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Muslim Unity

Muslims are supposed to work together towards a common goal set by the Quran and shown by the Prophet (PBUH) through his Sunnah. They are brothers and sisters because they are bonded by the common ideology of the unity of God and the unity of humankind

These are the foundational principles of Islam. The Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet (PBUH) require Muslims to work for the unity of the Ummah. Muslims are required to be merciful towards each other (The Quran (48:29)) and be like the body where if any part hurts the whole body should feel the pain (Hadith). But, are Muslims practicing this injunction of the Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet (PBUH)? Muslims and various Islamic organizations are working hard but it is frustratingly obvious that the above goals are ever so illusive. Instead of Muslims being united in mercy towards each other, they are, on the whole, far from it. Instead of feeling the pain and misery of other Muslims (Chechens, Palestinians, Kashmiris, for example), most of us are happily enjoying our material comforts of life. Is Muslim unity only a dream that cannot be fulfilled? Many argue that all this talk of Muslim unity is out of date. Islam may have once united Muslims but present reality makes it impossible.

They say it is nice talk, which makes Muslims feel good but an unrealistic goal that cannot be achieved. Muslims spend (and have spent) a lot of their time and emotional energy debating this issue.

We will come back to this fundamental question- is Muslim unity possible, and if it is, then how to achieve it? But first, let us find out the present state of Muslims and compare it with the Iqbal's visionary diagnosis of their problems.

Muslim misery and suffering is as common today as it was in the days of Iqbal. Every day that passes brings more death and destruction to Muslims, only at a much wider scale. It is sad to see Muslim governments collaborating with non-Muslims to inflict damage and suffering against fellow Muslims. Many Muslim groups are also engaged in fighting against each other in many parts of the Muslim world. And in some countries where Muslims are in minority, their condition is even worse. As a minority they are systematically being subjected to discrimination, humiliation, persecution, torture, and rape. One wonders: is it ever going to end?

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Thought of the Day

FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days.

But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?
So what is behind the story?

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY =

(F)ATHER
(A)ND
(M)OTHER
(I)
(L)OVE
(Y)OU

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There was enough attendance to hold our recent AGM recently. I will have a full report about it in our next edition of Samacher.

There's a few families still **OUTSTANDING** on their subscription fees. A list will be placed on the Jamaat's notice board soon.

Main Body Annual General Meeting is to be held in Birmingham on 16th July 2006 from 11am,



KALIM VANAT on 10th July born 1971

Want to Share your wedding Anniversary !!

Booking of Husseini Manzil

Please contact Moshinbhai Sulemanji for the booking of Husseini Manzil.

Contact Tel: (0116) 2330025 / 2660866

Current charges:	Hall & cooking:	£55.00
	Hall use only:	£35.00
	Cooking Only:	£30.00
	Mailies onlv:	£10.00

Jokes

Corner

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.

After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of a coin; they just can't face each other, but still they stay together.

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.

I don't worry about terrorism. I was married for two years.

There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage.

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

World Wide Web (www.)

Recommended sites to visit

<http://www.malumaat.com/>

http://www.mumineen.org/salaat_list.html?type=hmo&s_city=

(Leicester's own Namaaz Timetable)

Call Centre Conversations!!!

Customer: "I've been ringing 0700 2300 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?"

Operator: "Where did you get that number from, sir?"

Customer: "It was on the door to the Travel Centre".

Operator: "Sir, they are our opening hours".

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: "Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am traveling in Australia?"

Operator: "Doesn't the product give you a clue?"

Translation...

I am looking for some one who may be able to translate these issues of our Samacher news in to Gujarat format. If you know of any organisation or friends, please contact KALIM.

Charity Walk

Congratulations on all those that went on the walk on Sunday.
Well done

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Advertise it in this SPACE

Umrah trip 14th April - 22nd April 2006

A group of 23 people set off for Umrah on the 14th of April. Prior to going it was very stressful as our visas were not confirmed until just 2 days before our departure! For most of us this was a trip of a lifetime and for some this was the only chance of going. The ages in the group ranged from 12 years to about 70 years, the majority of which were women.

Our trip started in Jordon and to our surprise we got a chance to perform Ziyarat of Shoebalayhi salaam. We visited the caves which are mentioned in Suratul Khaff and now it's more interesting to recite the verses.

From Jordon we went to Medina Munawara, and despite traveling most of the night everyone was so eager to visit Masjidun Nabawi. What a sight – the masjid is so majestic and peaceful. Here lies the grave of the Prophet Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam. The men are allowed to touch the zari of the prophet but the women have to keep their distance just as Janatul Baki is out of bounds for women. We also visited all the other masjids or what's left of them. From Medina we went on to Mecca, one could sense the excitement of the forthcoming Umrah. The first sight of Kaaba literally takes your breath away. Our Umrah was performed easily with no problems. We also visited Mina, Mt.Arafat, Muzdalifa and the Jamarats. The whole trip was very spiritual as well as enjoyable. We completed our Umrah and Ziyarats under the guidance of Saifudinbhai and Salmaben Painter and Khatijabai Kapasi. Our sincere thanks to all three.

But a big thank you to Haki Kapasi who instigated and organized this trip. To everyone who hopes to go for Hajj or Umrah, do it now, it's more enjoyable when you are younger. Let's hope the next group will be ready soon- inshaallah.

Written by Sarfun Tayabjee

How to raise kids that can hold onto money

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Bringing up children is expensive, but parents don't have to give in to every demand for cash they come across!

The core struggle in the relationship among parents, children and money is the parents' battle with their own spending impulses, both for their children and for themselves.

It's a universal desire for parents to want their children to 1) have better lives and opportunities than they've had and 2) avoid the money-related disappointments and hurts they experienced when they were growing up.

The first emotion causes parents to want to give their kids all of the things that represent a better life — the right clothes, the right personal accoutrements, the right toys, the right holidays.

It's difficult to avoid translating this emotion into endless spending on a child, but it is possible. At the same time they are controlling spending, parents can give their offspring essential tools — instead of things — that will enable them to use their money in more responsible ways that will help contribute to their long-term success. **Part 2 Next Issue**

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