

AL-MAKTAB

Ilm - Knowledge

After Allah ﷻ created the whole world, He created all the different types of creations. Among these creations were angels, jinn, animals, birds, reptiles, insects and human beings. From all these creations Allah ﷻ has made human beings the best of all His creations. This was because of one quality that He blessed mankind with, the ability of possessing knowledge.

Seeking of knowledge

Rasulullah ﷺ has said in a Hadith that the seeking of knowledge is compulsory upon every Muslim. This knowledge refers to the knowledge of Deen. Just as Salaah, Zakaat, Fasting, etc. are **compulsory** upon every Muslim, similarly learning of the necessary Ilm (knowledge) regarding these great Ibadaat is also compulsory on us.

Virtues of seeking knowledge

Hadhrat Abu Darda ؓ has said: "I heard Rasulullah ﷺ saying that whosoever goes out to seek knowledge (of Deen), Allah ﷻ will make his pathway to Jannah easy. The angels, out of happiness, spread their wings beneath that person and all the creations of the heavens and earth seek forgiveness on his behalf. Even the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky make dua for his forgiveness." How lucky we are that day all the creations of Allah ﷻ make dua for our forgiveness when we come daily to Madrasah. Also Allah ﷻ is going to make the pathway to Jannah easy for us. It is for this reason that we must come daily to madrasah.

Punishment for not seeking knowledge

It is mentioned in a Hadith that 'Wayl' is the place of that person who has no knowledge. ['Wayl' is the name of a pit in the fire of Hell.]. In other words the abode of a person who is ignorant is the fire of Hell. It is obvious that a person with no knowledge will not know what is halaal and haraam nor will he know how to perform his five times daily salaah. Hence he will get himself involved in many wrongs. This ignorance will eventually lead him directly into the fire of Jahannum.

The Best Person

Rasulullah ﷺ once addressing the Sahabah said that the best person amongst you (i.e. his followers) is the one who learns the Qur'aan and teaches it. Alhamdulillah, many of us are learning to read the Holy Qur'aan. Insha Allah, we all will one day also have the opportunity of teaching Deen to others. In the sight of Allah ﷻ and His Rasul ﷺ we will be **The Best** of all people. Insha Allah.

Beloved students! Let us ponder over the above Ahaadith and save ourselves from the darkness of ignorance. When a person devotes himself totally to the Deen of Allah ﷻ then Allah ﷻ helps him in many ways. All these favours can only be attained by obeying Him. Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abaas ؓ has said that Allah ﷻ gave Hadhrat Sulaymaan ؑ a choice between knowledge and becoming a king. Hadhrat Sulaymaan ؑ chose knowledge. Allah ﷻ gave him both knowledge and kingship. Such a kingdom the likeness of which none before him nor anyone after him will possess. We should never feel that by obeying the commands of Allah ﷻ we will be kept backwards in life. Never! Instead Allah ﷻ will honour us in this world as well as the hereafter, just as He honoured Hadhrat Sulaymaan ؑ. May Allah ﷻ bless us all with Ilm (knowledge) that is beneficial and save us from harmful and useless knowledge. Aameen.

Dear Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

This month's theme is "ILM" (knowledge). Islamic Deeni knowledge is the greatest shield for any Muslim. Without Ilm we will never know right from wrong. By learning Deen we are able to obey the laws of Allah Ta'ala and thereby earn His special blessings and mercies. Therefore, we must make sure that we attend Madrasah daily and pay attention to our lessons. Whatever we learn in Madrasah we should make an effort to practice upon it. By practicing on what we learn, Allah Ta'ala will bless us with divine knowledge just as He blessed the great Ulama of the past.

The last theme was on Adab (Respect). Very few entries were received and we were quite disappointed. We hope to see a much better response this time Insha Allah. Jazakumullah to all those who submitted entries for the quiz and the projects. May Allah Ta'ala accept your efforts. The first 5 correct entries drawn for the quiz were as follows:

Zahra Kader — Westville

Faranaaz Ahmed — Glenearn Road

Amatullah Patel — Shallcross

Shafaz Sayed — Sunford Madrasah

Muhammad Akhtar Abdul — Trenance Manor

Congratulations to you all. Masha Allah You all have done well and your prizes are on the way.

The winners for the best 3 projects are:

1st Shenaaz Noor Mahomed — Madrasah Umar Farooq-Phoenix

2nd Radhia Mahomed — Madrasah Umar Farooq-Phoenix

3rd Najiyya Tikly — Vryheid

Masha Allah. Keep up the good work.

Beloved children! The first term has commenced and work is now at full speed. Those of us who haven't done very well last year still have a chance to work hard this year and produce excellent results. Let us all try and give it our best. Remember, when we work hard and make an effort Allah Ta'ala will definitely help us. May Allah Ta'ala accept us all to serve His Deen. Aameen.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah and your grade on the cover of your project. Jazakallah.

Answer all 10 questions correctly and submit your entries. First 5 correct entries drawn will be given a prize and R10-00 cash.

1. Which Nabi of Allah was offered Kingdom and knowledge.
2. Who is regarded as the best person in the sight of Allah ﷻ and His Rasul ﷺ.
3. What is the virtue of a person who seeks the knowledge of Deen.
4. What is the name of the pit in Jahannum that is reserved especially for the ignorant?
5. What is the dua for increase in knowledge?
6. Briefly write down the incident of Adam's ﷺ knowledge compared to the knowledge of the angels?
7. Where can I as a Muslim obtain good Islamic knowledge?
8. Why is Deeni knowledge superior to secular knowledge?
9. Is the obtaining of Deeni Ilm Farz, Waajib, Sunnah or nafal.
10. What is the road to success?

Knowledge is the road to success

Theme

This month's theme is "Knowledge"

Do a project on one of the following:

1. Importance and virtues of Islamic Education
2. The story of Hadhrat Adam ﷺ
3. Etiquettes for students of Deen.

From this month a separate prize will be given for the best project in each grade. All entries must be handed in by the 04 April 2005.

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