



Imam Ali al-Hadi (AS)

“The world is like a market in which some profit while others incur loss.”

The Greatest-Ever Eid

Salaam dear young friends, and heartiest felicitations to you. Can you guess the reason for this congratulations?

Today is, of course, a day of celebration. The 15th of Zil-Hijjah is the birthday of Imam Ali an-Naqi al-Hadi (AS), the 10th Infallible Heir of the Prophet Muhammad (SAWA). It is indeed an auspicious event, but it is not the occasion for which we are greeting you in the warmest possible manner.

So what is it?

Yes, you are absolutely right. We are on the threshold of the Grandest Eid. It is the day on which God Almighty perfected faith, completed His blessings, and decreed Islam as the religion of all mankind (Holy Qur’an 5:3).

It is the 18th of Zil-Hijja. It is the “Day of Ghadeer”. It is the greatest ever day in the annals of human history and civilization.

It was on this day, while returning from his Farewell Hajj Pilgrimage that the Almighty’s Last and Greatest Messenger, on receiving an express commandment from the heavens, halted at the place called Khom, beside a pond (Ghadeer), near Juhfa, and after delivering a memorable sermon to a huge gathering of 120,000 Muslims, proclaimed his dear cousin and son-in-law, Imam Ali ibn Abi Taleb (AS), as the divinely-decreed vicegerent, with those immortal words: “For whomever I am Master, this Ali is his/her Master.”

Prophet Mohammad (SAWA) then supplicated to Lord Most High: O Allah! Befriend whoever is a friend of his, and turn away whoever is his enemy; assist whoever helps him and humiliate whoever tries to humiliate him.

No wonder, Ghadeer is supposed to be the greatest Eid in Islam. As a matter of fact, according to the Prophet’s 6th Infallible Heir, Imam Ja’far as-Sadeq (AS), it is the Greatest Eid in Islam, more significant than Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha, because this day decided the continuation of divine guidance for humanity, despite the plots of the seditious, such as the scandalous gathering of Saqifa Bani Sa’d.

It is the day on which God Almighty perfected faith, completed divine favours, and decreed Islam as the religion of mankind.

May God increase in the hearts of you youngsters – as well as in our hearts – the love, affection, and veneration of the Commander of the Faithful, the Leader of the Pious, the Symbol of Justice, the Epitome of Wisdom; the Paragon of Valour that the Prophet’s First Infallible Heir was! Amen.

Found in the Forest

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LUMBER
CHIPMUNK
BLUEBERRIES
WILDCAT
ELM
DITCHES
FLOWERS
OPPOSSUM
WEEDS
PINE
RACCOONS
FAWN
SQUIRRELS
ELK
ANIMALS
BLACKBERRIES
DOE
FENCES
GRASS
DEER

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. I am one small little piece of paper, yet sometimes hold lots of value. I am all you need to get in to big events, but will cost you. I am an important part of travel. And if lost, you’re not coming. What am I?
2. A hole in a pole. Though I fill a hole in white, I’m used more b the day and less by the night. What am I?
3. I am what bring things together. Without me everything you see would be a total mass or debris everywhere. What am I?
4. I am beautiful, up in the sky. I am magical, yet I cannot fly. To people I bring luck, to some people, riches. The boy at my end does whatever he wishes. What am I?
5. I may seem real but it always turns out I was never there in the first place... you only see me during a certain resting stage. What am I?
6. I can speak with my hard metal tongue. But I cannot breathe, for I have no lung. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

1. Brain
2. Bush
3. Feather
4. Time
5. Sloth
6. Paper

JOKES

Pupil (on phone): My son has a bad cold and won’t be able to come to school today.

School Secretary: Who is this?

Pupil: This is my father speaking!

Son: I can’t go to school today.

Father: Why not?

Son: I don’t feel well

Father: Where don’t you feel well?

Son: In school!

Teacher: Why are you late?

Student: Because of the sign.

Teacher: What sign?

Student: The one that says, “School Ahead, Go Slow.”

The Miser and His Gold

Once upon a time there was a Miser who used to hide his gold at the foot of a tree in his garden; but every week he used to go and dig it up and gloat over his gains.

A robber, who had noticed this, went and dug up the gold and decamped with it.

When the Miser next came to gloat over his treasures, he found nothing but the empty hole.

He tore his hair, and raised such an outcry that all the neighbours came around him, and he told them how he used to come and visit his gold.

“Did you ever take any of it out?” asked one of them.

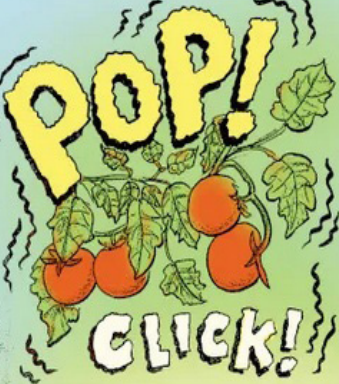
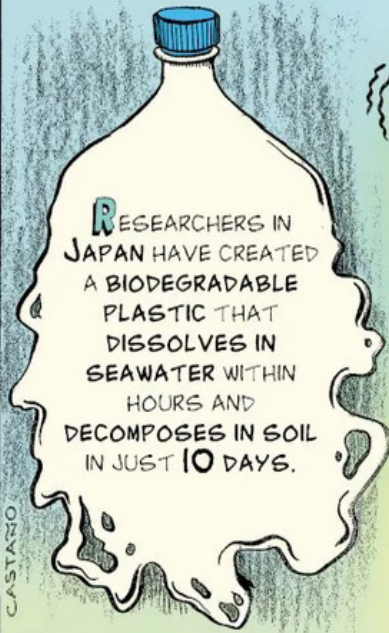
“Nay,” said he, “I only came to look at it.”

“Then come again and look at the hole,” said a neighbour; “it will do you just as much good.”

MORAL: “Wealth unused might as well not exist”



RIPLEY'S Believe It or Not!



WHEN STRESSED, PLANTS LIKE TOMATOES AND TOBACCO EMIT ULTRASONIC POPS AND CLICKS — SOUNDS WE CAN'T HEAR BUT ANIMALS AND INSECTS CAN.

IN 2025, THE WORLD'S TALLEST DOG, REGINALD THE GREAT DANE, MET THE SHORTEST, PEARL THE CHIHUAHUA, FOR A PLAYDATE IN IDAHO.

