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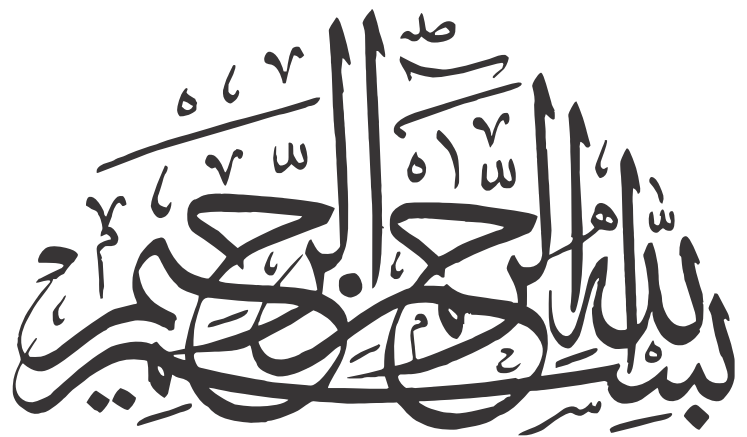
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Salam Alhadi Lions, The Roaring Report would like to welcome back the new and returning students to another year filled with cherished memories. The Roaring Report team is thrilled to provide a platform for engaging reads, celebrating your achievements, and keeping you up to date with the school and the world. Join in for an engrossing read and stay tuned for upcoming editions!

THE PROPHET'S ADVICE

BY SAKINAH SHEIKH

The prophet once said, “There are three things I fear for my nation: obedience to greed, following of desires, and leaders who are astray.”

And when the Apostle of God was asked: 'Who is your true nation?'

He answered: “My true nation consists of those who are with the truth, though they may only be ten people”.

In another narration the prophet conveys: “The best of my nation is one who spends his youth in obedience to God and weans himself off the pleasures of this world and is focused on the next life. His reward with God will be the highest stations in Paradise.”

As we can see above, the prophet provides us with a list of things we should avoid, as well as strive for. When the prophet tells us of his fears regarding his nation, it comes from a place of wisdom, and we should in turn learn from it and be weary of what he's warning us of. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) not only describes what it means to be of his nation, but provides us with a framework of what it means to be the best of his people. Everything he left behind, including his lineage, message, and narrations, acts as advice to help us reach this very status.

For example, when speaking to Abu Dharr, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) says: “Hope is a mercy for my nation. Were it not for hope, no mother would ever feed her child and no gardener would ever plant a tree.”

In another narration, he advises his companions: “If you see one of the gardens of Paradise then go there and graze.”

They said: “O Apostle of God, and what is the garden of Paradise?”

He said: “The gatherings of the believers.”

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 24

BY FATIMA RAZZAK



Source: timeanddate.com

American author F. Scott Fitzgerald, known for his novel *The Great Gatsby*, was born (127 years ago).



Source: bladeonline.com

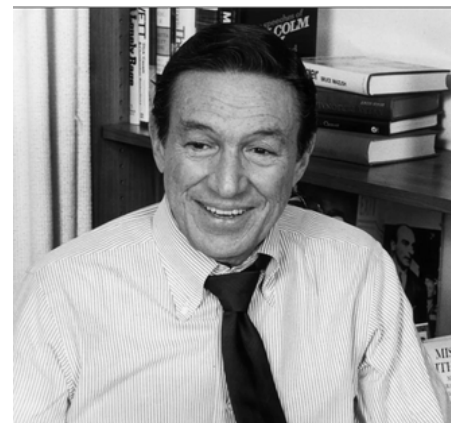
KFC opened its first franchise in Salt Lake City, Utah. (71 years ago)



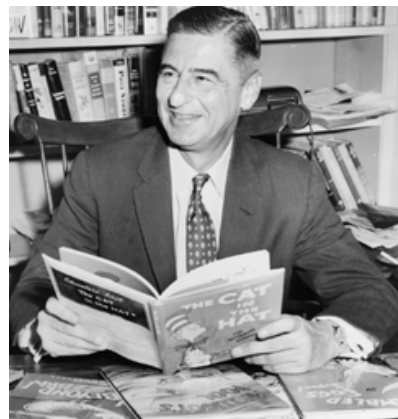
Source: timeanddate.com

Camp Nou, situated in Barcelona, Spain, opened its doors to soccer fans. With over 99,000 seats, it is the largest stadium in Europe and the third largest in the world. (66 years ago)

American television news show "60 Minutes" featuring Mike Wallace premiered. It became one of the most successful programs in broadcast history. (55 years ago)



Source: britannica.com



Source: britannica.com

American children's author Dr. Seuss died. (32 years ago)

INTERVIEW WITH MAULANA SHAAN

BY SAAHIL ABBAS

1. Can you tell us about your background and where you originally come from?

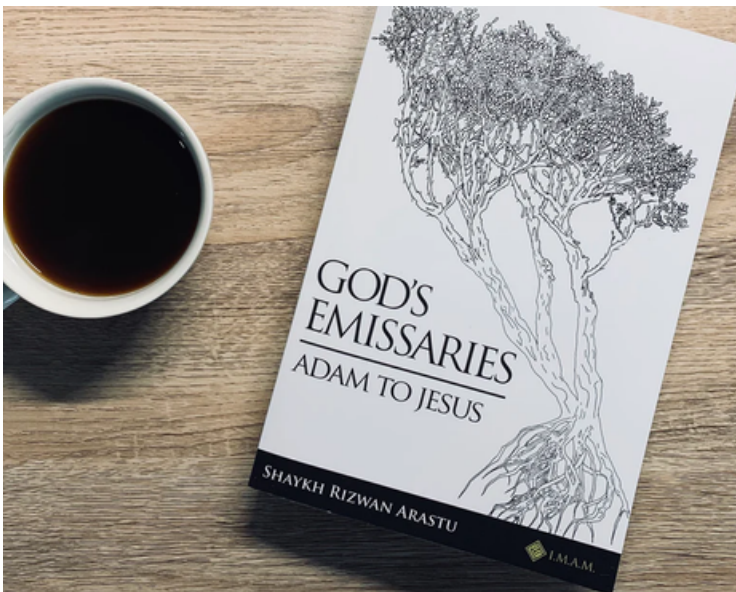
I was born and raised in Ithaca, a small town in upstate New York. My parents immigrated from India, but I was born in New York. I studied in Ithaca, lived in Chicago for a while, pursued higher education in Qum, and now I'm in Houston.

2. Can you share any personal hobbies or interests that you engage in outside of your role as a Maulana?

My biggest hobby is playing and watching basketball, but I also enjoy other sports and outdoor activities such as football and soccer. Additionally, I love reading, traveling, and volunteering.

3. Do you have a favorite book, either related to Islamic studies or in another genre, that you'd like to recommend?

I enjoy reading different commentaries on the Quran, particularly various tafaseer. One of my other favorite religious texts is "God's Emissaries" by Sheikh Rizwan Arastu, which we're also studying in some of my classes.



4. Please share your personal journey to becoming a Maulana, including your motivations for pursuing this path, as well as details about your educational journey and the institutions where you received your Islamic education and training.

I went through the traditional education system. I attended public school here in America, then went to a traditional four-year university, and later law school. However, I always had a sense that there was something beyond traditional education – that human beings have souls and there is a certain standard of behavior ideal for humans. I realized that the traditional public education system in America tends to exclude God and the spirit of man from the picture and make it seem like humans don't have souls.

I noticed a significant gap in this perspective, and ultimately, when people disconnect from God or their own souls, they often become depressed. I observed this happening to many people around me, which inspired me to pursue a different path and develop a personal relationship with God. I pursued a traditional university education because I wanted to have a practical skill set and university degree, in case I needed it later in life. However, it was never my primary interest. After law school and working as an attorney, I began studies in howzah (Islamic seminary), seeking this desire to pursue a deeper connection with God. I had this realization at a young age, and it's what motivated me to follow this unique path.

INTERVIEW WITH MAULANA SHAAN

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5. Are there any specific areas of Islamic knowledge or scholarship that you are passionate about and eager to share with your students?

I'm particularly passionate about two areas: the interpretation of the Holy Quran (tafseer) and personal development and self-building (akhlaq). These subjects truly captivate my interest, and I'm eager to share my enthusiasm for them.

6. How do you plan to foster open and meaningful communication with students, parents, and the community to promote a better understanding of Islamic teachings?

I plan to use various forms of communication, including formal sessions like majlis and khutbas, written messages to parents and teachers, and informal conversations with students during classes as well as breaks and activities to connect with them.

7. What advice would you give to students who aspire to follow a similar path in Islamic education and scholarship?

The most crucial aspects are taqwa (piety), maintaining a strong connection with Allah SWT, nurturing our relationship with the Prophet, the Imams, and the community. Being a person of curiosity and intellectualism is also important. If you possess these qualities or strive to enhance them, Inshallah, your efforts will lead you to learn more about Islam and follow that path.

8. Do you have a favorite quote or saying that resonates with you and your approach to life?

“Arrogance is a barrier to progress and self-improvement.” –Imam Ali b. Abi Talib (may God’s eternal peace be upon him forever)



REVISIONIONIST HISTORY

BY MARZIYA JAFFRY



source: The Franklin Institute

*Revisionist history refers to conscious, intentional misstatements about things in the past, whether distant or recent.*¹

Everyone heard of Benjamin Franklin's iconic kite experiment, with which he discovered electricity. Amid a roaring storm in 1752, Benjamin Franklin set out of his house with a hand-crafted kite made with a wooden crossbar, a silk handkerchief, and a string with a key tied under the kite. He ventured into an open field and flew his kite into the dingy sky, waiting for lightning to strike his kite. It was a pivotal moment when the lightning struck his kite. He felt a surge of energy rush through him. With this experiment, Franklin discovered electricity through lightning.

Though this makes for an enticing tale, it is not entirely true. Firstly, this story only comes from a letter Franklin wrote to his friend Peter Collinson and in a book where the author recounts Franklin telling him the story. In his letter, Franklin was very vague. He never specified when the experiment occurred or even if he conducted the investigation himself.

Instead, he said, "It may be agreeable to the curious to be informed that the experiment has succeeded in Philadelphia."² he continued his letter merely stating the procedure. The date of the experiment is also disputed. Some say it took place around June 10, others infer it happened in 1752, and some say it never happened. Assuming it did happen, experts say that Franklin's kite couldn't get struck by lightning while holding onto it without getting electrocuted and dying, as did German scientist Georg Wilhelm Reichmann when he recreated the experiment in 1753. He probably picked up an ambient charge from the lightning. In addition, Franklin's ideas of electricity and the lightning rod test had spread as of March 1750, and two French scientists, Thomas Dalibard and M. Delor, had performed similar experiments before any of the dates Franklin supposedly completed his. Therefore, though Benjamin Franklin was a great man with unique ideas, the kite experiment is quite different from what we hear, and he certainly did not discover electricity.

ARBAEEN ONE LINERS

COMPILED BY ZAHRA ALI



My Arbaeen Ziyarat experience amidst the million strong crowd was the best one I have had, reshaping my perspective on values, introducing new concepts that left a lasting impact, and creating a deep emotional connection. Once you enter the land of Karbala, you establish a bond that makes you never want to leave again.

- Mansha Ali



It's a unique feeling of home, humility, and self awareness. Ziyarat itself is a true blessing and Inshallah one day everyone gets a chance.

- Masooma Haider



The spiritual unity and love for Imam Hussain in Karbala made the ups and down of the journey worth it.

- Qasim Rizvi



The journey was a reflection of love and I was so blessed to be the one drop joining the ocean of the lovers of Ahlul Bayt. I hope this gathering becomes the preparation for the coming of Imam Mahdi (A).

- Dr. Narges Khademi



THE BOOKSTORE

A SHORT STORY

BY ZAHRA SHAHNAWAZ

The bookstore was her happy place. The books weren't the only appealing factor, it was the whole aesthetic of it. The smell of the freshly printed pages, that familiar Times New Roman-like print used in each and every book. The look of the spines, one after the other, each with its own unique design. Hearing parents reading picture books to their young children in that universal baby voice. Walking over to the café with your selected books, smelling the coffees ordered by students running on caffeine. She ordered her usual, a vanilla latte, and sat down at her small table in the corner. What seemed like minutes to her passed before the store closing was announced. She was only halfway through her book. How could she stop now?

The third announcement was made, and the barista approached her, saying, "Excuse me ma'am, the store is closing. You need to leave soon."

But the only response she could get out was, "No." The barista gave her a blank stare and walked over to the reception desk, but she just kept reading. After a minute, the barista walked over with the manager and a security guard.

"Ma'am, I'm sorry, but you need to leave. We open at 11am tomorrow, you can always come back or purchase the book.", sighed the manager in a forcefully polite tone.

But again, "No", was the only answer she could conjure. The manager gave the security guard a cross look and in an instant, the security guard had grabbed her book in one hand, and her arm in the other.

"You can't do this, I'm calling my lawyer!", she exclaimed. But the security guard looked stone cold, and dragged her out of the bookstore kicking and screaming. Once she was out, it was all a blur.

It was raining hard, so the walk to her car was dark and slippery. As you can probably imagine, she must have fallen and hit her head on the sidewalk because now she could only see black.



"Excuse me?", she heard from the barista's slightly timid voice. She immediately looked up and saw herself surrounded by the bookstore café. Her arms were on top of her book and crossed in front of her to cushion her previously drowsing head. No security guard, no manager, and no dark, rainy sidewalk.

"Your drink is ready, sorry for the wait. We called your name, but I don't think you could hear it.", the barista said as they awkwardly placed the hot coffee next to her arm.

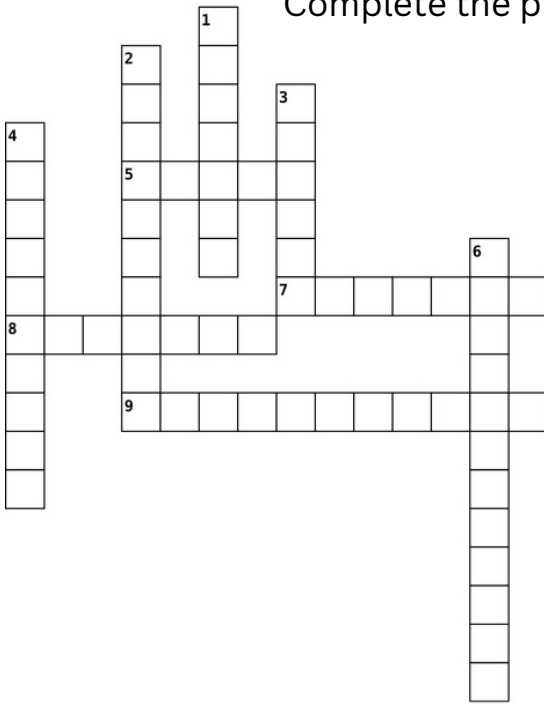
"Oh, thank you.", she said in reply as they walked away.

"I have got to stop replacing sleep with lattes.", she thought to herself as she took a long sip of her drink and continued with her reading.

PUZZLE

BY SUKAINA SALIM

Complete the puzzle and show it to the editors for candy!



Across

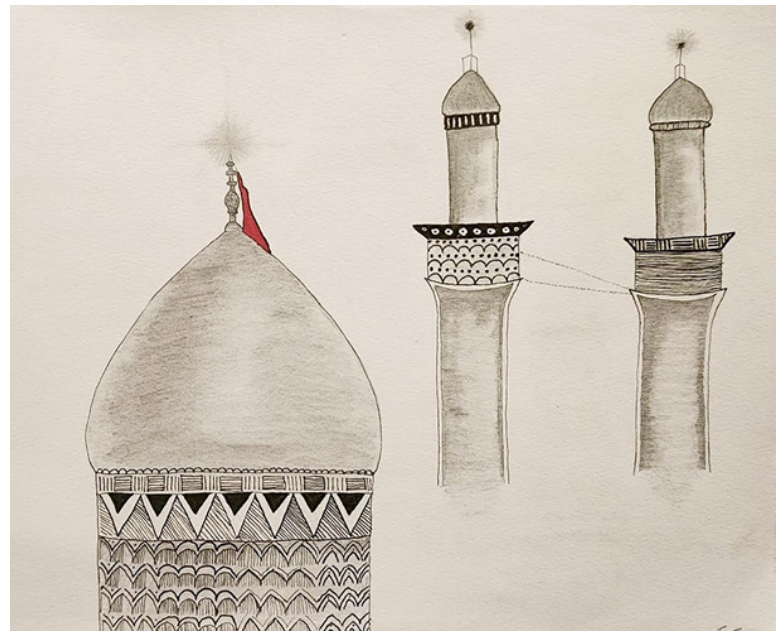
5. the prophet said that his true nation consists of those who are with the _____.
7. pilgrimage that occurs 40 days after the death of Imam Hussain (as)
8. classic food that monkeys in the Melbourne zoo don't eat anymore
9. what Benjamin franklin allegedly invented

Down

1. person who died on September 24th
2. what did Morocco face this past month
3. place Maulana Shaan grew up
4. bill that will ensure financial security for generations to come
6. prohibits transgender athletes from competing on college teams that don't calling with their biological gender

ARTWORK

BY TAZMEEN JAFRI



AL HADI'S GOT TALENT

Student Featured

ODE TO ROSES BY FATIMA ZEIAEI

Your crimson-surged petals pop out the most
Catching the attention of any wandering pupils
No one can disagree, not friends or foes
O' such a shame, how the charming flower wilts

You come in all colors, symbolizing many things
Red for love, black for death, white for innocence, and
plenty more
These meanings stem from the attention your petals bring
Surely every color, we adore

Be it in times of bliss or woe,
You lure the ones who seek beauty and elegance
Will you pleasure with the softness of your petals or
Comfort others with the aroma of your heavenly essence

Once known by your color and youthful vigor,
As time passes by, all signs of life begin to fade
The once vibrant and distinct petals begin to lose their
lustrous color
A harsh reminder that death can never be delayed



By Sabira Sajan



MOROCCO + LIBYA

BY SAAHIL ABBAS

It's been a challenging couple of weeks for North Africa; Morocco and Libya have grappled with catastrophic natural disasters. Morocco was struck by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake, leaving destruction with a death toll nearing 3000 and over 5500 injuries, mainly in Haouz Province. Meanwhile, Libya faced unprecedented flooding, mainly in the city of Derna, leaving over 5100 casualties, along with thousands displaced and injured. Libya's complex political environment further complicates rescue and relief efforts. International aid is now flowing, with several countries and organizations pledging support to both nations in their time of need.



source: CNN



While aid from regional and European countries and the United States is arriving in Libya and Morocco, several hurdles remain in the way of effective assistance. Access to affected areas in Libya is restricted, hindering rescue operations and humanitarian work. In Morocco, challenging terrain hampers recovery efforts. Morocco selectively accepts aid, welcoming assistance from countries like Qatar, the UAE, Spain, and the UK while declining help from others like Algeria and France. This is to ensure proper coordination and avoid counterproductive outcomes. As both nations cope with these natural disasters, international community support and coordinated efforts are critical for their recovery and rebuilding during these challenging times.

TEXAS LAWS

BY PARINAZ DARGAHI

If you live in the state of Texas and you need to be made aware of it starting September 1, 2023 774 new laws went into effect, impacting everything from health, education, to public safety.

- A legislative act called the General Appropriations Act, or **House Bill 1**, orchestrates the allocation of vast sums of state and federal tax dollars for the next two years. Picture a staggering \$144 billion in state general revenue taxes taking center stage, breathing life into various crucial aspects of the state's well-being. These grand offers of the state's emergency and highway funds act as a guardian for unforeseen crises and paved the way for smoother journeys across Texan roads. It's also like a wise investor, making prudent payments to stabilize the state's retirement investment fund, ensuring financial security for generations to come. It also includes applause-worthy pay raises for hardworking employees of state agencies and even retired teachers, acknowledging their hard work.
- In news of recent tragedies, notably the Uvalde school shooting last year in Texas, emerges **House Bill 3**, a legal sentinel determined to safeguard Texan schools. It mandates the presence of an armed guardian at every school campus across the Lone Star State. This guardian, whether a peace officer, a school resource officer, or a school district employee, is entrusted with the solemn duty of ensuring the safety of children. Alongside this, the bill introduces a symphony of mental health training for school staff, a necessary harmony to support the well-being of all students.



Source: Texas Tribune

- **House Bill 1500** is like a spark of innovation in the realm of electricity. It reimagines how power can be bought and sold on Texas' main power grid. The goal? To harness on-demand power, like that generated by natural gas-fueled power plants. The bill introduces a financial tool called an "ancillary service," a brilliant note that rewards power generators capable of producing electricity within two hours and sustaining it for more hours. This innovation ensures a smoother power supply during peak demand periods such as natural disasters or heat waves.
- In the legal arena, **House Bill 17** is for honest accountability. It empowers the courts to remove district attorneys for official misconduct if they disregard certain crimes.

TEXAS LAWS

CONT.

- **Senate Bill 15** brings a note of change to the realm of college sports. It prohibits transgender athletes from competing on college teams that don't align with their biological gender identity.
- As for **Senate Bill 29**, it's a powerful refrain in the ongoing battle against COVID-19. This bill bans the state from imposing mask mandates, vaccine mandates, or business and school closures to combat the virus, echoing the ongoing debate between public health and personal freedom.
- **House Bill 19** creates a special court just for business cases. It covers disputes involving businesses statewide when the value of the problem is more than \$10 million. Judges, chosen by the governor, are expected to handle complicated business issues. This helps Texas' economy by making sure business disputes will be resolved fairly.
- Lastly, **House Bill 14** promotes change in the realm of housing developments. It allows for third-party review of building applications if cities and counties fail to issue building permits within 15 days. This change aims to accelerate the local development process, creating a cadence of faster home and apartment construction.



Source: *The Texas Tribune*

By promoting these new laws, each bill is hoped to play a vital role in shaping the future of Texas in its own distinct way.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Nida Fatima
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Fatima Rafi
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Insia Fatima
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Ali Abdullah
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Noor Fatima Kakli
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Bahar Heidari
Mohamed Hisham Hawila
Sakina Zehra Virani
Layla Fatima Kazmi
Zaynab Fatima Kazmi
Zahra Ali
Mahmoud Oussama Kassem
Ali Mahdi Rezaei
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