



AL-MAKTAB: المکتب

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Assalamu Alaikum warahmatullah wabarokatuh to all and a big welcome to the first issue of our Maktab newsletter. We have embarked upon this project to introduce an alternative way of sharing knowledge, maktab information and other informative articles. In each issue you will receive relevant articles, maktab related information and date updates, a fun Quiz, halal & haram updates and some basic Q&A. There will be a print copy as well as an e-copy available. We sincerely request you to make dua that Allah Ta'ala accept this initiative and make it a success. Please do give us any feedback, it will really be appreciated.

PIOUS PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

A man said to Hasan Al-Basri, (Rahmatullahi Alaihi) "Indeed someone has backbitten you". Hasan sent a dish of sweet dates to the backbiter and he said, "I heard that you have given me your good deeds as a gift, so I want to repay you for it, but please excuse me for I am unable to completely repay you".

Did You Know ?

- Hasan Basri was born during the caliphate of Sayyidina Umar R.A.
- He was nursed by Ummul Mu'mineen Sayyidatina Umm Salamah R.A.

A VULGAR AGE

"Your mum is a ..."
"Your mum left your dad because he is"
"Your dad is a ..."

What's the issue ?

Did you read the above statements? Are we aware that such interchange is common amongst our children? What is more shocking is that it has been normalized to such an extent that cursing each other's parents without hesitation is considered "cool & hip" and "just a laff".

There are 2 issues here:

The 1st Issue
The excessive yet casual use of curses in regular conversation:

Important Dates 2020	
<u>Next Test Dates</u>	<u>Holidays</u>
29th, 30th April.	APRIL
1st May 2020	11 days : 4th -20th April 2020

"those Nike trainers are..... ugly!" "That guy is a f... king!"
The question is why has this prevailed?

Rasulullah ﷺ has said "curse be upon those who swear at their parents."
The sahabah asked "who would ever swear at their parents?" Rasulallah ﷺ replied "the one who swears at others parents and that results in others swearing at his/her parents" [Bukhari | Muslim]

The answer to this is multi-fold, but in brief we will consider two major factors, the Environment and the Delusion of Identity. **Environment**
The role models of our children and the trailblazers of society use profanity with impunity and curse like it is attractive and "dope" to do so. Do we

remember a time when we would refer to *that* word as the F word? Some of us would even recall never having used the P.....I.....G word and if we were unfortunate enough to accidentally say it, we knew we would have to face a chorus of "taubah, taubah, Astagfirullah." What has happened? Where has that comportment vanished to? Let's ask ourselves the hard questions: Is vulgar language common at my home? Do my children observe *ME* cursing?

Delusion of Identity

The use of profanity to many a young person gives them a sort of recognition. The teenage boy and shockingly even the 7 year old playing Fortnite has a need to project himself as being "hard". Amongst others

and particularly teenage girls, the longing to be recognized as *the one* who breaks rules, doesn't conform and "*the rebel*" is the goal. This misplaced craving for recognition masks a serious underlying condition: the rapid decline in politeness and good manners aggravated by a tumour of illiteracy which in turn has led to an inability to express oneself courteously and with *adab* & decorum.

The 2nd Issue

The shaming of one another by commenting on parents. Appallingly this has become the new norm. Instagram, Snapchat and even WhatsApp have become the theatre for these shaming battles. The impact of this doesn't only extend to the 2 fighting tweens but to the parents and furthermore to the *fans* of the 2

rivals and their family. The severity of this parent shaming has led many to become embittered with life and even suicidal.

This is beyond shameful and is just as a major sin as reviling one's own parents. Rasulullah ﷺ has said "Curse be upon those who swear at their parents." The Sahabah ﷺ asked "who would ever swear at their parents?" Rasulullah ﷺ replied "The one who swears at others parents and that results in others swearing at his/her parents"

[Bukhari | Muslim]

This matter requires a great deal of thought and action. Let's begin at least by acknowledging and taking responsibility of the issue.....

To be cont'd

Q&A

Q: Is it permissible for males to wear a golden ring?

A: A Male may wear only a silver ring which does not weigh more than 4.374 grams of silver. It is not permissible to wear sculpted rings or rings engraved with pictures of animate/ ensouled objects. It is permissible to wear rings engraved with one's name or sayings etc.

Quiz

- 1) **Q:** Under whose Caliphate was the first naval force formed?
- 2) **Q:** Who was the first woman to have her ears pierced and wear earrings?

Answers on page 3

HALAL & HARAM WATCH

Haram	Halal
! Tic Tac Orange	
! Tic Tac Lime/Orange	✓ Tic Tac mint
! Tic Tac Cherry Passion	✓ Tic Tac spearmint
(contains carmine which is derived from an insect)	

Sayyidatina A'ishah ﷺ narrates that I heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying: "Whomsoever raises and mentors a child until he/she is able to recite Laa ilaaha illallah, will not be questioned (on the Day of Judgement).

[Tabrani]

Learn Deen – Practise Deen – Propagate Deen

COVID 19 [aka Coronavirus]

As a Muslim what can I learn from it?

- ☞ A plague or an epidemic is only effective as much as Allah Ta'ala allows it to be.
- ☞ Previously plagues were unleashed as a general punishment upon rebellious nations. However for the Muslims of the Ummah of Nabi ﷺ it is a form of mercy. Thus a believer who succumbs to a plague will be granted the status of a *Shaheed*. [Bukhari]
- ☞ As we get closer to the end of times, promiscuity and shameless acts will predominate over societies and that will lead to the onset of plagues, pandemics and strange illness'. [Ibn Majah]
- ☞ Do not visit an area, or flee from a place which has been affected . [Excerpt of a lengthy Hadeeth in Sahih Bukhari]

What can I do to safeguard myself from it?

- Dua: Ask Allah Ta'ala to protect us from all debilitating illness' and it's causes. Rasulullah ﷺ taught us the following Dua. Learn, practice it and propagate it.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْبَرَصِ وَالْجُنُونِ وَالْجُدَامِ وَ سَيِّئِ الْأَسْقَامِ

Allahumma inni a'audhu bika minal-barasi, wal-jununi, wal judhami, wa sayyi'il-asqaam.

Oh Allah I seek your refuge from vitiligo, mental derangement, leprosy all serious illness.

- Keep personal hygiene at an optimal level. Nabi ﷺ has advised us to:
 - ✓ Wash Hands. [regularly] [Bukhari]
 - ✓ Cover the mouth when sneezing and yawning. [Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi]
 - ✓ Cover food utensils.
- Add a few drops of Blackseed Oil to honey water and drink regularly as it will fortify the immune system.
- Use Qust Hindi (*Indian Costus. Availabe on ebay & amazon etc.*) for lung related conditions and/or for catarrh and a sore throat. Inhale it (vapour) or make a paste consisting of of Qust Hindi, 3 drops of Blackseed oil and honey and place in the side of the mouth buccal) until it is gradually swallowed with saliva. Nabi ﷺ has said that *Qust al-Hindi* has 7 medicinal applications. [Bukhari]
- Supplement Vitamin C intake. (one may use the powder form) (orthmolecular.org)

Proactive Approach

➔ If one does not feel too well, then it would be good practice :

To isolate oneself at home. The typical symptoms are: a cough, a high temperature and/or shortness of breath.

However, do remember these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness.

Perform Salaah at home and avoid public gatherings. Rasulullah ﷺ has said "The one that is ill should not be left amidst the healthy". [Muslim]

➔ Do not forward or spread panic by sending out unverified messages

➔ Read about the "Plague of Amwaas".

If you or someone you know has travelled back from one of the restricted Category 1 regions/areas affected and is feeling unwell, self-isolate and call NHS 111 immediately. Do not visit a doctor's surgery or a hospital, and stay away from others.

May Allah Ta'ala keep everyone safe and healthy.

Answers to Quiz

1) A: Sayyidina Uthman (R.A)

2) A. Sayyidatina Hajar A.S wife of Nabi

Ibraheem A.S

The Month of Rajab

Rajab is the 7th Month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar. It was also known as one of the Four Sacred Months.

Rajab itself means *to sanctify*. Hereunder are some quick historic events that took place in the month of Rajab:

27th
Rajab*

The epic night journey of Nabi ﷺ from Masjid-ul-Haraam, Makkah to Masjidul Aqsa, Jerusalem and thereafter to the 7 Heavens and beyond.

**27th Rajab has been mentioned as the date for Isra & Miraj by Ibn-Katheer.*

Dua upon the beginning of Rajab

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

O Allah, grant us blessings in the month of Rajab and Sha'ban and allow us to reach the month of Ramadhan

We were granted the gift of **SALAAH**, the link between the Creator and the creation.

27th
Rajab

24th – 25th
Rajab 101 A.H

The demise of the Khalifah Umar bin Abdul Aziz R.A.

Hey! Remember it's **MORE SALAAH**, not just *Mo Salah!*

Demise of **Najashi**. The King of Abyssinia. He was known as the JUST King. Rasulallah ﷺ praised him and performed his Janazah in absentia.

Rajab
9 A.H

Wanna know more about
The Legend Umar Bin Abdul Aziz R.A??

Do a youtube search. Check Shaikh Zaheer or Sh. Omar Suleiman

Check the level 4 course book, pg. 60 for a story relating to Najashi. His name was Ashamah.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- An absence for 5 days or more and/or during exams/test dates would result in the revocation of the child's admission. A re-admission fee will have to be paid and subject to the discretion of the teachers your child will be granted admission or lose his/her place.
- Please check your bank statements to verify whether fees are being paid and whether you are not over-paying.
- Please do not allow your child to attend the Maktab with excess money as there are many safety risks involved.

A very big JazakAllahu-Khairan to all parents who have welcomed and adhered to the '**NO PARKING IN CARPARK**' notice.