#### Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS)

"A Muslim always has three characteristics: knowledge about the religion, good management of life, and perseverance in the faces of calamities."

# **Blessed Birthday**

Salaam dear young friends. How are you all, hope you are all doing well by the Grace of Almighty Lord.

Well friends, for the information of our readers abroad, Friday will be the 1st of the month of Zilqa'dah, the day when a great personality was born over a millennium and two-and-a-half centuries ago. A lady of merits of so transcendental, that her graces would not be confined to her birthplace, but would be of universal nature, to be benefit of all humanity, without the boundaries of time and place.

No wonder she was named Fatema (SA) in honour of her Infallible Ancestress, the daughter of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA). Her birthday is celebrated in the Islamic Republic of Iran as the Day of the Virtuous Daughters, and today all roads lead towards her blessed shrine in Qom; of course, with due observation of the social distancing and the necessary hygienic safeguards as preventive measures against the Coronavirus pandemic sweeping across Iran and the world.

"Whoever visits Ma'suma in Qom is like the one who has visited me."

The phrase that we recited is the tribute of a beloved brother to his devoted sister. The identity of the siblings ought to be obvious in view of the Iranian city referred to in this short sentence, along with the epithet "Ma'suma" which in Arabic means "Innocent Lady".

The fact that Imam Reza (AS), the 8th Infallible Heir of Prophet Mohammad (SAWA), uses an epithet to refer to his sister, instead of her proper name, speaks volumes of the lofty status of the immaculate daughter of Imam Musa al-Kazem (AS).

The 1st of the sacred month of Zilqa'dah is the birth anniversary of "Our Innocent Lady of Qom". In brief, Hazrat Ma'souma was the embodiment of virtue and knowledge. She was engrossed in the worship of Allah to such an extent that like Prophet Jesus' mother, the Virgin Mary (SA), no man of her age was worthy of her hand. For this reason, she did not marry.

Shortly after Imam Reza (AS) was forced to leave Medina for distant Khorasan by the Abbasid regime, she decided to travel to Iran to meet her brother. It was a long journey and when the caravan accompanying her and several of her brothers, reached Saveh (near modern Tehran), forces of the Abbasid regime attacked them. She now turned towards Oom, where the people accorded her a warm welcome. However, after a short 17-day stay, her soul flew to the ethereal heavens at the young age of 28 years, and she was laid to rest in this city. When word reached Imam Reza (AS) in Khorasan, he was aggrieved, and by the Will of God, gave tidings of paradise for those visiting her grave, fully aware of her merits and position in the sight of God. Today, seekers of knowledge from all over the world flock to Qom to acquire Islamic sciences at the seminaries in and around the grand sprawling mausoleum of Hazrat Ma'sumah (SA). God bless you and goodbye.

### Earth Moon and Sun

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SUMMER SOLSTICE
HIGH TIDE
LUNAR ECLIPSE
TIDAL BULGE
NEW MOON
FULL MOON
AXIS
ROTATE
REVOLVE
LOW TIDE
SOLAR ECLIPSE

### KIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

- 1. I am two-faced but bear only one. I have no legs but travel widely. Men spill much blood over me. Kings leave their imprint on me. I have greatest power when given away, yet lust for me keeps me locked away. What am I?
- 2. I fly forever, Rest never. What am I?
- 3. I am the building with the most number of stories. What am I?
- 4. Part carbon, part water, I am poison to the fishes. Many falsely claim my name, I am the pause that refreshes. What am I?
- 5. I'm tall, I'm round and hollow, seems to get chewed a bit, but you'll rarely see me unless the other end is lit. What am I?
- 6. My days are numbered. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

- 1. Cotton
- 2. Light
- 3. Key4. Kitchen
- 5. Red

6. Alphabet

Send your jokes. Heard any jokes lately? Well, try and

make us laugh too!

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## **JOKES**

A man comes home after being out all night. When he arrives home his wife is glaring at him. She asks him, "Why did you decide to show up at 6 in the morning?"

The man stumbles a bit, and replies "I want some breakfast."

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."

Little boy asks his mom if he can have some animal crackers. His mom gives him a box of crackers and tells him he can have a few. His mom leaves and comes back in a few minutes finding all of the crackers on the floor with the boy looking through them. His mother asks "What are you doing son?" The boy replies "It said don't eat if the seal was already broken. But I can't find a seal!"

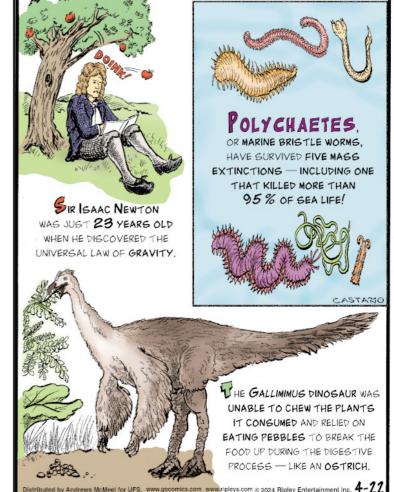
## Octopuses Don't Have Eight Arms

Octopuses have six arms and two legs, not eight tentacles as they are sometimes mistakenly called. The eight-limbed mollusks even have a preference when it comes to which arm they use for eating. Disturbingly, in rare situations, they've been known to consume their own arms.



In a 2008 study released by researchers at Sea Life centers across Europe, scientists revealed that octopuses maneuver and crawl around the sea floor using two limbs located on the rear of their bodies. The remaining six limbs are predominantly used for feeding and propulsion.





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