

Children's Corner



Imam Ali (AS)
"He whose dress is chosen by knowledge will have his defects screened from people."

Three Tough Questions!

Once Bahlul heard a leading scholar (Abu Hanifa) telling his disciples that, "I have heard three things from Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) which I think are wrong." The disciples asked what those things were.

Abu Hanifa said: "First of all, Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS) says that Allah cannot be seen. But it is wrong. If a thing does exist, then it must be seen. Secondly, he says that Satan will be punished in Hell. But it is absurd. Because Satan was created from fire; how can fire do any harm to a thing or person made of fire? Thirdly, he says that a man's action is done by the will and power, and that he is responsible for it. But it is wrong because all the actions of man are done by Allah's will and power, and Allah is, actually, responsible for it."

The disciples' applause had just begun when Bahlul took a lump of clay and sent it hurling towards Abu Hanifa. It hit him on the forehead. He cried in anguish and pain. The disciples caught Bahlul and the scholar took him to the judge. The judge heard the complaint and asked Bahlul whether the allegation was true.

Bahlul said: "O Judge! This scholar alleges that he is suffering from a searing pain in his head because of the clay which hit him. But I think he is lying. I cannot believe him until I see the pain."

Abu Hanifa cried out: "You really are crazy! How can I show you the pain? Has anybody ever seen a pain?"

Bahlul: "But, O Judge, he was just teaching his disciples that if a thing does exist, then it must be seen. As he cannot show the pain, I submit that according to his own belief, he is not suffering from any pain at all."

Abu Hanifa: "Oh! My head is splitting because of the pain."

Bahlul: "Oh Judge, there is another matter which I just remember. He was telling his disciples that as Satan is made of fire, the fire of Hell cannot do him any harm. Now, man is made of clay, as Qur'an says, and it was a lump of clay which hit him, I wonder how he can claim that a lump of clay did harm to a man made of clay."

Abu Hanifa: "O Judge! Bahlul wants to go scot-free by his verbosity. Please take my revenge from him."

Bahlul: "O Judge, I think this scholar has very wrongfully brought me to this court. He was just teaching his disciples that all the actions of man are done by Allah and Allah is responsible for those actions. Now, why did he bring me here? If he really is suffering from the effect of that lump of clay, he should file suit against Allah who did hit him with that clay. Why a poor harmless person like me should be brought to the court. What all I am supposed to do was in fact done by Allah?"

The Judge acquitted Bahlul.

Seasons

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- FLIP FLOPS
- RAKE
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- SUNSHINE
- FLOWERS
- FALL
- WINTER
- LEAVES
- SUMMER
- ICICLES
- RAIN
- SPRING
- SWIMMING
- SEASONAL
- SNOWMAN

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I contain six letters, minus one and you got twelve. What am I?
2. Sometimes I fly as fast as the speed of light. Sometime I crawl as slow as a snail. Unknown until I am measured but you will certainly miss me when I'm gone. What am I?
3. I have roots nobody sees. I am taller than trees. Up, up I go but I never grow. What am I?
4. I am a ship that can be made to ride the greatest waves. I am not built by objects, but built by minds. What am I?
5. I have a mouth on my head and eat everything. What am I?
6. I do not have eyes but I once could see. I used to have thoughts but now I'm empty. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

1. Net
2. Piano
3. Star
4. Glove
5. Wind
6. Ice

JOKES

Teacher: What do you call a priest that becomes a lawyer?
Student: A father in law

Teacher: Why are the Irish so wealthy?
Student: Their capital is always Dublin!

Teacher: What did the baby computer say when he saw his father?
Student: Data

Teacher: Why shouldn't you tell an egg a joke?
Student: It might crack up!

A man and his wife go to the doctor's office. After the doctor sees him he calls in his wife and she asks "Is my husband okay Doctor?"

The doctor replies "Well, he will be if you do everything I say. You have to prepare all of his meals for him every day. You also have to do all of his chores, never nag at him, and most importantly you must massage him three times a day. Do this for about a year and he will live."

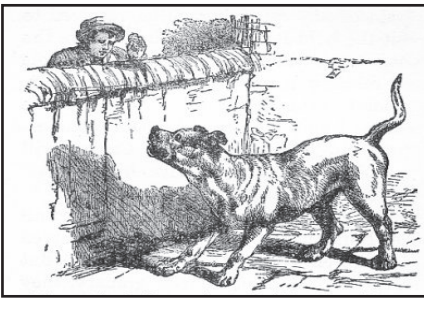
Later in the car the husband asks his wife what the doctor said and she replies "He said you were going to die."

The Thief and the House-Dog

A Thief came in the night to break into a house. He brought with him several slices of meat, that he might pacify the House-dog, so that he should not alarm his master by barking.

As the Thief threw him the pieces of meat, the Dog said: "If you think to stop my mouth, to relax my vigilance, or even to gain my regard by these gifts, you will be greatly mistaken. This sudden kindness at your hands will only make me more watchful, lest under these unexpected favors to myself you have some private ends to accomplish for your own benefit, and for my master's injury. Besides, this is not the time that I am usually fed, which makes me all the more suspicions of your intentions."

MORAL: "He who offers bribes needs watching, for his intentions are not honest."



RIPLEY'S Believe It or Not!

ON APRIL 1, 2015, THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM DISPLAYED WONDER WOMAN'S INVISIBLE JET FOR ONE DAY ONLY.

LARGE DRONES WERE SPOTTED FLYING OVER NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK CITY IN 2024, AND NO ONE KNOWS WHO'S OPERATING THEM.

IN 2024, CHINESE EV MAKER XPENG UNVEILED ITS FLYING CAR, THE "LAND AIRCRAFT CARRIER," WITH A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC FLIGHT AT THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL AVIATION EXHIBITION.

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WOW!
WONDER WOMAN INVISIBLE JET

Passin' Through!
NOTHIN' TO SEE HERE!
SCUSE US!

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