Imam Hasan Mojtaba (AS)

"Glory is to forgive the fault, while chivalry is to safeguard the religion, promote the personality, be lenient, sustain in doing favors, fulfill the rights, and behave amicably with people."

Bounties of the Grand Night

Salaam dear young friends. New Year greetings to you all; hope you have enjoyed your annual spring holidays. We are meeting after a two-week gap, which means this is our first chat of the year 1403 solar hijri.

As you all know, this year's Nowruz holidays were coincided with the blessed month of Ramadhan. It is nice to have a chat with you after the refreshing you went through over the past few days during the Grand Nights of Qadr. May God accept your earnest endeavours!

The Grand Nights of Qadr are indeed a great blessing from the Lord Most High. It is the turning point of the year. Actually it is the start of the new spiritual year, since it is on these blessed nights that God decrees the happenings in our personal and social life till next year's Grand Nights.

Different cultures have different calendar years. In the West, the New Year starts on January 1. In Iran the solar hijri year begins on the 1st of Farvardin (20th March). In Arab countries, the first of Muharram is considered the start of the lunar hijri year. The Chinese and the Indians have their own new years.

The people observing the above mentioned dates pray and request God for blessings. The All-Merciful does accept the requests of His creatures and grants them something on the days they observer as per their respective cultures.

But the Almighty Creator, Who controls our destinies, has decreed three alternate nights of the blessed month of Ramadhan on which year-long happenings are determined. As ayahs 3 to 5 of Surah Qadr say:

"The Night of Grandeur is better than a thousand months. The Angels and the Spirit descend therein by the permission of their Lord for (decreeing) every affair. Peace! It is till the breaking of the dawn."

The Holy Qur'an further says in ayahs 3 to 5 of Surah Dukhan – which we so devoutly recited on the 23rd eve of blessed Ramadhan:

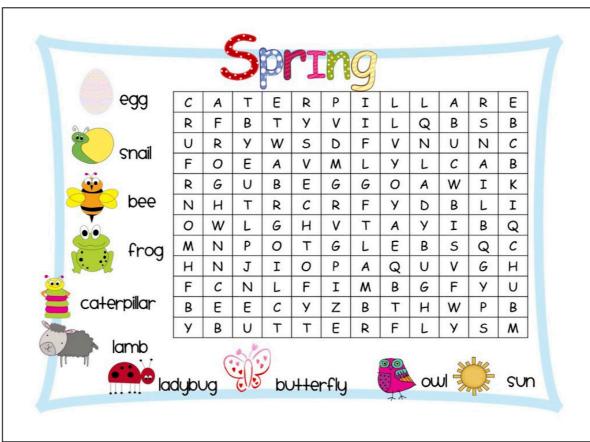
"Surely We revealed it on the Blessed Night (Laylat al-Mubareka). Indeed We are ever warning. Therein every wise affair is made distinct. A command from Us; surely We are the senders."

When asked about Allah's saying "We revealed it on Laylat al-Mubareka or the Blessed Night..." Prophet Muhammad's (SAWA) 5th Infallible Heir, Imam Mohammad Baqer (AS) replied:

"Yes, it is Laylat-al-Qadr, it comes every year, in the month of Ramadhan, during its last ten nights. The Qur'an was not sent down but on the Night of Grandeur as Allah says: In it every wise affair is made clear. That is, He decrees that night everything to happen during the year..."

The hour is nigh. Surely the hour will come when these satanic regimes and devilish outfits will be wiped out forever from the face of the earth, as promised by God – with the advent of the Saviour of mankind, the Prophet's 12th and Last Infallible Heir, Imam Mahdi (AS).

The Imam to whom the angels descend on the Grand Nights of Qadr for finalization of the fates of every individual will reappear with Prophet Jesus (AS) as his assistant to establish the global government of peace, prosperity, and justice.



JOKES

Kamran, Fariborz, and Bahman are driving down a highway and their car breaks down. It's a three hour walk to the petrol station.

They plan to carry their gas tank there and bring it back full.

For the first hour Kamran will tell a happy story, for the next hour Fariborz will tell a sad story, and for the last hour Bahman will tell a scary story.

After two hours of walking it is Bahman's turn and he says "Okay guys... I forgot the money."

A guy is in a car accident and he breaks both of his legs. He calls the police and they ask him what street he is on and he says "I'm on Schlepsentle Road."

The officer says "Can you spell that sir?"

The man thinks for a while and answers "I'll crawl over to Oak."

A man has a curse; he is only able to say a single word every year. But if he doesn't say a word that year he can say two the next year, then three, and so on.

One day he meets a beautiful woman and wants to ask her to marry him, but he has no words saved up so he must wait four years.

So he waits four years and he is finally able to ask her the question. He looks her in the eyes and says "Will you marry me?"

She looks back at him with a smile and twinkle in her eye and replies "Come again?"

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

- 1. Some try to hide, some try to cheat. But time will show we always will meet. Try as you might, to guess my name. I promise you'll know, when you I do claim. What am I?
- 2. I spend the day at the window, go to the table for meals, and hide at night. What am I?
- 3. I run through hills. I veer around mountains. I leap over rivers. And crawl through the forests. Step out your door to find me. What am I?
- 4. I am the kind of fish that chases a mouse. What am I?5. I go around a yard but
- do not move. What am I?6. I am orange and
- sound like a parrot. What am I?

 Answers to the questions

asked in the previous issue:

- 1. Dove
- 2. Darkness
- 3. Tombstone
- 4. X
- 5. Shadow
- 6. Tree

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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Bees Live in Woman's Eyelid

A woman in
Taiwan went
to her doctor
complaining of
a swollen eye.
When he inspected behind
her eyelid, he
found four bees
living inside!
The bees were
tiny, measuring
just a few milli-



meters in length and were living off the woman's tears. These particular bees are thought to have blown into her eye, but were removed in time for her to make a full recovery.



