and the wicked man would rather pitch his tent in Hell than put one item of knowledge into practice.

Accordingly you must learn knowledge and seek perfection therein. The perfection of human knowledge is ignorance of Divine knowledge.

"You must know enough to know that you do not know."

He who will not learn and preserve in his ignorance is a polytheist, but to the learner, when his knowledge becomes perfect, the reality is revealed and he perceives that his knowledge is no more than the inability to know what will his end shall be, since realities are not affected by the names bestowed upon them.

IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE

"Read! In the Name of your Lord Who has created (all that exists). He has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood). Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous. Who has taught (the writing) by the pen. He has taught man that which he knew not" [al-'Alaq 96:1-5]

Allah (SWT) created man and provided him with the tools for acquiring knowledge, namely hearing, sight and wisdom. Allah says: "And Allāh has brought you out from the wombs of your mothers while you know nothing. And He gave you hearing, sight, and hearts that you might give thanks (to Allah) [al-Nahl 16:78]

Because of the importance of knowledge, Allah (SWT) commanded His Messenger S.A.W to seek more of it. Allah (SWT) says: "and say: 'My Lord! Increase me in knowledge" [Ta-Ha 20:114]

Islam calls us to seek knowledge. The Prophet S.A.W made seeking knowledge an obligation upon every Muslim, and he explained that the superiority of the one who has knowledge over the one who merely worships is like the superiority of the moon over every other heavenly body. He said that the scholars are the heirs of the Prophets and that the Prophets did not leave behind dinars and dirhams (i.e., money), rather their inheritance was knowledge, so whoever acquires it has gained a great share. The Prophet S.A.W said that seeking knowledge is a way to Paradise. He S.A.W said:

"Whoever follows a path in the pursuit of knowledge, Allah (SWT) will make a path to Paradise easy for him." (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, Kitaab al-'Ilm, 10)

Islam calls us to learn all kinds of beneficial knowledge. Branches of knowledge vary in status, the highest of which is knowledge of sharee'ah, then knowledge of medicine, then the other fields of knowledge.

The best of all branches of knowledge are the sciences of sharee'ah through which man comes to know his Lord, his Prophet and religion. This is the knowledge with which Allah (SWT) honoured His Messenger S.A.W; He taught it to him so that he might teach it to mankind.

The Prophet S.A.W said, "The best among you (Muslims) are those who learn the Qur'an and teach it." {Volume 6, Book 61, Number 545: Sahih Bukhari}

Knowledge brings a great reward. The one who points the way to something good is like the one who does it. When the knowledgeable person dies, his reward with Allah (SWT) does not cease when he dies, rather it continues to increase as long as people benefit from his knowledge. The Prophet S.A.W said:

"When a man dies, all his deeds come to an end except for three – an ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge or a righteous son who will pray for him." (Narrated by Muslim, 1631)

The first and most crucial obligation on us is to acquire knowledge and secondly to practice and preach this knowledge. No man becomes truly a Muslim without knowing the meaning of Islam, because he becomes a Muslim not through birth but through knowledge. Unless we come to know the basic and necessary teachings of the Prophet Muhammad S.A.W how can we believe in him, have faith in him, act according to what Prophet S.A.W taught? It is impossible for us to be a Muslim, and at the same time live in a state of ignorance.

The Prophet S.A.W said, "Near the establishment of the Hour there will be days during which (religious) knowledge will be taken away (vanish) and general ignorance will spread, and there will be Al-Harj in abundance, and Al-Harj means killing." (From Bukhari 9.185: Narrated Abu Musa)

A person without knowledge is like someone walking along a track in complete darkness. Most likely his steps will wander aside and he easily can be deceived by shaytaan. This shows that our greatest danger lies in our ignorance of Islamic teachings and in our unawareness of what the Qur'an teaches and what guidance has been given by the Prophet S.A.W. But if we are blessed with the light of knowledge we will be able to see plainly the clear path of Islam at every step of our lives. We shall also be able to identify and avoid the dangerous paths of Kufr, Shirk and immorality, which may cross it. And, whenever a false guide meets us on the way, a few words with him will quickly establish that he is not a guide who should be followed.

Therefore, Knowledge of Islam is vital only then we will understand the true aim of worship. The aim of worship of Prophets (AS), Sahaba-e-Karaam (RAA) and Awliya of Allah (SWT) is to gain closeness to Allah (SWT). And it is due to this proximity that they have reached such great heights, so much so that even after the elapse of several thousands of years, their manners and teachings remain alive.

Hazrat Hassan Basri (RA): "Obtain knowledge in such a way that does not harm your worship, and worship in such a way that does not harm your knowledge."

"It is He (Allah) who has created you from a single person (Adam), and (then) He has created from him his wife (Hawa/Eve), in order that he might enjoy the pleasure of living with her..." (Al-Araf, Verse:189)

It is one of the extraordinary beauties of Islam that by entrusting the male to the position of protector and provider, it frees the woman, who is burdened with the long cycle of bearing, giving birth to, nursing and raising children, from having to assume the extra burden of her own and her children's support, which is unjust and a tremendous hardship.

A wife is regarded as a source of love, peace and compassion, as stated in the Quran:

"And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy." (Ar-Rum, Verse:21)

Prophet Muhammad S.A.W said,

"Among the Muslims, the most perfect as regards his faith is the one whose character is most excellent, and the best among you are those who treat their wives well." (At-Tirmidhi)

Prophet Muhammad S.A.W always showed great respect towards the women including his wives. He taught us the Rights of women and the Importance of having a healthy relationship with our wives.

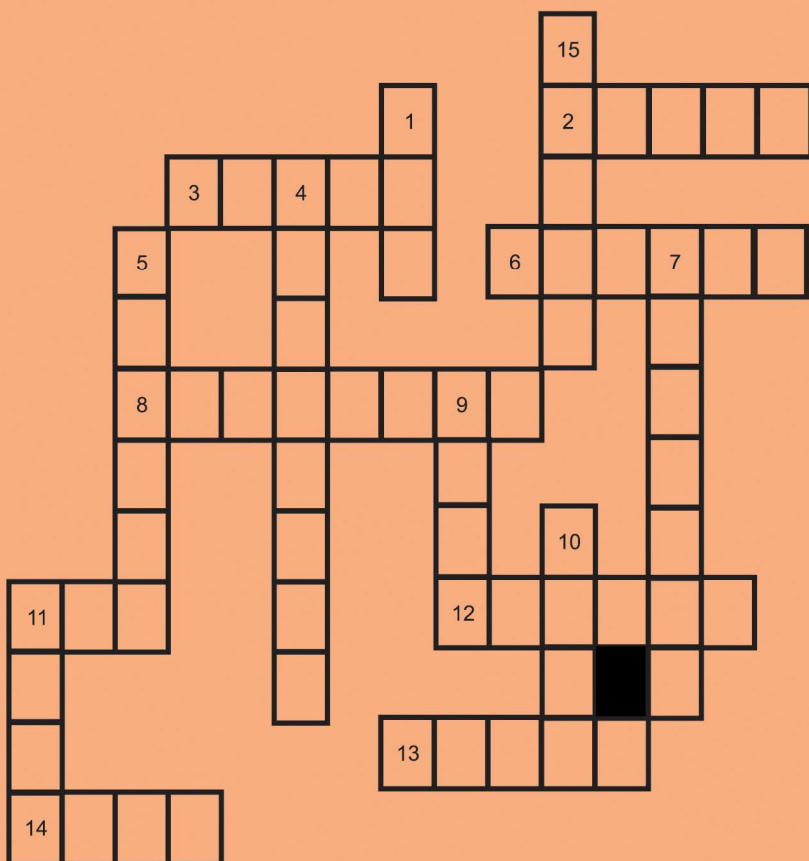
It is often said that Husband and Wife are like the two wheels of a cart (life), it means both wheels are equally important and without one the cart can not reach its destination or function properly.

Therefore, we must treat our wives with up most respect, never undermine them and treat equally.

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EASY CROSSWORDS



CLUES: DOWN

- 1 – Tawheed. Allah (swt) is _ _ _
- 4 – This is the month of fasting
- 5 – The famous well in Makkah
- 7 – This prophet and his son built the Ka'bah
- 9 – The name of the first prophet
- 10 – The last prayer of the day
- 11 – The people of ignorance worshipped this
- 15 – Muslim females cover their heads with

CLUES: ACROSS

- 2 – The religion of Muslims
- 3 – The final book of Allah (swt)
- 6 – Prophet Muhammad S.A.W is buried in this city
- 8 – The last and final messenger
- 11 – The word for knowledge in Arabic
- 12 – Another word for mosque
- 13 – The creator of everything
- 14 – Allah gave us this ____ as a test

Answers on last page

POEM SECTION

So long as the heart doth pulsate and beat,

So long as the sun bestows light and heat,

So long as the blood thro' our veins doth flow,

So long as the mind in knowledge doth grow,

So long as the tongue retains power of speech,

So long as wise men true wisdom do teach,

The praise of God's prophet, Ahmed S.A.W the best,

Shall flow from our lips and spring from our breast.

'Twas Rosul-Allah from darkness of night

Did lead us to Truth, did give to us Light,

Did point out the path, which follow'd with zest,

Leadeth to Islam and gives Peace and Rest.

Praise be to Allah! 'Twas He who did send

Muhammed S.A.W, our Prophet, our Friend.

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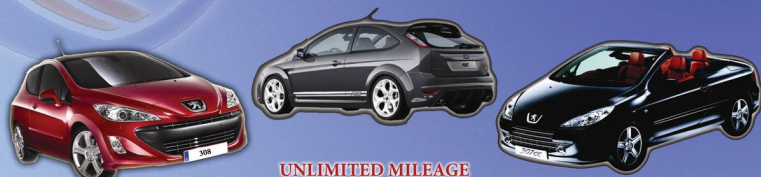
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QUIZ ANSWERS

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|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| (1) One | (2) Islam | (3) Quran | (4) Ramadan |
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| (9) Adam | (10) Isha | (11-a) ILM | (11-b) Idol |
| (12) Masjid | (13) Allah | (14) Life | (15) Hijab |