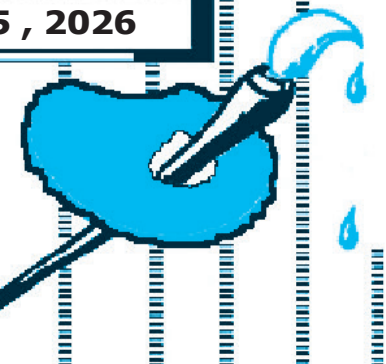


Children's Corner



Imam Reza (AS)

"God surely hates gossips, squandering, and asking - for financial help - from the enemies."

Walking Towards Paradise

Salaam dear young friends and heartfelt condolences to you all. You know the occasion for consoling you, and what makes our heart full of grief these days.

For the information of our foreign friends, especially the readers of our weekly column abroad, particularly in non-Muslim societies, yesterday was the anniversary which renewed the moist in our eyes, whether the children amongst us, or whether the grownups.

Yes, yesterday was Arba'een – the traditional 40th day of the anniversary of the heartrending tragedy of Ashura. This means, our hearts turned towards Karbala in Iraq, towards the holy shrine of Imam Husain (AS), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAWA), towards each these days everyone seems to be trekking.

In this long and large march on foot by many, are devotees of all ages. The young and the old, the toddlers clinging to the hands of their parents, the babies in prams, the briskly walking teenagers, men and women in the prime of life, the grey-haired, the elderly, and even those walking on crutches or traversing on wheelchairs, braving the scorching heat of the sun in daytime and the bone chilling cold of the desert at night.

Their hearts were beating with the love for Imam Husain (AS) and those martyred along with him in 61 AH (680 AD), including his infant 6-month old son Ali Asghar (AS).

This year as many as 21 million-plus pilgrims, from all over the world, were present in Karbala to pay homage to the Chief of Martyrs.

Many were walking the 80 km distance from Najaf from the shrine of the Commander of the Faithful, Imam Ali (AS), towards Karbala. This is indeed the experience of a lifetime.

Pilgrimage to the holy shrine on the Day of Arba'een is indeed a clear path towards paradise, as promised by the Prophet and testified by many a hadith.

This is the reason that among the pilgrims there are many Sunni Muslims and even Christians, Izadis, Zoroastrians, Hindus, and Sabians.

As yesterday was Arba'een, here we would like to share a famous hadith from the Prophet's 11th Infallible Heir, Imam Hasan al-Askari (AS): There are five signs to recognize or determine a true believer, and recitation of the special ziyarat (or salutation) for Imam Husain (AS) on the Day of Arba'een is one of these signs.

The other signs of a true believer: are recitation in raised voice of the Qur'anic ayah Bismillah-ir-Rahman-ir-Raheem during the ritual prayers; performance of 51 raka'at of ritual prayers in a single day at different times (that is, 17 obligatory and 34 recommended); prostration on soil or clay; and wearing of ring in a finger of the right hand.

The special Arba'een Ziyarah has been related on the authority of Imam Ja'far as-Sadeq (AS), the great-grandson of the Martyr of Karbala and the 6th Infallible Heir of the Prophet. It was dictated to his disciple Safwan Jammaal.

So dear friends, please remember us when you visit the holy shrine of Imam Husain (AS) and share with us your experiences of this spiritual journey.



Funny Questions & Answers

Question: How is 1/3rd of six equal to ten?

Answer: One-third part of SIX is X which is ten in Roman numerals.

Question: What did the sea say to the sand?

Answer: Nothing, it just waved.

Question: How can half of five multiplied by half of eight be equal to zero?

Answer: If you cut the figure 8 in half you get zero. The product of any number and zero is zero.

Question: Why is an island like the letter t?

Answer: Both are in the middle of water.

Question: What do they call the small rivers that run into Nile?

Answer: Juveniles

Question: How can you bring together 6 and 40 to make 64?

Answer: You can bring together 'SIX' and 'FORTY' to form the words SIXTY FOUR.

RIDDLES

Dear youngsters, could you answer the following questions.

1. Against the sun, I protect your eyes and am often worn on the face of spies. What am I?
2. I can be found in water but never wet. What am I?
3. I make things short, but I am pretty long myself. What am I?
4. Many people own a copy of me. Without me the world would fall. What am I?
5. I am an object which is used in baseball, during the day I can't be seen at all. What am I?
6. I am wood that is neither hard, straight, nor crooked. What am I?

Answers to the questions asked in the previous issue:

1. Police Car
2. Window
3. Moose
4. Minecraft
5. Children
6. Stick

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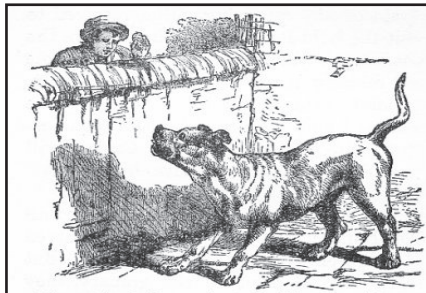
The Thief and the House-Dog

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.

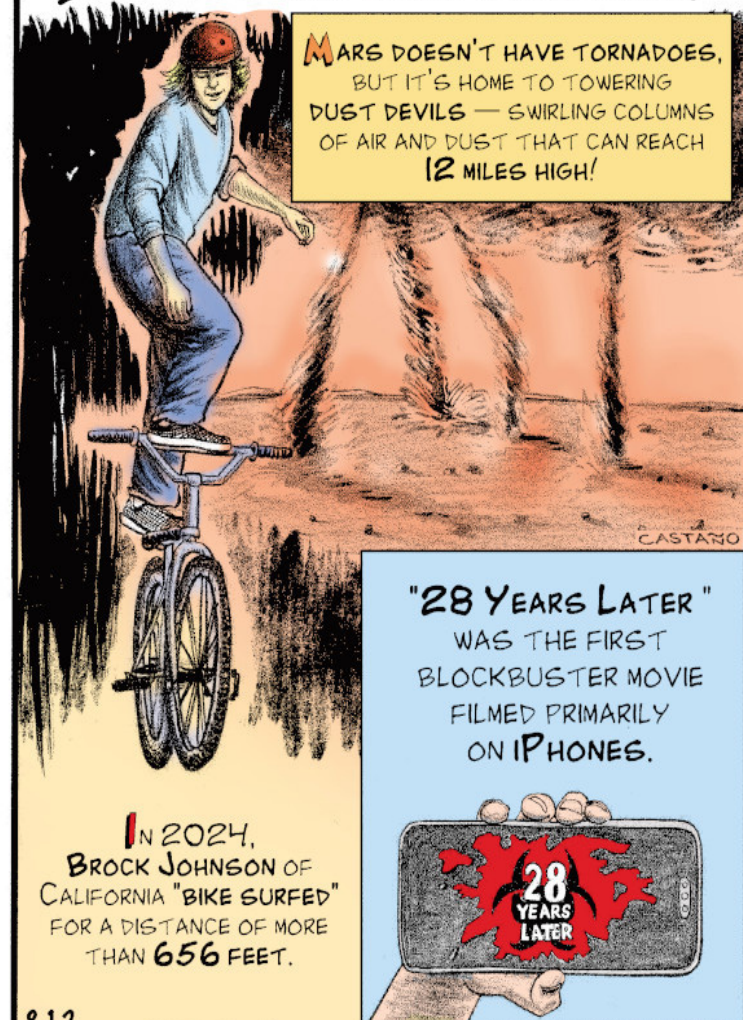
As the Thief threw him the pieces of meat, the Dog said:

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



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