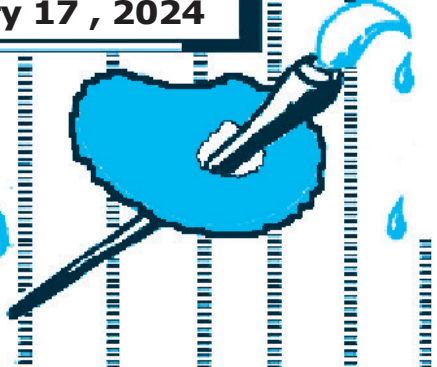


Children's Corner



Imam Ali an-Naqi (AS)

"This life (of the world) is a market in which some people gained and others lost."

The Night of Desirability

Salaam dear young friends, and welcome back our weekly chat. How are you today? Hope you are all fine by the Grace of Almighty Lord.

Well friends, today is 5th of Rajab and 2 days ago on Monday (3rd of Rajab) was the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Ali an-Naqi al-Hadi (AS), the 10th Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

Reports from Iraq suggests that the faithful, made up of men, women, children, and the elderly, were in Samarra to pay respects at the shrine of the 10th Imam.

As we had said last week, Rajab is a golden opportunity for believers to avail of the special bounties that the All-Merciful has reserved for those who strive to achieve them. Tomorrow, Thursday, is one such occasion that should inspire you youngsters. So don't miss it. For your information it is the "Laylat ar-Ragha'eb" which occurs on the first Friday Eve of Rajab.

It could be translated into English as the "Night of Desirability". The word "Desirability" here means the display of the innate desires of dedicated and pious Muslims for attaining the proximity of the Lord Most High. And this is possible only through acts of virtue.

For this auspicious night, a special observance has been narrated from Prophet Mohammad (SAWA), and among the virtues of this observance is expiation of many sins. It is mentioned that when someone who has offered this prayer dies, on the first night of his burial, God Almighty sends the reward for it in the most beautiful of forms, with a bright and gracious face, to greet him.

For your information, in the next few days there will be a string of celebrations.

The 9th of Rajab is the birthday of the Infant Martyr of Karbala, Hazrat Ali Asghar (AS), who six months later on the 10th of Muharram was destined to be martyred in the state of acute thirst in the hands of his father Imam Husain (AS), by an arrow shot by the heartless marksman of the Omayyad army, Harmala.

The very next day which is 10th of Rajab, the birthday of Imam Muhammad at-Taqi al-Jawad (AS), the 9th Infallible Heir of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), who was a mere boy of 8 years when his father Imam Reza (AS) was martyred, and yet he demonstrated in his tender age, his God-given wisdom.

The 13th of Rajab is the blessed day of birth of the Commander of the Faithful, the Leader of the Pious, the Symbol of Justice, the Epitome of Piety, the Paragon of Patience, and the Embodiment of Valour, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), the cousin and divinely-designated vicegerent of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). Imam Ali (AS), who is the only person born in the holy Ka'ba, needs no introduction.

That's was all for our weekly chat, stay safe and good-bye till next week.

Bank

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- CHECKING
- DEPOSIT
- WITHDRAWAL
- DRAWER
- PAYMENT
- SAVINGS
- CUSTOMER
- ACCOUNT
- MONEY MARKET
- BALANCE
- NOTES
- BANKER
- TELLER
- MANAGER
- COIN

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I direct you from outer space. What am I?
2. I transfer oxygen from the atmosphere to your blood. What am I?
3. I am the reaction after enjoying soda. What am I?
4. Use me to reward good behavior. What am I?
5. I cause involuntary movements in your vehicle. What am I?
6. I am a person who pretends to be someone else. What am I?

Answers to last week's edition:

1. Farm
2. Horn
3. Shower
4. Triangle
5. Lamp
6. Nail Polish

JOKES

A tree walks into a bank and asks for a loan. The teller says, "You'll have to speak to our branch manager."

A wife and her husband are at the dentist. The wife tells the dentist, "I don't have time for anesthesia, just hurry up and pull it."

The dentist replies, "You sure are a brave woman. Just show me which tooth it is and you'll be on your way."

The woman turns to her husband and says, "Open your mouth honey."

Teacher: Give me a sentence that starts with the letter, "I".

Student: Okay! I is the...

Teacher: Stop! Don't say 'is' after "I". Always put 'am' after "I".

Student: Okay! I am the ninth letter of the alphabet!

The Horse and the Stag Fable

The Horse had the plain entirely to himself.

A Stag intruded into his domain and shared his pasture.

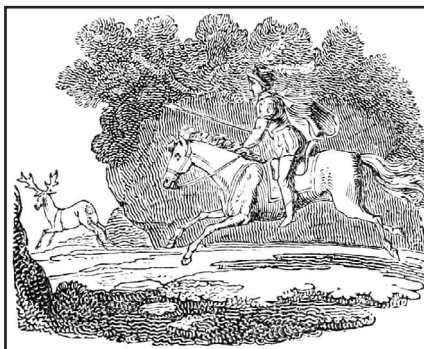
The Horse, desiring to revenge himself on the stranger, requested a man, if he were willing, to help him in punishing the Stag.

The man replied, that if the Horse would receive a bit in his mouth, and agree to carry him, he would contrive very effectual weapons against the Stag.

The Horse consented, and allowed the man to mount him.

From that hour he found that, instead of obtaining revenge on the Stag, he had enslaved himself to the service of man.

MORAL: "He who seeks to injure others often injures only himself."



SOME MORNINGS I DON'T FEEL LIKE GETTING OUT OF BED

ESPECIALLY WHEN I'VE SLEPT ON MY TAIL AND CAN'T MOVE WITHOUT SCREAMING



RIPLEY'S Believe It or Not!



ARGENTIA, ON THE WEST COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA, AVERAGES 206 DAYS OF FOG PER YEAR.



A TORTOISE STARTED A HOUSE FIRE IN ESSEX, ENGLAND, AFTER KNOCKING OVER A HEAT LAMP, WHICH THEN IGNITED HIS BEDDING.



HOT MARKET!

HOMEOWNERS BRADLEY AND PENNY MASON OF MEYERSDALE, PENNSYLVANIA, BOUGHT THE UNOCCUPIED HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO DEMOLISH IT AS A FIRE HAZARD — THE HOUSE CAUGHT FIRE WHILE THEY SIGNED THE DEED.