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Eid al-Adha arrives like a gentle dawn—reminding us of trust, sacrifice, and deep devotion. As we remember the unwavering faith of Prophet Ibrahim (AS), we are invited to renew our own intentions and draw closer to Allah through giving, prayer, and gratitude.

This issue celebrates the spirit of Eid: the joy of gathering, the beauty of charity, and the strength of unity. May these days be filled with peace, reflection, and the sweetness of shared blessings.

Eid Mubarak from all of us to you and your loved ones.

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SACRIFICE, GRATITUDE, AND GATHERING: HONORING THE DAYS OF DHUL HIJJAH

As the blessed days of Dhul Hijjah grace us once again, we are reminded that these are not ordinary days—they are the most beloved to Allah. The Prophet ﷺ said:

"ما من أيام العمل الصالح فيها أحب إلى الله من هذه الأيام"

"There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to Allah than these days." (Bukhari)

These ten days are a golden chance to renew our hearts through prayer, charity, dhikr, and sacrifice. Eid al-Adha crowns them with joy, but not without purpose. The act of slaughtering is not just tradition—it is worship.

"فَصَلُّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحِرْ"

"So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone]." (Surah Al-Kawthar 108:2)

We are invited to share the meat with loved ones, neighbors, and especially those in need. In a time when many of us enjoy full tables and abundant meals, let us remember: this abundance is a test.

"ثُمَّ لَتُشْسَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ"

"Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure." (Surah At-Takathur 102:8)

Let's not forget the forgotten. Let our plates be wide enough for others, and our hearts open enough to feel their hunger.

This Eid, we invite our community to come together—to eat as one, to give with sincerity, and to honor these sacred days with gratitude, sacrifice, and remembrance.

Eid Mubarak!



Recognizing Reef Abdelhafez

About Reef Abdelhafez

My name is Reef Abdelhafez. I'm a 15 year old originally from Nablus and Haifa, Palestine. I have a younger brother, a twin sister, and an older sister. My hobbies are playing basketball, writing poetry, watching TV, volunteering, and spending family time. I recently started coaching Alhuda's elementary girls basketball B team. Working with the youth as a part of the youth myself has been very inspiring because I get to learn things while teaching others.

What Inspires Her

Growing up, I started feeling a bigger connection to Islam. I realised that a big part of it was me being at the masjid a lot. I found a huge passion in volunteering especially for the masjid because it will leave an everlasting effect not only on me but also on the masjid and the people I helped. What inspires me and keeps me going is remembering the true purpose of why I'm doing this, my encouraging family, community and the friends I have for the sake of Allah SWT.

Lessons from the Youth

Volunteering for the Youth teaches me that when you are passionate about something you should help people become passionate about it too. You should pass it on to them and it would be Sadaqah Jariya because when you help them get better at something for the sake of Allah SWT then every time they do it, you will get Hasanat for it as well. I also learned that coaching helps me improve myself too because it teaches me to have more patience in many different situations.

Role at Alhuda

I coach the elementary girls basketball B team. I lead practices for up to 4 hours a week with my coach mates. I help the players prepare for tournaments and games that they play for the Hoosiers Basketball League. I also try to be a positive influence and role model on younger kids in general and try to help them improve in many different ways. Lastly, I try to volunteer at every opportunity I get.

A Memorable Moment

Volunteering for the Toy Distribution and Food Drive in Ramadan was such an eye-opening experience that made me realize how blessed I truly am. It made me rethink how much I show my gratefulness for all the blessings I've been given from Allah SWT. It was heartbreaking to see all the kids my age and younger who were going through such a hard time have the biggest smiles on their face from something that I'm used to having everyday while I would sometimes complain about really small things. I loved it and highly recommend it.

Hopes for the Future

I hope I can be more involved in volunteering for masjid/community activities and maybe even gain a bigger role. I hope I can inspire the people around me to become better and stronger people not only in sports but most importantly in their Deen. I want to help them have a stronger rooted faith and gain more patience in order to become skillful players. The Prophet (SAW) tells us: "إِنَّمَا الصَّبْرُ بِالْتَّصْبِيرِ." "Patience is truly found in the act of being patient." Patience is not passive, but it's an active practice and a continuous effort that comes with discipline and consistency.

Creating a home of Knowledge and Iman

By Muhanad Abd Rabbou

Your kids are home this summer. No school, no exams, no distractions. And here's the truth, if you don't take charge of what fills their mind, social media will do it for you; with Netflix, Youtube, TikTok, video games, and endless nonsense designed to weaken their hearts.

Do you want your children to grow up weak, unsure of who they are, apologetic for being Muslim? Or do you want them to stand tall, knowing they come from a history of leaders, conquerors, thinkers, and lions of Islam?

Our ummah's history is packed with men and women who changed the world with their faith. Salahuddin Ayyubi, who liberated Jerusalem. Umar ibn al-Khattab, who struck fear into empires. The scholars like Ibn Taymiyyah, who stood unshaken against injustice. The women like Khawla bint al-Azwar, who charged into battle without hesitation. These are the stories your children need. They need to know they belong to an Ummah of strength, courage, intellect, and sacrifice – not just rules and rituals.

This summer is your chance. Sit with your kids. Read them the stories of the Sahabah, the Prophets, the conquerors and reformers. Watch documentaries, listen to lectures, challenge them with what they learn. Make them proud of their identity. Or you can let this time slip away, filled with empty activities, and wonder later why they never truly connected to their faith.

If you waste this time, you're not just letting them slip into laziness. You're letting them forget who they are. But if you seize it, you can plant the seeds of identity and ambition that no one will be able to take away from them. The choice is yours.

May Allah guide us all to be the kind of families who build homes of light, knowledge, and love, and raise children who worship Him not out of pressure, but out of love and true submission. Ameen.



Recognizing Hala Awad

About Hala Awad

My name is Hala Awad. I am from Gaza, Palestine and I've been living in Indiana for 27 years. I have a husband and 5 kids, 3 of which play basketball with Alhuda. I studied beauty college then substituted for eman school for a couple of years. I now coach all girl's Alhuda basketball team, and have gotten championships for 4 years in a row. My hobbies are walking, art.

Role at Alhuda

I coach girls basketball teams, and make sure the girls have chance to practice, play, and have a good time using their skills.

What inspires her

My inspiration is to keep the girls basketball going and to keep muslim girls growing up in a good environment in a muslim community, since that is the best way to meet other muslim friends, and get involved in the community.

Lessons from the Youth

Lessons i've learned from the youth are to never give up and always be proud of what you do and who you are. Even when they experience challenges they keep going with courage, and always celebrate their wins whether small or big.

A Memorable Moment

A memorable moment is the time we reached our goal to make our own AICI midwest tournament because we've been improving and winning championships in other tournaments and now we have our strong and good communities support.

Hopes for the Future

I hope for our youth to grow strong and proud of their faith and identities, and for our community to stay strong and connected. I also hope to inshaAllah one day to have an Alhuda league and be able to host more games in the masjid.



Eid Al Adha is a special day celebrated by all Muslims around the world. This day honors the story of Prophet Ibrahim, who was going to sacrifice his own son to follow Allah's command, but then Allah gave Prophet Ibrahim a sheep for him to give to Allah instead. To remember and honor this, some Muslims slaughter a sheep or cow and share the meat with family, friends, and those in need. On Eid, we wake up early and go to the masjid to pray all together, wearing our best clothes. Then, there is food, gifts, and visiting family and friends. On Eid we also give sadaqah to help people in need to make sure everyone can enjoy this special day. Eid is a great day to thank Allah for all our blessings and to show kindness to everyone.

Allahu Akbar Allah Akbar

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Allahu Akbar Allah Akbar

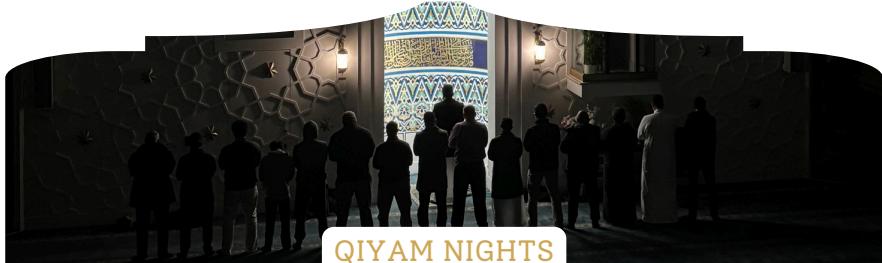
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Walillahi Alhamd

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Events at Alhuda!



QIYAM NIGHTS



BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



EMAN GRADUATION

OTHER EVENTS

AICI Youth Summer Camp

Ages 13-18

June 9-June 25 (Mon-Wed)

11:00AM-2:00PM

Qiyam 10 nights of Thul Hijjah

5/28-06/03 11:15PM

06/05 (Day of Arafat) 2:50AM

Girls Quran camp

Tuesdays from 1-2

Tafseer with Dr. Nasser

Tuesdays after Maghrib

Seerah night with Ustadh Umair

Saturdays after Maghrib

Summer Basketball League

Tryouts

June 1-4

Alhuda summer camp

June 2nd - 26

Ages 4-12

And so much more

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Sciences



of The Quran

By Faris Safiia

What is Uloom-ul-Quran? “Indeed, it is a noble Quran”

Uloom al-Qur'an (علوم القرآن) are “The Sciences of the Qur'an.” It refers to the various fields of knowledge that help us understand the Qur'an more deeply. These sciences explain how the Qur'an was revealed, preserved, interpreted, recited, and applied.

The great scholar, Imam Suyooti (RA), says there are 80 sciences of the Qur'an when he groups similar ones together. If he doesn't group them, the number reaches 300! Here are some of the many Qur'anic Sciences. Notice some have to do with Revelation (Wahy), some with Language/Structure, some with Interpretation, and some with Recitation.

- Asbab al-Nuzool: Reasons why certain verses were revealed.
- Tafsir: Interpretation and explanation of Qur'anic meanings.
- Qira'at: The different authentic ways of reciting the Qur'an. (Have you ever heard the Qur'an being recited in a way that isn't very familiar to you? This would be a different, authentic Recitation style/Qiraa'ah.) Tajweed, the science of reciting the Qur'an, is a branch of Qira'at.
- Nasikh wa Mansukh: Verses that were abrogated or replaced over time.
- Compilation: How the Qur'an was collected and written down.
- Rasm/Dabt: The orthography of the Mushaf (how the script looks) and the markings/dots in the Mushaf to make reciting easier.
- I'jaz Al-Qur'an: The unparalleled style of the Qur'an's language.

The sciences of the Qur'an aren't just academic fields – they're windows into the miraculous nature of Allah's words. The more we explore them, the more awe and appreciation we develop for the depth, precision, and beauty of the Qur'an. Whether you're drawn to its language, history, recitation, or meanings – there's something here for everyone.

Book Recommendation: Approaching the Quranic Sciences

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