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Welcome

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We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone reading this. The warm reception of our Eid issue was inspiring, guiding us to enhance this edition and better connect with our beloved community.

As we look ahead, our commitment to improving and expanding our newsletter remains our top priority. We encourage you to continue sharing your insights and feedback with us. With your help, we can ensure that our newsletter remains a vital resource, one that enlightens, unites, and uplifts us all.

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THE MIRACLE OF THE QURAN

ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

This is the Book! There is no doubt about it—a
guide for those mindful of Allah¹

As we reflect on Ramadan, we realize how much time we spent reciting, memorizing, and understanding the Quran—let's remember that it remains with us, timeless and miraculous even past the Holy Month. With each reading, there are new insights, reflecting its endless knowledge.

How is the Quran Miraculous?

The Quran is miraculous because it is inimitable; no human can replicate its unique literary and linguistic beauty. It challenges all to find any contradictions or to produce anything similar, challenges that have remained undefeated.

A Non-Muslim's Testimony

Al-Walid ibn Al-Mughira, a prominent non-believer and Quraysh leader, was openly hostile towards Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Astonished by and in agreement with the Quran's divine origin, his positive reaction alarmed the Quraysh. Under pressure from Abu Jahl and others, Al-Walid eventually dismissed the Quran as magic to appease his tribe. This incident led to the revelation of verses in Surah Al-Muddathir, highlighting his rejection and arrogance.

Science and Religion

Some argue that science, which is ever-changing, conflicts with religion. However, the Quran, unchanging and divinely inspired, has outlined scientific facts long before modern discovery, such as the male semen's role in determining the sex of the fetus (Chapter 75, verses 37-39). This, and many other examples of scientific revelation, illustrates the Quran's enduring relevance and foresight.

ACHIEVEMENTS



85 New Members in New Quran Program



\$110k Raised in Total for Imani Aid



3,000+ in Attendance for Eid Prayer



20,000 packed meals by 120+ Volunteers



QURAN CELEBRATION - 2024

APRIL EVENTS



Quran Competition

Hundreds of students congregated to participate in a competition on Quran memorization, marking the 10th annual Quran Celebration.

Career Panel

This joint event with the MSA & Alhuda was catered to our students. Professionals spoke to students about careers and their future!

Young Professionals

This was our first Young Professional halaqah hosted by Ustadha Khadeejah

Meal Pack

120+ Volunteers came out to support this incredible joint event with Islamic Relief and MESA. This was a historic event!

Eid Festival

Our annual Eid Festivals are a favorite. 1000+ members participated and dozens of businesses helped make this happen!

3 Political Advocacy Events

Hosted a register to vote booth & two political advocacy events.



APRIL EVENTS CONT.



Khatam Night of Taraweeh

The last night of Taraweeh was filled with varying emotions! As we finished the last surah, people were already missing Ramadan.

Al-Huda's First Annual Potluck

This was Alhuda's FIRST ever potluck where all our community members brought dishes and cultures from all around the globe!



Eclipse and Kusooof Prayer

This was the first ever Kusooof prayer at the AICI. Families came out to witness this potential once in a lifetime opportunity.



MAY

Upcoming Events

▶▶ **REVERT SISTERS
QURAN CLASS**
Every Tuesday after Maghreb

▶▶ **PRE-MARITAL
CLASS**
Visit our social media for
updates on timings.

▶▶ **SHEIKH NASSER
USOOL AL-FIQH**
Every Thursday after Maghreb

▶▶ **SISTER'S
QURAN CLUB**
Every Wednesday 1pm - 2:30pm

▶▶ **GIRLS BASKETBALL
FIELD DAY**
May 4th from 11am - 1pm

▶▶ **JIU JITSU**
Every Wednesday after
Asr (6:30pm)

▶▶ **AICI BOYS NIGHT**
Every Friday after Maghreb

▶▶ **KIDS QURAN PROGRAM**
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
4-7pm | Saturday: 10am - 1pm

▶▶ **FOOD PANTRY**
May 11th 25th 10am - 1pm

▶▶ **QIYAM NIGHT**
May 25th after Isha

▶▶ **JUMMAA TIMES**
Friday at 1:30pm, 3pm & 4pm



Meet Jesse and His Family

“ I had seen a video of a Palestinian mother holding her child who had passed away. Instead of asking God, ‘why?’, she was asking for patience. ”

In 2015, an incident occurred that provided what was necessary for me to believe in the existence of God. It sparked an initial desire to study religion. My dad was a Christian and my mom was a Catholic. It was after the events of October 7th in Palestine that I wanted to learn more about Islam. I researched as much as I could, and learned that I was very misguided. Early November came and I needed to get my hands on a copy of the Quran. When I received it, I would read a little here and a little there, but mainly used it to answer questions I had. I had seen a video on social media of a Palestinian mother holding her child who had passed away. Instead of asking God, “why?”, she was asking for patience. This video really stuck with me, and I knew I needed to read more.

I learned that whatever was going to happen to us is already written by Allah, and that worshipping only Allah can lead us to paradise. With my questions answered, I found a way of life I could see myself living. I was always the “black sheep” of my family and always felt like I did not fit in. When I embraced Islam, that feeling went away. I felt like I had a purpose in life: to serve Allah.

Converting to Islam was the most transformative event of my life. Despite initial challenges, the peace and fulfillment I've found are profound and sustaining.

Q&A WITH JESSE

Q: How did you share your new faith with your family, and what was their reaction?

Jesse: I took my Shahada on January 19th, which was joyful for me but brought mixed reactions from my family. Although they struggled with my decision due to their own beliefs, I continue to express my love and reassure them that I remain the person they know.

Q: Since your conversion, how has your sense of identity and purpose changed?

Jesse: Converting to Islam filled a previously unrecognized void in my life. I've found a strong sense of belonging and purpose, granting me peace and clear direction.

Q: Could you offer some advice to those curious about Islam or new converts?

Jesse: For those exploring Islam, keep an open mind and conduct your own research. For new converts, start with the basics, like learning the Fatiha, and integrate slowly into the community.



RECOGNITION

Asma Haque Girls Youth Director

Asma Haque is a valued member of the Al-Huda community and a dedicated student at Purdue University, where she is studying pharmacy. Asma also has an aspiration to become an A'limah. Her diverse background as a Bangladeshi married to a Palestinian enriches her role within our community, particularly as the girls' youth coordinator at Al-Huda Masjid. Driven by a strong desire to foster a nurturing environment, Asma has been instrumental in promoting sisterhood and support among young Muslimahs.

In her role, Asma has successfully created programs that blend spiritual education with social interaction, significantly impacting our youth by helping them forge a strong sense of identity and belonging. Her commitment to the community and her initiative in gathering valuable feedback continually enhance the youth programs.

We recognize and appreciate Asma Haque for her exceptional contributions to fostering the spiritual and emotional growth of our young members. Her efforts ensure that the youth not only understand their faith more deeply but also build lasting friendships that strengthen the fabric of our community.

Membership Benefits

Voting Rights: Members have the right to vote on important issues, such as board elections or significant changes in the Alhuda's direction, giving them a say in its governance. This is in addition to eligibility to run for board positions.

Discounts on Services and Facilities: Members will receive a 10% discount on religious services offered by the Masjid (if applicable), including, but not limited to, marriage ceremonies, childcare services, and educational programs, along with discounts on renting facilities, including, but not limited to, the Gym, Fatooma Room, Patio area and Musalla area.

Advertising Discounts: Members are eligible for 10% discount on advertising their businesses through the Masjid's channels, including the Newsletter, Digital Screens, and Social Media platforms.

Priority Booking: Members will receive priority in booking tickets for Masjid organized events (if applicable) such as Eid celebrations, Iftars during Ramadan, and interfaith dialogues, subject to seat availability and booking timelines.

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