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NEWSLETTER

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Art of Speaking

Once there was a taxi driver. He lived in the parks of England. He lived a royal life of peace and happiness. Everyone admired his stress free life. It so happened that one day conference was held, wherein guest speakers from around the world were to address the issue on stress. It was the organizers' unanimous decision that our man the taxi driver should conclude the performance he readily accepted his task without giving any thought to the matter and after realized that he had never addressed an audience other than his pet fish.

He took the courage and wrote a speech and memorized it and for 30 consecutive days he practiced looking in his taxi rearview mirror. The big day arrived and he confidently took to the stage. He starts off, "Good day to one and all, today I wish to speak on..." he goes blank, he cannot recall a word that follows. He takes a step back, and starts all over again, "Good day to one and all, today I wish to speak on..." He goes blank again. He turns red in the face, streams of perspiration roll down his face, he does not give up. He takes a second step back and boldly starts again, "Good day to one and all, today I wish to speak on..." he goes blank yet again. Now he is red all over. He decides to give it one more try. As he attempts to take a third step back, not realizing it was the end of the stage, he has a shocking fall and completely disappears from the sight of the laughing audience, little did they know that it was never planned to turn out the way it did.

It takes courage, determination and perseverance to reach the top. Grab onto the rope and hope and raise yourself to those heights you have always aspired to reach. A wise man never gives up, rather he tries harder the next time.

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Why duas are not accepted

Hazrat Abu Ishaq Ibrahim Ibn Adham (r.a) was once passing through a bazaar in Basrah, it was said to him, "O, Abu Ishaq verily Allah declared, ask, I will grant your request. Why is it that we make du'aa and does not accept them?" he replied, "surely it is because your hearts become dead due to ten things:

1. You have known who Allah is, and yet you have not fulfilled his duties
2. You have recited the Holy Quran, yet you have not practiced upon it
3. You proclaimed the love of the Holy Prophet, yet you have not practiced upon it
4. You have pronounced that the shaytan is your enemy, yet you have stood with him
5. You have pronounced your desire for Jannah (paradise), yet you have done nothing to achieve it
6. You have pronounced your fear for jahannam (hell), yet you have done nothing to escape it
7. You have proclaimed that there is surely no escape from death, yet you have not prepared for it
8. You have indulged in seeking the faults of others and have left looking into your faults
9. You have all the blessings and bounties of Allah, yet you do not give him due praise for it
10. You buried your dead, but you have taken no admonition

HOW THEN WILL YOUR DU'AS BE ACCEPTED?

In the Hour of Triumph

In the early stages of Prophet's (S.A.W) prophet hood, the inhabitants of Makkah, with a few notable exceptions, persecuted him non-stop and had a constant hatred for him. Not content with mere oppression, the Makkans at last hungered for his life and he migrated to Madaenah. After years of intense suffering, the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) succeeded in winning the hearts of a considerable amount of his countrymen. They accepted the message of Islam and gathered under the flag of Islam to defend him and to defend their new faith from the attacks of the callous enemies.

The Makkans were fearless in their hostility. They violated the terms of the Hudaibiyah Treaty by attacking the clan of Banoo Khuzaa's appealed to the Prophet (S.A.W) for justice. The Prophet (S.A.W) at once marched with ten thousand warriors against the violators of the peace treaty and practically unopposed, entered Makkah.

Thus at last the Prophet (S.A.W) entered the city he has been driven from, as a mighty conqueror. Those who had jeered at him as a dreamer, spat in his face, threw thorns in his path and laid intestines of camels over his devoted head while bent down in submission to Almighty Allah (S.B.W.T) were there before him, now defeated and broken. Those who had imprisoned him and tried to starve him to death, those who had surrounded his house in the darkness of the night with a murderous intention and those who had exiled him from his dear native land, they were all present at his mercy. Those who had attacked him again and again, wounded his forehead with stones, broke his teeth and killed his nearest of kin and comrades before his very eyes were there that day, weak and helpless. Those who had ruthlessly hunted him even when he was in exile, those who had disgraced humanity by inflicting cruelty upon innocent men and women and even upon the dead body of his companions shamelessly were there humbled at his feet.

But there was no sign of anger or hatred on the face of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W). On the contrary, his face blossomed up in mercy to men and gratitude of Allah (S.B.W.T). In the hour of triumph every evil suffered was forgotten, every injury inflicted was forgiven and a general forgiveness was claimed to the population of Makkah. The army followed his example. No house was entered into, no inhabitant was molested and no women were insulted. Then the Prophet (S.A.W) addressed the gathering and declared is his own unique voice: "All glory and victory belongs to Allah (S.B.W.T) and Allah (S.B.W.T) alone. No one has any superiority over his neighbor except by his virtue. All are children of Hadhrat Adam. The noblest of men is he who is foremost in good deeds". The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) paused for a moment and looked at his enemies still trembling in their hearts. No one could say if any poisoned memory of the bygone days flashed across his mind at their sight, but he addressed them in a calm voice: "Descendants of the Qurash, how do you expect I should treat you?" They replied: "With kindness and pity, gracious brother and nephew".

Tears filled the eyes of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) at these words and he said: "I shall speak to you as Hadhrat Yousuf spoke once to his brother. I shall not reproach you today. Allah (S.B.W.T) will forgive you. He is Most Merciful and Compassionate".

Announcements

- MIC Picnic carnival is coming up on Sunday May 27th at MIC premises. Come join us with your families. Details at mici.org
- Volunteers are needed to help with MIC carnival on May 27th at MIC premises. Please sign up at info@mici.org or 416.624.1614
- MIC had a successful fundraiser on March 17th and approximately \$256,000 was pledged in donations & Qarza Hasna.
- 6496 Winston churchill new property purchased and transferred to MIC on April 11th
- MIC has to payback Qarza Hasna of \$373,750. Out of this amount \$150,000 is due in June, \$30,000 in September and remaining in Feb. 2012. We request everyone to come forward and help pay the Qarza Hasna on time.
 - MIC Basketball tournament will be taking place on May 25th at Kindree Public School. Deadline for sign up is Friday, May 18th.
 - Sponsoring programs such as Tahfiteez Quran is Sadqae Janniyah. If interested please contact Imam Salman Chhappra.

Building Masjid - Phase 3

Qarza Hasna payback, Siteplan preparation & Subission to city

Qarz due 28-Jun-2012 \$150,000.00

Qarz due 28-Sep-2012 \$60,000.00

Qarz due 15-Mar-2013 \$163,750.00

Reports & Siteplan \$100,000.00

Funds collected \$112,000.00

Balance needed \$361,750.00

Upcoming

- Youth Program May 11
- Basketball Tournament May 25
- MIC Carneval May 27

Current Programs

1. 5 times Prayers
2. Jumma Prayers
3. Taraweeh / Eid Prayers
4. Daily Hadith
5. Full time Hifz / Academics
6. Evening Quran class daily
7. Adult Quran class daily
8. Tafseer weekly
9. Basketball League
10. Youth & Family counseling
11. Providing answers regarding Islamic matters
12. Monthly newsletter
13. Monthly youth programs
14. Monthly family programs

Special Programs

1. Summer School
2. March Break
3. Winter Break

Student of the Month

Evening Class: Saad Qadri
Hifz Class: Junaid Ayoub

Students completed

- Hifz Juz
1. Faraz 7th
 2. Arshad 11th / 12th
 3. Momin 5th
 4. Mohamad 7th
 5. Junaid 7th

Past Month Programs

1. Fundraising Dinner
2. March Break
3. March Youth Program



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