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Editorial

- Eid Mubarak !

The word `Eid is used in the Qur`an and it means “ a recurring happiness”. It is significant to note that it is used in reference to Jesus’ prayer for food. We are familiar with the Lord`s Prayer – ‘give us this day our daily bread’. This prayer of Jesus in the Qur`an, endorses his supplication.

Food is the most critical need of man and this was clearly demonstrated in the recent passage of hurricane Ivan, which devastated the island of Grenada. The entire wealth of the world could have been placed at the disposal of the people of Grenada, yet it would have been of little use if there is no food to buy. The survival of man depends on food.

There are two `Eids in Islam, `Eid-ul-Fitr and `Eid-ul-Adha and they are both synonymous with food. `Eid-ul-Fitr is the festival of the breaking of the fast. `Eid is the “recurring happiness” which comes after the devout Muslim has sacrificed all the normal pleasures of his life for the sake of Allah as he practices, through fasting, abstinence from the normal good things that God has provided for him, particularly `food`. `Eid, is the recurring happiness which comes as he

returns to his normal life. Those who weep and cry with the passage of the month of Ramadaan, fail to understand the true significance of `Eid in Islam.

Eid – Comes After Sacrifice

`Eid-ul- Adha is the festival of sacrifice. It is the ‘recurring happiness’ which comes after the devout muslim has sacrificed the comfort of his home and family life to proceed on a pilgrimage for the sake of Allah and then returns to his normal life. It is also the sacrifice that every Muslim makes by using part of his wealth in the purchase of an animal, which he sacrifices and then distributes its meat to the needy, family and friends. The underlying philosophy of `Eid is that “recurring happiness” in our lives, comes when we are prepared to make sacrifices. `Eid- “a recurring happiness”, comes in the life of our children when they sacrifice the normal good things of this life as they pursue excellence in their pursuit of knowledge and are rewarded with success in their exams. Eid- a “recurring happiness”, comes in our life as we pursue upward

mobility in our jobs and careers as we make sacrifices in the performance of our duties and are then rewarded with a promotion and a raise in our salary.

Eid - In Hinduism

`Eid – a recurring happiness is also found in other faiths. From an Islamic perspective, *Divali*, is the festival which commemorates the return of Ram, after sacrificing 14 years of his life in exile . It is the `Eid or “recurring happiness” which is preceeded by fasting by the devout Hindu, days before the celebration of *Divali* and food plays an important role in the celebration of this happiness.

Eid – In Christianity

Similarly, though Christmas is more popular, Easter is the `Eid or “recurring happiness” in Christianity. It is the “recurring happiness” which comes after *Lent* – a period of fasting when again the devout Christian abstains from his normal diet and then returns to his normal life style with the food which is synonymous with *Easter* – “ hot cross buns” etc.

Words of Inspiration

From Veera Bhajan

Recipient of the Humming

Bird Medal



FEATURE ADDRESS SPEAKER MISS VEERA BHAJAN, AT A SHUHHRAANA (THANKSGIVING) FUNCTION

Mr. and Mrs. Hydal and family, members of the head table, specially invited guests, ladies and gentlemen good morning. It gives me great pleasure to address you with words of inspiration on this special occasion. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Saeda on her remarkable achievement and hope that with God's blessings she shall continue to succeed in all of her future endeavors.

Purpose of Life

Quite often in life individuals become regretful, not of the things they did but more of the things they did not do. It is important to live life 100% full out no matter what because in the end is not the years in your life that count but the life in your years. The real purpose of life is not to be "happy" but to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is above all, to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all.

Living Each Day

This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes this day will be gone forever; in its place is something you have left behind, let it be something good. Life is a precious gift which must not be wasted being unhappy, dissatisfied or anything less than you can be. Everyday is a fresh opportunity to continue the quest towards your mission. Do not wait for ideal circumstances or the best opportunities for they may never come.

Life Is A Journey

Do not ever forget that life is a journey and you are the traveler. The physical body is your vehicle and the mind is your control instrument. Your destination is the Self within you. It is the true realization of your true nature. Therein lies total fulfillment of being. Do not waste time as your vehicle has a limited lifespan. Try to reach your goal in this very vehicle and you will enjoy every moment of the journey as you travel.

What is Success

Success is one of the greatest joys in life. It is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life but rather by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed. You are successful the moment you start moving towards a worthwhile goal so expect to succeed even before you start. Regardless of the circumstances you may face never give up on what you really want to do because you may only have one chance to do it. Trials, temptations, disappointments, all these are helps instead of hindrances, if one uses them rightly. They not only test the fiber of character but strengthen it. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

Challenges & Opportunity

I urge you to make your dreams come alive. You may not be able to reach them now but you can follow where they lead. Remember obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals. Whatever you do always give your best and the best will return to you. Take the most difficult challenge you are now facing and turn it into the greatest opportunity to grow simply by changing how you see it.

Faith in God

Sometimes you may feel crumpled and torn but always remember regardless of what, you never lose your value. Your dreams can come true once you believe they can by having full

confidence in yourself. Have faith in God because you are his child and you were born to shine. If he brought you to it, he will bring you through it.

As I close, I do hope that my address has inspired or touched you in some way or the

other. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hydal and their family for giving me the honour of being here this morning and to Saeeda best of luck and God's blessings. Do enjoy the rest of your day, thank you!

Maulaana M.K. Hydal, Religious Head of the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Ish`at-I-Islam Inc. Trinidad & Tobago was requested by the Ahmadiyya Anjuman in Toronto ,Canada to spend the Holy Month of Ramadaan (2004) in their Jamaat, and conduct Islamic Classes. The classes which were regularly attended by about forty (40) persons left an indelible impression on the participants.

This letter dated 11/13/04 was sent by Omar Sattau , one of the very young students of his class.

WHAT I THINK ABOUT THE CLASSES

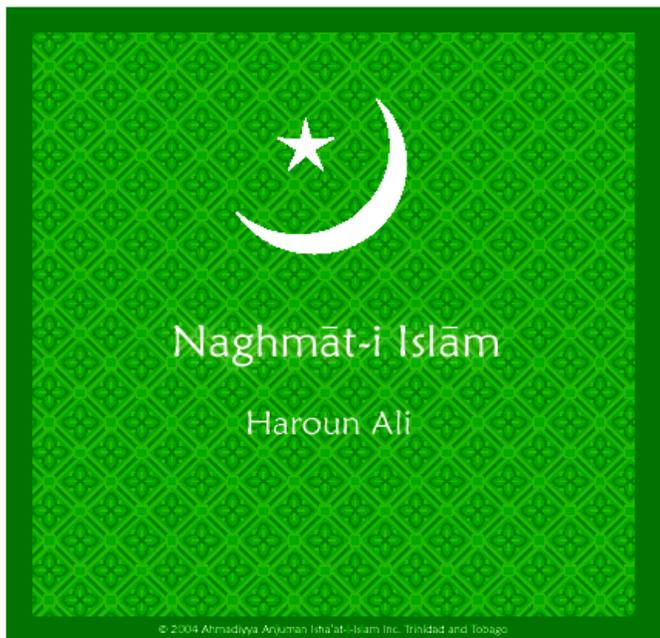


Omar Sattau,
Toronto, Canada.

1. I think the classes are very informative
2. All classes have been explained in details
3. The classes that I have attended have improved my skills as a Muslim
4. The things that he talks about are pretty straight-forward
5. I agree with all the things that he has elaborated on
6. When I answer the questions that he asks I feel as if I am gaining more knowledge
7. When I see people about my age it makes me talk about the concept of Islam
8. When you talk more I tend to learn more
9. I realize there is more than being just a Muslim
10. My dad says Islam is a great religion and always stick with it.
11. I learned that everyone is born as a Muslim
12. All the questions which are asked are all answered
13. I like how Imaam Hydal interprets the Holy Quran
14. The reason why I think I came here was to understand the beauty of Islam
15. I enjoyed reading the Arabic and English when I was asked to read it
16. I think Imaam Hydal would make a great Islamic teacher
17. When I listen to some of the facts, I try to visualize them

IT IS A PLEASURE TO HAVE IMAAM HYDAL TEACHING US HERE AT OUR MOSQUE. I HOPE WE ALL WILL REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS THAT HE HAS TAUGHT US ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF ISLAM

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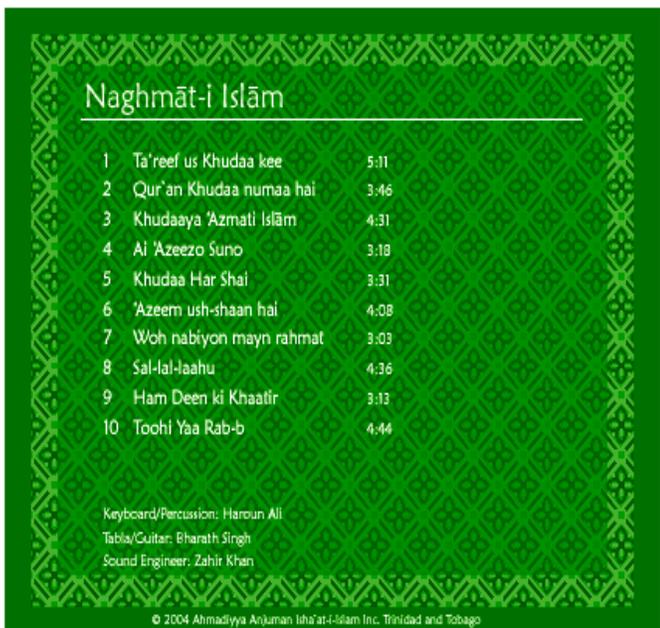
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