Saviour of mankind, Imam Mahdi (AS)

"Indeed, right is with us and in us, and nobody else would claim that but a liar and an impostor."

Keeping Alive Hopes

Salaam dear young friends. Hope you are fine by the Grace of God Almighty. Surely you are still basking in the blessings of Eid al-Fitr, which we all celebrated in the Islamic Republic of Iran and most of the world last week, Wednesday, April 10.

Eid is indeed the icing on the cake of the fasting month of Ramadhan. It is a favour from God to Muslims and one of the most spectacular displays of Islamic unity and solidarity. This is particularly evident in the performance of the special Eid Prayer, where crowds of men and children - as well as women - gather to bow and prostrate in unison before the Lord Most High as a form of thanksgiving.

As usual, the Eid al-Fitr Prayer in Tehran was led by the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, and held at the sprawling Imam Khomeini (RA) Mosallah, where millions gathered in the early hours of the morning to pray.

Similar mass prayer gatherings were held in other cities of Iran and around the world, wherever Muslims live.

Well, with the Divine Banquet of Ramadhan over and the euphoria of Eid behind us, we resume our normal lives, but with more vigour, energy and determination acquired during the month-long spiritual exercise of fasting. It wasn't just the abstinence from food and drink from before dawn until a little after sunset, but the abstinence from all sorts of frivolities and chatter. This has instilled in us the proper control of ourselves, especially of our words and deeds. We should be disciplined in our behaviour so as to become more deserving of the Divine Rewards.

Unfortunately, despite the devotion of the Muslim masses to the dynamism of the laws of Islam most of the Muslim lands are ruled by regimes which are Muslim in name only. In other words, these hypocrites, who worship at the altar of the Great Satan (the US), have no hesitation in dealing with the devil (the illegal Zionist entity), to destabilize Muslim countries and to kill Muslims.

The crisis and genocide which we are witnessing today in Palestine, are all the result of the crimes against humanity of this unholy triangle made up of the US, the Zionists, and their Arab

Well friends, as you know today is the 8th of Shawwal and we are commemorating the anniversary of the tragic event of the blasphemous destruction of the Holy Bagie Cemetery of Medina

The Sacred Bagie was sacrilegiously devastated by hordes of Abdul Aziz, who committed the unpardonable crime of razing the grand towering mausoleum that housed the holy shrines of 4 of the 12 Imams of the Ahl al-Bayt – Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS), Imam Zain al-Abedin(AS), Imam Muhammad al-Baqer (AS) and Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS).

May God damn the Wahhabis, Salafis and the like, and save the Ummah of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA) from these foot soldiers of the Crusaders and Zionists. Amen.



JOKES

Four ladies are sitting together talking about their sons. The first one brags, "My son is a bishop, every time he walks into a room people say, 'Your reverence'."

The second lady brags, "My son is a cardinal, every time he walks into a room people say, 'Your eminence'."

The third lady brags, "My son is the pope, every time he walks into a room people say, 'Your holi-

The final lady says, "My son doesn't have a title, he weighs 500 pounds and is only 5 feet tall. But every time he walks into a room everybody says, 'Oh my God!""

A grandmother gives her grandson directions, "Once you get to the building open the door with your elbows. Once you get to the elevator push the up button with your elbow. I'm on the third floor so you're going to have to press the number 3 on the elevator with your elbow. Then once you get off I'm the first to the left, just hit the doorbell with your elbow."

The grandson replies, "That sounds easy enough, but why with my elbows?"

The grandmother says, "Oh... So you're going to be open handed?"

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following ques-

- I grow up while growing down. What am I?
- I am the key that is the hardest to turn. What am I?
- I am the beginning of eternity, the end of time and space, the beginning of every end, the end of every place. What am I?
- I am a cave full of bones, and the house of a worm. What am I?
- Brown I am and much admired; many horses have I tried; tire a horse and worry a man; tell me this riddle if you can. What am I?
- I live off of a busy street, if you want you can stay for an hour or two, but if you don't pay rent I'll tell on you. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

- Death
- Road
- Catfish
- Fence Carrot

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The Largest Egg, From the Largest Bird

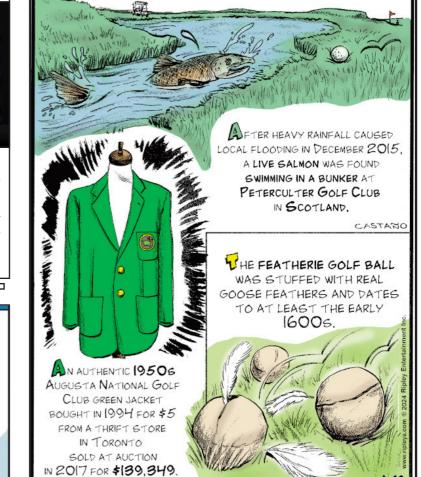
Bigger than kiwis, cassowaries, emus, and ostriches, the elephant bird towered nearly ten feet tall. The Vorombe titan was confirmed in 2018 to be the largest bird known to science, and though these avian behemoths have long been extinct, they've left behind some truly remarkable rari-

There are nearly a dozen elephant bird eggs in the Ripley collection. Each one measures about a foot in length and is big enough to hold two-

and-a-half gallons—the equivalent of about 160 chicken eggs! Despite being pre-fossilized relics, these specimens are believed to be from about the 10th century—just before scientists think the elephant bird went extinct.

Accounts of elephant birds existed in the folklore of travelers for much longer than researchers think the birds were actually alive. While under French occupation, Madagascar natives spoke of a large bird haunting the remote reaches of the island and laying its eggs in places forbidden for hunters to reach. Even Marco Polo heard tales of giant birds from Elephant birds once roamed the uninhabited island of Madagascar. It is believed that

the arrival of humans led to their demise.



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