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At-Taubah:79

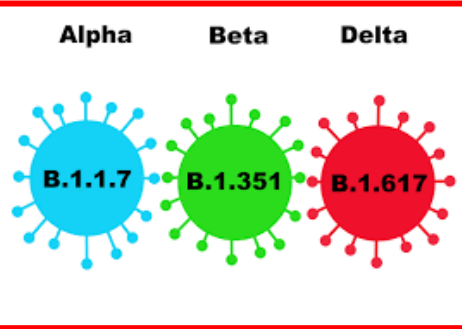
Commentary on Afghanistan Withdrawal

Hajji/Imam Kamal H Saleem
In light of the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East it is with an extended du'a for the people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and countless other places where inhabitants of these lands are killed, harmed, and misplaced for reasons that if we truly adhered to International Law and the spirit of respecting the autonomy of other Nations, the world as we know it would be a more peaceful place.
Propaganda sometimes disguised as "fighting for our freedoms" has caused the lives of millions of people, many of them never bearing arms against anyone. It's ironic that most of the places in the world where we find these atrocities are in Muslim lands.

There's an adage that says "If you don't learn from your mistakes, you will repeat them". Russia spent countless resources in machinery and lives and was driven out of Afghanistan, basically defeated. American and Allied Forces went into Afghanistan and after two (2) decades they have reached the same ends, defeat. A country with no visible Air Force or weapons of mass destruction, seems to be able to defeat any force that comes to defeat them.

There are many issues involved when there is war. Many of the real issues, the average person doesn't know them. There is a moral problem. It causes other issues

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

DID YOU KNOW

Coronaviruses are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. Human coronaviruses were first identified in the **mid-1960s**.
Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that can cause illnesses such as the common cold, severe acute respiratory syndrome (**SARS**) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (**MERS**).
In 2019, a new coronavirus was identified as the cause of a disease outbreak that originated in China. The virus is now known as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (**SARS-CoV-2**). The disease it causes is called coronavirus disease 2019 (**COVID-19**).
Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (**MERS**) was first reported in 2012 in Saudi Arabia. It spread to more than 25 other countries. MERS originated in camels and emerged to infect people.
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (**SARS**) originated in small mammals and emerged to infect people. **SARS** was first reported in Southern China in 2002 and spread to more than two dozen countries.

What we know about the Delta variant of COVID-19:

Delta variant is highly contagious:

Only chickenpox and measles are more contagious

Symptoms are the same

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THE MONTH OF SAFAR

HISTORY & MISCONCEPTIONS

THE PROPHET'S PRACTICES, AZKAR AND DUA

THE MONTH OF SAFAR
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SAFAR: SECOND MONTH OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR

Many Muslim scholars believe that their daily activities should be based upon the months of the Hijri calendar, which is derived from Prophet Muhammad's (SAW) Hijrah or migration.
Below is information about the second month of the Islamic Calendar, Safar.

The first month and one of the holiest months in the Islamic Calendar, Muharram has come to an end. In accordance with the Islamic Hijri Calendar, Safar is the second month in the 12-month



Islamic Hijri Calendar. As with any Islamic dates, the dates are different every year due to the nature of the Hijri Calendar being a lunar calendar as opposed to the solar Gregorian Calendar. The timing or day of the event depends on the sightings of the moon.

(In our local community the Hilal Committee, Luqman Rashid-chair, informs us of the changing months.)

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when you have a belief system that you are superior to all other people and have a God given right to do as you please regardless of how it is perceived. We cannot kill and destroy and chalk it up to Patriotism without real concern for human life. We have to do better as a Nation and be truer to what we profess on paper and in symbols.

When you look at how we pulled out of this country, it bears reflection. The thousands of Afghans that committed themselves to the American brand of freedom look how we left the country militarily. It does not take a military strategist to realize that those people who sacrificed and put their lives on the line should have been evacuated before the military left. The media will rave about the thousands that were allowed to leave but what about the fate of those that cannot leave. These things should be given thought and consideration when you know that the world is watching.

As Believers we have to be more diligent in looking deeper into all situations especially when we see people being oppressed in their own lands. We pray for the wellbeing of the people of Afghanistan.

As-Salaam-Alaikum

MASJID BY-LAWS

During the month of August, The Mobile Masjid, Inc. held a vote on by-laws. Below is a summary of the by-laws vote submitted by Barbara Id-Deen.

With Allah's Name, The Merciful Benefactor, The Merciful Redeemer Final Results for the Repeal of Bylaws of Mobile Masjid, Inc.:

The proposal that articles be repealed in favor of the bylaws presented November 2020.

Total Votes: 26; 18 paper ballots; 8 electronic

YES: 21; 81% NO: 5; 19%



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What we know about the Delta variant of COVID-19:

Unvaccinated people are at risk:

Nationally, 97% of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated

Vaccination is the best protection

but breakthrough cases are still possible: Vaccines prevent more than 90% of severe diseases, but may be less effective at preventing infection or transmission of the delta variant.

There could be more breakthrough infections and more community spread despite people's vaccination status.

Vaccinated people can spread the variant:

Experts recommend wearing a mask—vaccinated or not: wear a face covering in public and indoor settings.

The vaccine protects you; a mask protects others.

More COVID-19 variants are likely.

Four notable variants already exist in the United States:

B.1.1.7 (Alpha): This variant was initially detected in the United Kingdom and detected in the United States in December 2020.

B.1.351 (Beta): This variant was detected in South Africa in December 2020 and detected in the United States at the end of January 2021.

P.1 (Gamma): This variant was initially identified in travelers from Brazil and detected in the United States in January 2021.

B.1.617.2 (Delta): This variant was initially identified in India in December 2020: detected in the United States in March 2021.

In conclusion, the lambda variant out of South America is also emerging. Health experts urge that if people want to get back to normal, a significant portion of the population needs to be vaccinated. **As long as a chunk of people across the world are unvaccinated, new strains of the virus will continue to develop and cause problems.**

Sources: Mayo Clinic, National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, Dr. Jen Ashton, ABC chief medical correspondent.

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There is a common belief that the month of Safar was named as such due to the fact that in the pre-Islamic times, people used to travel extensively during this month to gather food and other necessities, leaving their houses empty. This relates back to the word "Safar" which when translated from Arabic means empty.

The month of Safar has been a target of the misconception that the month is filled with misfortunes and superstitions. However, when we consult the hadith it can be understood that Safar is just one of the 12 months of Allah SWT. Abu Hurayrah (RA) narrated that our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"[There is] no 'Adwa [no contagious disease is conveyed without Allah's permission], nor is there any bad omen [from birds], nor is there any Haamah [disease], nor is there any [bad omen in the month of] Safar..."

[Sahih al-Bukhari 5707; Sahih Muslim, 2220]

Hadhrat Jabir (RA) reported Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said:

"The descending of illness and evil superstition befalling in the month of Safar is untrue".

[Muslim]

There are no specific deeds recommended during Safar in Islam but we should always continue our ibadah throughout the year. Let us follow the advice of our beloved Prophet (SAW) and may Allah (SWT) give us ease and guidance to perform our ibadah and forgive our sins. In Shaa Allah.
<https://www.halaltrip.com/other/blog/the-month-of-safar-the-history-and-misconceptions/>