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“And We have sent down blessed rain from the sky and produce therewith gardens...” (Q50:9)

The meanings of **RENDITION** are defined as
(a) **surrender** (b) **translation** (c) **interpretation**.
INSPIRED BY THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE THREE MEANINGS,
THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SERVES AS A REMINDER OF
(A) **the Islamic submission to Allah (SWT),**
(B) **the translation of good intentions into**
good deeds, and (C) **the interpretation**
of Islam as taught by Prophet Muhammed
(SAW), who is a mercy for all mankind.

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SURRENDER

Islamic submission to Allah

TRANSLATION

good intentions to deeds

INTERPRETATION

teachings of Muhammed
the mercy for all mankind

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Nurse the *Broken* *Relations*

Extracted from
The Well-Trodden Path
(Al-Muwatta) by
Imam Malik



Yahya related to me from Malik, that Yahya ibn Said said that he heard Said ibn al-Musayyab said: Shall I tell you what is better than much prayer and sadaqa [charity]? They said, "Yes." He said, "Mending discord. And beware of hatred - it strips you (of your deen)." 📖

KNOW YOUR SCHOLAR

IMAM MALIK BIN ANAS WAS BORN IN 93AH AND PASSED ON IN 179AH. HIS OTHER RENOWNED WORK WAS COMPILED AFTER HIS DEATH AND BECAME KNOWN AS AL-MUDAWWANA AL-KUBRA.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

IN THE NAME OF GOD
THE MOST BENEFICENT
THE MOST MERCIFUL

MAY PEACE BE UPON YOU

ALHAMDULILLAH, MCAS
IS BLESSED WITH THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE ITS
PUBLICATIONS WITH THE
SINGAPOREAN COMMUNITY.

RENDITION IS NOW AVAILABLE
AT 12 MOSQUES, WHOSE KIND
SUPPORT MCAS IS GRATEFUL
FOR. THE 12 MOSQUES ARE:

- ~ MAAROF MOSQUE
- ~ KAMPONG DELTA MOSQUE
- ~ JAMAE (CHULIA) MOSQUE
- ~ AL-MUTTAQIN MOSQUE
- ~ AL-IMAN MOSQUE
- ~ SALLIM MATTAR MOSQUE
- ~ ALKAFF KAMPONG MELAYU MOSQUE
- ~ KAMPUNG SIGLAP MOSQUE
- ~ DARUL MAKMUR MOSQUE
- ~ AL-ISTIQAMAH MOSQUE
- ~ EN-NAEEM MOSQUE
- ~ AR-RAUDHAH MOSQUE

IT IS HOPED THAT OUR
COMBINED EFFORTS IN THIS
MODEST INITIATIVE HELP BRING
US IN UNITY ON THE BLESSED
PATH OF ISLAM. AMEEN.

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specially featured
Quranic verse or
Hadith.

Da'wah Awareness Training Programme



Da'wah Awareness Training Programme, or simply known as DATP, is one of MCAS's core programmes that train and equip participants with relevant knowledge and skills to present Islam responsibly and confidently to the world.

Previous participants included Converts and local Mosque Docents. In 2018, the third batch of 45 participants would begin the monthly modules to be conducted by local Asatizahs, as well as communication experts. Through DATP, participants learnt to master Prophetic and Contemporary Da'wah

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techniques, and develop effective ways to answer questions on Islam. They applied the acquired skills during the practical sessions, including at Sultan Mosque on 22 April 2017, by raising the awareness of the mosque visitors about Islam.

Last year, 32 participants graduated after completing the second DATP cycle; the first batch had 22 participants. Beyond DATP, the participants also volunteered for MCAS, serving outside the programme's commitment, to further hone their Da'wah skills.

They participated in year-round deployment as MCAS Docents to welcome visitors to the premises and assist to their needs, made a presentation about Ramadhan to visitors from Young Union Leaders from NTUC and Student Care Service (Yishun Centre), and by volunteering at MCAS's Public Talks.

Registration for DATP in 2018 has closed. If you are interested, watch out for the notices on registration of the next cycle, nearing the end of the year. 🏠

Jewels Of The *Praiseworthy* Muslim (2) - *Conduct* *And Manners*

An exclusive series
by Bani Md Ali

Ibn Mas'ud (RA) advised his students, "If your intention is one of these three, do not seek knowledge: To shame the ignorant; to argue with the scholars (fuqahaa'); or to cause people to turn their faces in your direction. Intend with your actions and words that which is with Allah (SWT), for indeed that which is with Allah (SWT) shall remain and everything else shall perish."

Our Niyat-Iman-Akhlaq (Intent-Faith-Manners) must first be in place within our soul, in order for us to benefit from whatever we do in life, inculcating etiquette and moral values in our conduct (Adab).

Its importance shows that knowledge has got to do with all that is virtuous and nothing to do with those contrary to being virtuous. To seek knowledge for the purpose of debating, accusing, alleging, or deceiving is wayward and far from the virtuous

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purpose. This is something that a person devoid of Akhlaq and Adab would do.

We need to examine these and rectify ourselves prior to learning and engaging with

others about the knowledge we are acquiring or have acquired. Ignoring this advice could result in confusion, chaos and ultimately, failure to achieve goodness.



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An analogy for this is like making preparations before embarking on a journey. Basically the sequence or the correct order on how humans live life virtuously is first to Recognise, then to Acknowledge, and so to Act in accordance to what has been recognised and acknowledged. The starting point is the search for knowledge - in order to recognise, in order to acknowledge, and in order to act correctly.



We should not be distressed with comments from the critics of Islam. We should understand that they generally may be devoid of Akhlaq and Adab, thus the “knowledge” they possess are fragmented information, which do not help them understand. So as Muslims, we should find a better way and not get drawn into futile debates; rather refresh and restart the situation by addressing the core issues with Knowledge, Akhlaq, and Adab.



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Muslims must also seek knowledge, with justice for himself and for others. For example, a person who is sober should not debate with the drunkard; a person who is mature and of sound mind should not argue with the immature or the mentally challenged. Why is this so? Because there would be injustice to both!

“O you who believe! Be steadfast witnesses for Allah in equity, and let not hatred of any people seduce you that you deal unjustly. Deal justly, that is nearer to your duty.” (Al-Ma'idah, Q5:08). 🕌

Pain Is A Treasure

A poem by
Rumi

Pain is a treasure, for it contains mercies;
The kernel is soft when the
rind is scraped off.
O brother, the place of darkness and cold
Is the fountain of Life and
the cup of ecstasy.
So also is endurance of pain
and sickness and disease.
For from abasement proceeds exaltation.
The spring seasons are
hidden in the autumns,
And the autumns are charged with springs. 🌸

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THE POET RUMI WAS BORN JALAL AD-DIN MUHAMMAD RUMI TO NATIVE PERSIAN-SPEAKING PARENTS. HIS POETRY WAS MOSTLY IN PERSIAN, BUT OCCASIONALLY HE ALSO USED TURKISH, ARABIC, AND GREEK. HIS INFLUENCE TRANSCENDS BORDERS AS HIS WORKS ARE WIDELY TRANSLATED INTO MANY LANGUAGES TILL TODAY.



Tips To *Heal* Your *Soul*

Advice shared by
Nur Adilah Sari

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HOW DO I KEEP CALM AFTER BEING INSULTED OR CRITICISED



When dealing with insults or criticisms, it is best for us to step away from the negativity and emulate the characteristic of the best amongst humanity, which is our beloved Prophet Muhammed (SAW). The Prophet (SAW) too faced criticism from the non-believers. Due to this, he felt emotionally affected and experienced sleepless nights. Instead of letting those insults bring him down and obstruct him from pursuing his missions, the Prophet (SAW) sought guidance from his Creator and confided in Him.

Allah (SWT) acknowledged the Prophet's plea for ease and He prescribed for Muhammed (SAW) the most effective remedy in **Surah Al-Hijr (Q15:98-99)**, "So exalt [Allah] with praise of your Lord and be of those who prostrate [to Him]. And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty [death]."

On how to deal with criticism, Prophet Muhammed (SAW) was advised to glorify his Lord, subject himself to be among those who prostrate, and worship his Lord till death.

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Allah (SWT) has revealed other verses to comfort the Prophet (SAW) and taught him (and us) about what to do in the face of criticism or distress. An example is when Muhammed (SAW) was mocked by the non-believers for being poor. Allah (SWT) then revealed to him in **Surah Al-Sharh (Q94:1-8)**:

“Have We not lifted up your heart? And removed your burden that weighed so heavily on your back? And have We not given you high renown? So, surely

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with every hardship there is ease. Surely, with every hardship there is ease. So, when you are free, strive hard, and to your Lord turn [all] your attention.”

Imam Al-Suyouti reported that these verses were revealed to comfort the Prophet (SAW). The words clearly delighted Muhammed (SAW) and boosted his confidence to carry out his mission, despite the difficulties he and his followers were facing from the non-believers of their time. We can also see that to overcome the stress and the effects of mockery, the Prophet (SAW) was told to strive hard and turn his attention to his Lord, with remembrance, prayers, and various good deeds.

From these two verses, we learn that for every criticism we face in this life, it is best for us to seek guidance in Allah (SWT), and that includes by zikr and prayers. May Allah (SWT) make us among those who emulate the Prophet's characteristics, Ameen. 🌟

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Fiqh For Travellers

If anyone travels on a road in search of knowledge, Allah will cause him to travel on one of the roads of Paradise. The angels will lower their wings in their great pleasure with one who seeks knowledge; the inhabitants of the heavens and the Earth, and the fish in the deep waters will ask forgiveness for the learned man. (Hadith, Sunan Abu Dawood)



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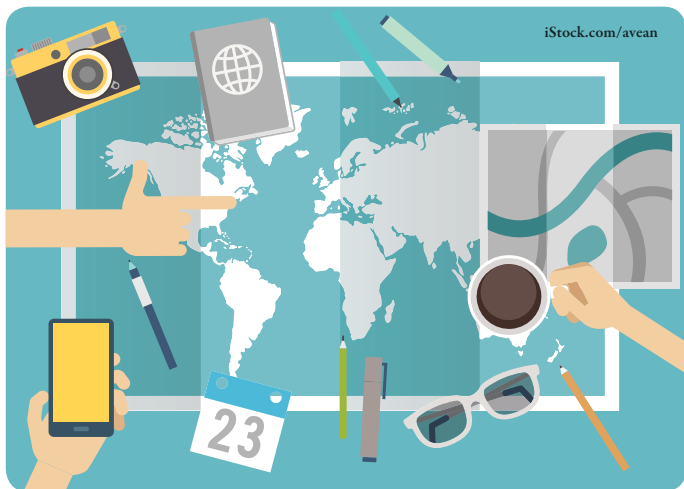
Travelling overseas has become a favourite pastime and an important leisure opportunity in the modern lifestyle of Singaporeans today. More of us are going abroad for holidays as travel options are wider and the costs involved are considered affordable in the recent years.

For Muslims, this trend necessitates the learning on how to perform our religious obligations - such as praying (solah) and fasting (sawm) - and to observe our commitment towards the dietary guidelines as prescribed in Islam.

Fiqh For Travellers is MCAS's four-hour workshop that equips its participants with the relevant and technical know-how of travelling as a practising Muslim.

This workshop presents the basis of the concept of Rukhsah (Concession), which is a form of flexibility, leniency, and blessing for those who are experiencing specific circumstances in their travels.





Especially useful for Converts and intermediate learners of Islam who are planning for their upcoming vacation, this workshop includes detailed explanation on the shortening of prayers, permissible diets, and the factors for your consideration when you need to pray while on the move in a vehicle.

Organised several times a year at MCAS, Fiqh For Travellers is scheduled for early March 2018. If you missed it, don't worry. Watch out for the notices on the next session. 📅

Khadijah - A *Modern Woman* Ahead Of Her Times

Written by
Siti Syuhada Faizal



Khadijah Bint Khuwaylid (RA), the first wife of Rasulullah (SAW) and also the first woman to become a Muslim, was called At-Tahirah, an Arabic adjective that means 'The Chaste' or 'The Pure'. As a highly respectable businesswoman, her morals as a widow were much more admired by the men of her clan, and her business was the talk of the town.

While women today are encouraged to make the first move in seeking love instead of griping about the lack of gender equality, Khadijah (RA) had done so hundreds of years ago! Indeed, by accounts of her character as a successful and wealthy businesswoman, one would have thought that she was a woman living in contemporary society.

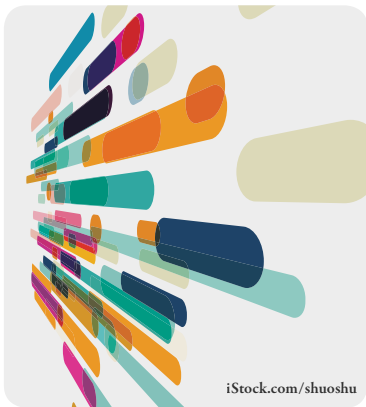
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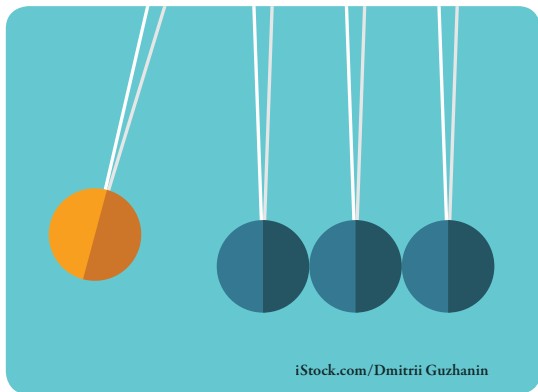


While women today find it a challenge to juggle both their career and family, Khadijah (RA) not only had a thriving business but also a wonderful relationship with her husband. She was a loving and supportive wife, especially during the difficult times when he (SAW) was beginning to spread the teachings of Islam.

While she, who was used to living in luxury, could have abandoned him during the times of hardship when the tribe of Hashim was ostracised and boycotted by the tribe of Quraysh, she left behind all the amenities of life her prosperity provided and joined him in the gorge where they were seeking refuge.

Her actions were all the more admirable considering the fact that she was not a member of the ostracised clan and that she was over 60 years of age; the siege and boycott resulted in adverse effects on her health, leaving her very weak and ill.





Truly, Khadijah (RA) is an excellent role model worthy of contemplation and imitation for all women today – as a non-believing lady who lived by morals and principles, as an astute woman who took the initiative in seeking her Mr Right, as a wife who stood by her husband in difficult times, as a believer who showed no hesitation to accept the truth, and finally, as a staunch supporter to her new belief with various forms of personal sacrifices. 🌟

THE PROPHET (SAW) OFTEN MENTIONED HER QUALITIES

“SHE (KHADIJAH) BELIEVED IN ME WHILE OTHERS REJECTED MY CALL. SHE AFFIRMED MY TRUTHFULNESS WHEN PEOPLE CALLED ME A LIAR. SHE SPENT HER WEALTH TO LIGHTEN THE BURDEN OF MY SORROW WHEN OTHERS HAD FORSAKEN ME” (AT-TIRMIDHI).

Multi-National Clubs Gathering

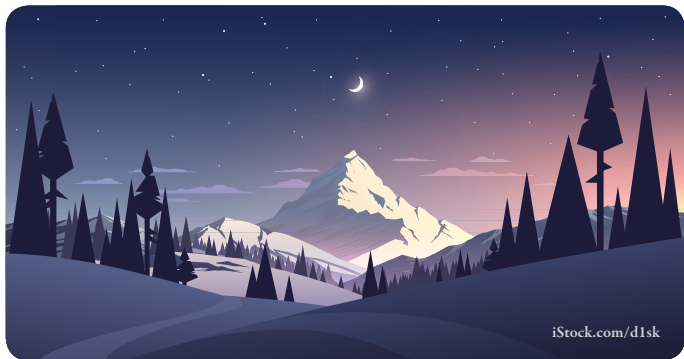
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Humble Submission Makes A *Difference* Between Us

Written by
Dr Waffie Mohammed



One important aspect of a believer is stated in Surah Al-Baqarah as Allah (SWT) says, “The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from His Lord, as do the men of faith.” (Q2:285)

True believers are in conformity to what the Messengers (AS) preached to their respective people. This leads to an important principle

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that the true believers all have in common:
“We hear, and we obey.” (Q2:285)

We see the attitude of the true believer being similar to that of the Messenger (SAW) and all the preceding Messengers (AS).

In contrast to the believers, we have examples from the nations of the past. They were not properly prepared to submit humbly to Allah (SWT) and say “we hear and obey”.

Instead, as in the cause of Moses (AS), his people demanded that he do all the work and they just sat by in the background.

Islam brought with it true submission. This is evident in the month of Ramadhan. Regardless of how hungry you may be during the day, you abstain from nourishment out of obedience to Allah (SWT).

This is what makes a difference between a Muslim and the non-believer - the simple principle of humble submission.





For Muslims, even if you do not yet fully understand an Islamic injunction, you need to have faith and accept it. As long as Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW) say so, you accept it. And this is what is hard to develop. Faith is something easier said than done.

Humble submission creates a sense of compassion, forgiveness, and love. This is what Islam brings to us. If you uphold it, you will become a good and beneficial unit in society.

Satan does not want this, so he creates avenues for your downfall. He decorates the evil and disguises it as good.

This is why when the Companions (RA) understood the concept of submission they never volunteered to answer a question posed to them by Prophet Muhammed (SAW) even though they knew the answer. Their reply used to be “Allah and His Rasul know best!”



They learnt to humble themselves, and we in turn, should inculcate this attitude as part of our spiritual discipline. Remember that we are part of a big family that came all through the ages, who testified “we hear and obey”.



May Allah (SWT) continue to make us from amongst those who accept His message and inculcate it to purify and transform our personalities. May Allah (SWT) increase us in knowledge in order to understand that which He sent through His Messengers, and may He make us humble servants who would persevere with patience and put all our faith, trust, and hope in Him, Insha'Allah. 🕌

MCAS *Bursary* *Presentation*

Event Date
9 September 2017

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The excess of 'Ilm [knowledge] is better than the excess of 'Ibadah [worship], and the best of your religion is the wara' [piety, self-restrain]. (Hadith, At-Tabarani)



In 2017, 46 students received the bursary from MCAS for their continued academic pursuits at the tertiary level.

Alhamdulillah there was a diverse pool of students within this batch of applicants that included students from Islamic fields of study, Engineering, Sciences, and also the Humanities.

We at MCAS are heartened by the passion of the students who applied for our bursary programme. MCAS would like to offer not just financial support, but also optimism and greater encouragement for the budding talents amongst our Muslim students, especially the Converts and the Children of Converts.

It is necessary to motivate our students to go learning beyond the classrooms. The knowledge and lessons they have acquired in school are just one portion of life that will equip them to face the future. Youth is the best time to build experience by feeling one's potential and developing it to the fullest. MCAS welcomes them to come and help

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Congratulations to the recipients of MCAS Bursary of 2017

President of MCAS, Faiz Edwin Ignatious, addressing the bursary recipients





One of MCAS's bursary recipients, Tan Li Jun, 28-year-old, who aimed to be an engineer in the aviation industry, delivered a baby girl earlier in 2017 during her first year of study for a degree in Mechatronics at Singapore Institute of Technology.

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contribute back to society through our volunteer opportunities. It is hoped that this chance would add to the development of their potential and skills, and help them to discover more of what they could be and do for our society.

We wish our bursary recipients all the best in their endeavours, and we pray that all their efforts contribute positively to our community. 🍀

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IN ISLAM
 - ❑ THE ISLAMIC GOLDEN AGE
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“With Him are the keys of the _____, the
_____ that none knows but He. He knows
whatever there is on the earth and in the ____.”

Surah Number: ____ Verse Number: ____

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