

Children's Corner



Ashura and its lessons

Salaam dear young friends; we offer you our heartfelt condolences on the most tragic event in human history. After the passing of 1380 years since this heartrending tragedy, humanity continues to remember it. Every year the devotees of Ahl al-Bayt (AS) of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) gather in Mosques, Husainyahs, Takiyahs, Imam-Bargahs, Ashur-Khanas and Islamic centers to commemorate this sad event.

When we speak about Imam Husain (AS), grief overcomes us. This is because of the Great Sacrifice he offered in Karbala beside the River Euphrates to save Islam, and in fact all humanitarian values. Nations rise and fall; countries emerge and disintegrate; governments form and collapse; boundaries change with the march of times, but one thing remains permanent. That is faith in the One and Only God, and for preserving this innate belief of humanity from the pollution of atheism and polytheism, it is the discourse of the immortal epic of Imam Husain (AS).

Our tears for Imam Husain (AS), his sons (18-year old Ali Akbar and 6-month infant Ali Asghar), his brothers (including the valiant standard-bearer Abu'l-Fazl al-Abbas), his nephews, and his steadfast companions, are not signs of sorrow, but proof of the inspiration we receive by contemplating on the magnitude of the tragedy of Karbala.

Dear friends, in every age and place, people of conscience have been influenced by the Saga of Imam Husain (AS). His words: "If you do not have faith, at least by free persons in your worldly affairs", continues to inspire millions. When threatened for refusing to acknowledge the libertine Yazid's Godless rule, the Imam fearlessly said: I have been given two options humiliation or death, and never will I accept humiliation.

Other lessons which we can learn from the tragedy of Karbala:

To be an open minded (thinking independently and being fair and just in one's judgments)

Have a deeper understanding of death (death is for everyone and no soul can escape it. Death with dignity is preferable to a life of humiliation. Dying for the cause of Islam is martyrdom and a great honour).

Always support the truth

Never too late to repent

Fidelity and loyalty

Giving preference to the needs of others

Patience in adversity

Significance of Amr bil-Ma'roof (enjoining good and forbidding evil)

Chastity and hijab, etc...

Imam Husain (AS) and his message of faith, freedom, human rights, justice, refusal to be bow before illegitimate power, continues to reverberate all over the Planet Earth, inspiring tens of millions including the non-Muslims.

Goodbye till next week, and God bless you all.



RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I am a small paradise surrounded by dryness and heat. What am I?
2. I am a type of weapon for SCI-FI characters. What am I?
3. Keep doing me to avoid lens dryness. What am I?
4. I am the noise Santa's Reindeers make. What am I?
5. I store fire-breathing animals. What am I?
6. Some people avoid me, some people count me, and some people just consume me. What am I?

Answers to last week's questions:

1. Candy Cane
2. Capital
3. Aluminum
4. Blood Bank
5. Elephant
6. Clearance

The Rope

The night fell heavy in the heights of the mountains and the man could not see anything. All was black. Zero visibility, and the moon and the stars were covered by the clouds. As he was climbing only a few feet away from the top of the mountain, he slipped and fell in to the air, falling at great speed. He could only see black spots as he went down, and the terrible sensation of being sucked by gravity.

He kept falling, and in the moments of great fear, it came to his mind all the good and bad episodes of his life. He was thinking now about how close death was getting, when all of a sudden he felt the rope tied to his waist pull him very hard. His body was hanging in the air.

Only the rope was holding him and in that moment of stillness he had no other choice other to scream: "Help me God."

All of a sudden a deep voice coming from the sky answered, "What do you want?"

"Save me."

"Do you really think I can save you?"

"Of course I believe You can."

"Then cut the rope tied to your waist."

There was a moment of silence and the man decided to hold on to the rope with all his strength. The rescue team tells that the next day a climber was found dead and frozen, his body hanging from a rope and his hands holding tight to it, only one foot away from the ground.

And we, how attached we are to our rope will we let go? Don't ever doubt about the words of God. We should never say that He has forgotten us or abandoned us.

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and make us laugh too!
Don't hesitate! Mail it to us.
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Imam Husain (AS)

"Beware of things for which you have to apologize. The true believe should not make mistakes in order to apologize. The hypocrite makes mistakes and apologizes every day."

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

THREE WEEKS BEFORE FILMING "THE WALKING DEAD," ACTOR ANDREW LINCOLN (WHO PLAYS RICK GRIMES) PRACTICED HIS AMERICAN ACCENT BY GOING TO GEORGIA AND ORDERING A LOT OF COFFEE AND FRIED CHICKEN!

THERE IS AN OLD ICELANDIC TALE THAT CLAIMS THE YULE CAT WILL EAT YOU IF YOU AREN'T LUCKY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE NEW CLOTHES ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

IN 1941, HENRY FORD CREATED A CAR MADE PARTIALLY OUT OF SOYBEANS!

100 Years of the

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Panel 1: Odie says, "ODIE'S VERY SMART".

Panel 2: Garfield says, "HIS BRAIN IS IN PERFECT SHAPE".

Panel 3: Garfield says, "BECAUSE IT'S NEVER BEEN USED".

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