



Children's Corner



Imam Ali an-Naqi (AS)

“Buffoonery is the amusement of the fool and the action of the ignorant.”

Memorable Occasions

Salaam youngsters. How are you? Hope you are all fine and in good health in winter's frosty cold.

We wish you all peace, happiness, and success in life as we pray for the welfare of all Iranians, as well as children, teenagers, elderly, and the aged, all over the world, irrespective of their ethnicity, language, class, creed, and colour of skin.

For the information of our readers abroad, yesterday, January 7, was Christmas Day in Iran for the majority of our Christian compatriots who follow the Orthodox Church.

This means, Monday was Christmas Eve for them churches throughout the country held midnight masses marking what they believe to be the birthday of Prophet Jesus (peace upon him).

In Tabriz, the Armenian Christian community of the East Azarbaijan Province of northwestern Iran gathered in Churches to pray for peace all over the world, especially in the Caucasus region, and of course, Gaza in Occupied Palestine, where both Christians and Muslims are subjected to Israel's holocaust.

In the capital Tehran, the St. Saint Sarkis Church, the Saint Gregory Church, and the Illuminator Church, presented a colourful spectacle with lights and flowers as the Orthodox community members thronged them to pray for peace.

May God Almighty curse and destroy Israel and the Zionists, the avowed enemies of Jesus and all humanity, including the various Christian sects and Muslims of all denominations – Amen.

Well friends, we Muslims are on the threshold some of the most auspicious occasions in the coming days, since Saturday Rajab 10 is the blessed birthday of Imam Muhammad at-Taqi al-Jawad (AS), while Rajab 13 happens to be one of the most glorious days of the Islamic Calendar.

Yes, Tuesday is a public holiday in the Islamic Republic with special festivities throughout the country to mark the birth anniversary of the Commander of Faithful, the Leader of the Pious, the Icon of Justice, the Symbol of Valour, and the Gateway of Knowledge, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS).

Next Wednesday, we will celebrate with you in this weekly column the blessings in which we continue to bask, courtesy the transcendental personality of First Divinely-designated Successor of the Mercy unto all creation, Prophet Muhammad (SAWA).

Today we felicitate you on Rajab 10 a day of double joy, since 130 years before the birthday of Imam Jawad (AS), Planet Earth was graced by the birth of the Infant Martyr of Karbala, Hazrat Ali Asghar (AS).

Though his life ended at the tender age of 6 months by the arrow of the cruel Harmala in Karbala, he is indeed the immortal symbol of bravery for all seekers of truth. Through intercession with God Almighty, he continues to play the role of Granter of Boons (Bab al-Hawa'ej) for the young and the old alike.

As for Imam Muhammad Jawad (AS), the Prophet's 9th Infallible Heir, who was only a boy of 8 years when the Divine Trust of leadership of mankind was placed on his tender shoulders. Like the Prophets Yahya (John the Baptist) and Jesus, he displayed the bezels of wisdom to guide the seekers of truth.

Born in Medina in 195 AH and martyred in the prime of youth at the age of 25, he continues to guide the seekers of truth with his lasting heritage.

General Animals 3

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PARROT
LEOPARD
HORSE
MOLE
KANGAROO
TURTLE
CAMEL
TERMITE
EMU
ELEPHANT
SNAKE
WEASEL
RHINOCEROS
TIGER
GORILLA
RAT
WHALE
GAZELLE
SHARK

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I am the same written forward, backward, and upside down. What am I?
2. I sleep when you are awake; I am awake when you fall asleep. I can fly but no feathers to aid my flight. What am I?
3. I only exist when you are here. Where you never were, I can never be. What am I?
4. I can be red, blue, purple, and green. No one can reach me, not even the queen. What am I?
5. I have six faces but not even one body connected, 21 eyes in total but cannot see. What am I?
6. I have a head and a tail but my eyes can never see my tail. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

1. Tissue
2. Bullet
3. Map
4. Donut
5. Watermelon
6. Particles

JOKES

Three men are sitting in the swimming pool. Suddenly there is a beeping sound. The first man presses his forearm and the beeping stops. The others look at him questioningly.

“That’s my pager,” he says. “I have a microchip under the skin of my arm.”

A few minutes later a phone rings. The second man lifts his palm to his ear.

When he finishes he explains, “That’s my mobile phone. I have a microchip in my hand.”

The third man, feeling decidedly low-tech, steps out of the pool. In a few minutes he returns with a piece of tissue paper roll. The others raise their eyebrows.

“I’m getting a Fax,” he explains.

The world’s first fully computerized airliner was ready for its maiden flight without pilots or crew. The plane taxied to the loading area automatically, its doors opened automatically, the steps came out automatically. The passengers boarded the plane and took their seats.

The steps retreated automatically, the doors closed, and the airplane taxied toward the runway.

“Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen,” a voice intoned. “Welcome to the debut of the world’s first fully computerized airliner. Everything on this aircraft is run electronically. Just sit back and relax. Nothing can go wrong ... Nothing can go wrong...nothing can go wrong.... nothing can go wrong... nothing can go wrong...”

The Woodman and the Serpent

One wintry day a Woodman was tramping home from his work when he saw something black lying on the snow.

When he came closer he saw it was a Serpent to all appearance dead.

But he took it up and put it in his bosom to warm while he hurried home.

As soon as he got indoors he put the Serpent down on the hearth before the fire.

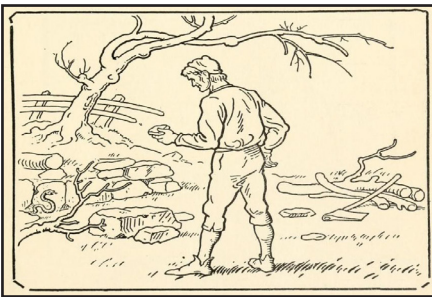
The children watched it and saw it slowly come to life again.

Then one of them stooped down to stroke it, but the Serpent raised its head and put out its fangs and was about to sting the child to death.

So the Woodman seized his axe, and with one stroke cut the Serpent in two.

“Ah,” said he, “No gratitude from the wicked.”

MORAL: “No gratitude from the wicked.”



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