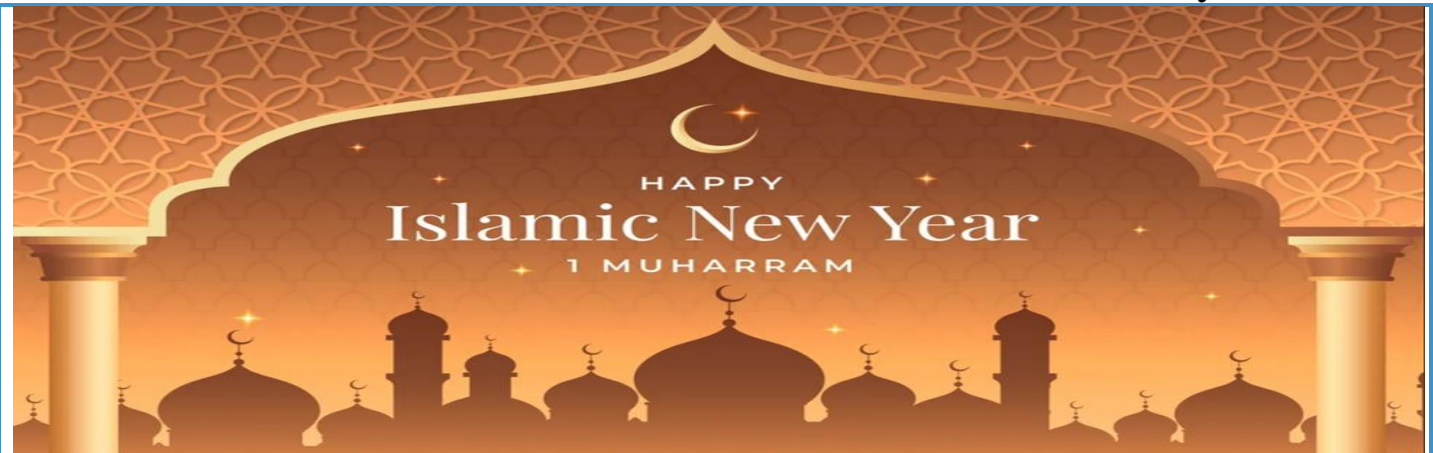


Newsletter

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READ THE HOLY QURAN DAILY

HADITH

The Hadith is the collected traditions of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), based on his sayings and actions. Oral or written, the compiling of the Hadith increased in the second century AH. Sources indicate that the first Caliph who decreed writing down the hadith was 'Umar ibn 'Abd al-'Azīz. He gave the edict on the last year of his life.

If not doing so already, with the Quran as the primary source of Islamic knowledge, add the study of Hadith to your studies as you start the new Islamic year, 1446 AH. Here are a few hadith to consider.



It is narrated on the authority of Abu Shuraih al-Khuzai' that the Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) observed: He who believes in Allah and the Last Day should do good to his neighbor and he who

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Read, Listen, and Study Tafsirs and Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed

QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO IMAM W.D. MOHAMMED

The Qur'an makes it possible for the human intellect to connect back with the creation as Allah intended for the intellect to be connected with the creation. The Qur'an is therefore the key, the miftah; the key that opens up the creation again for man to get the proper benefit that Allah, his G-d, his Lord, his Creator intended for him. That's a great mercy!

Education is the greatest tool for advancing the society.

Muhammed the Prophet (pbuh) said that G-d has inscribed excellence on or for everything. And another saying of his (pbuh) is, whenever the believer endeavors to do something, the believer seeks to perfect it, to make it excellent.

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MUHARRAM is the first Month of the Islamic (Hijri) Calendar

THE ISLAMIC NEW YEAR

Islamic New Year is one of the most important events for Muslims worldwide. Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar. The Islamic New Year is also known as Al Hijri or Arabic New Year. It is celebrated on the first day of the holy month, Muharram. It was in this month when the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) migrated from Mecca to Medina.

Both the solar and lunar calendars are ways of measuring time that have been used throughout history. While the solar calendar is based on the Earth's orbit around the Sun, the lunar calendar is based on the phases of the Moon.

The most widely used solar calendar today is the Gregorian calendar, introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 to replace the Julian calendar which was ordered by Julius Caesar in 45 B.C. (before Christ).

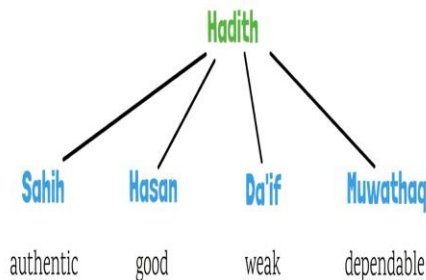
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believes in Allah and the Last Day should show hospitality to the guest, and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day should either speak good or better remain silent. [Sahih Muslim]



There is a hadith in Sahi Bukhari which can be the benchmark for all hadiths: Narrated by Aisha: "The Messenger of Allah said, 'Why do some people impose some conditions which are not in Allah's Book? Whoever imposes such a condition as is not in Allah's laws, then that condition is not valid even if he imposes one hundred conditions; for Allah's conditions are more binding and reliable'." (Sahi Bukhari, hadith # 2155).



Al Bukhari said that Sulaiman told him saying that Ismail b. Jafar said that Malik informed him on the authority of his father that Abu Hurairah related Rasulullah (pbuh) saying: "The signs of a hypocrite are three: whenever he speaks, he tells a lie; whenever he makes a promise, he breaks it; whenever entrusted with something, he proves to be dishonest." (source: A Study of Hadith, IQRA publications).

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It's important to know ourselves to see the picture clearly. Muslims are not just a people of faith, Muslims are not just a people belonging to a religion, Muslims are people obligated to live a model community life. G-d says He made us a witness for mankind, a witness for all people. Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) is a witness for us. He's a witness for us, if we are following his way, and a witness against us, if we are not following.

Source: The Mosque Cares

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The Islamic calendar consists of twelve months, each of which lasts for 29 or 30 days, depending on the sighting of the new moon. Prior to the establishment of the Islamic calendar, Arab tribes used different systems for measuring time, including different lunar and solar calendars. However, these systems were neither accurate nor consistent, which made it difficult for ancient Arabs to determine the precise dates of religious festivals. During early Islam, in the 17th year of the Hijra (the journey of Prophet Muhammad, pbuh, and his followers from Makkah to Medina), there were some disputes and misunderstandings. One was about whether a man should pay someone back by Ramadan this year or the next. The other was about governors not sure whether to do something in the month of that year or the next year.



To find a solution, the Caliph at the time, Umar Ibn Al Khattab (RA), gathered the Shura Council who settled on a unique calendar for the Ummah to follow. Unsure when their calendar should initially start, they settled on the year of the Hijra since that was when the Muslims' situation changed. They escaped from persecution and the new Islamic era was born.

This event occurred in the year 622 CE [Christian Era]. Thus, the first year of the Hijri calendar was designated as "1 AH" (After Hijra).