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"Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said, "Allah makes the way to **Jannah** easy for him who treads the path in

search of **knowledge**.'

## -Hadith by Muslim-

Mu'awiyah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah said, "When Allah wishes **good** for someone, He bestows upon him the understanding o<mark>f Deen</mark>."

-Hadith Al-Bukhari and Muslim-

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## Foreword by the New Director of IIUM Mosques

## Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Salam Muhamad Shukri

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All praise is for Allah, Lord of the Worlds. Dear brothers and sisters,

The wonder of the month of Rajab provides us with an opportunity to increase our efforts in practicing Ibadah and strengthening our Iman before the arrival of the holy month of Ramadhan. Even the Prophet S.A.W recognized Rajab as the month of spiritual preparation.

The day of Isra' wa Mi'raj should not be remembered as a miracle alone, where Prophet Muhammad Salla llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam elevated to heaven with the permission from Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā. The day itself should be taken in appreciation towards our beloved Prophet SAW in his miraculous journey to heaven. Thus, in the day of Isra' wa Mi'raj, we should increase our Ibadah as to celebrate the astounding night where we received our duty in performing five times obligatory prayers and responsibilities as Muslims from Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā through our beloved Prophet Muhammad Salla llāhu 'alayhi wa-sallam. Since the Ramadhan Mubarak is just around the corner, I would like to emphasize more about the ibadah of fasting and our effort in attaining *Taqwa*. As mentioned in Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 183:

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may have Taqwa."

The practice of fasting, especially in the month of Ramadhan is to control our desire by creating a sincerity in performing ibadah as a servant of Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā. Therefore, we must utilize every opportunity in the holy month of Ramadhan to increase our *Taqwa* to Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā by giving charity, performing Tarawih, and reading Qur'an al-Karim throughout the blessed month. May we all get benefit and rewards from Allah SWT in the world and the hereafter.

Narrated by Abu Huraira (r.a): The Messenger of Allah (saw) said:"... whoever fasts during Ramadan out of sincere faith and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven." -Imam Bukhari-

#### JINN DISTURBANCE DURING RAMADHAN

By: Ustaz Muhammad Ramadhan Subky Abdullah



Alhamdulillah, praise to Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā as we have again been given a chance to rejoice in the holy month of Ramadhan for this year. A month where Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā amenably fulfil us with countless of rewards based on our *ibadah*, as mentioned by the Prophet Muhammad SAW in his hadith:

"The sleep of the fasting person is worship, his silence is tasbeeh (glorification), his Du'a (supplication) is answered and his good deeds will be multiplied." - HR al-Baihaqi

It is indeed an indication on how great the reward. Even sleeping during the daytime in this blessed month is also consider as *ibadah*. In the last ten nights of Ramadhan, lies the night of *Lailatulqadar*, the miracle night where it is better than 1,000 months and the reward will be multiplied only through that night alone.

Fasting in general can offer a plenty of advantages and positive health related significance, including a peaceful mind and physical health. During this month, Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā had descended Al-Quran through Prophet Muhammad to every human being. Thus, we were encouraged to increase our *ibadah* in reciting Al-Quran throughout this holy month of Ramadhan.

During this month, the doors of the skies will be opened by Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā as wide unimaginably in granting all Muslims to pray for forgiveness and to make du'a throughout the fasting month. It is indeed the vibe of Ramadhan will shape Muslims towards sincerity, *hikmah* in fasting, and avoiding sinful acts.

Even *Shaytan* unable to agitate human being in the time of Ramadhan. But the question is, how does the case of disturbance or possession still occurred during this month since Prophet Muhammad already mentioned in his hadith:

إِذَا دَحَلَ رَمَضَانُ فُتِّحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجُنَّةِ وَغُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَسُلْسِلَتْ الشَّيَاطِين

"When Ramadhan comes, the gates of heaven open and the gates of hell will close with all the *Shaytan* and the devil chained." - Narrated by al-Bukhari and Muslim.

#### The Truth About the Creation of Jinn

In order to explain the agendas that associated with the case of *Jinn* disturbance, it is essential for us first to explore the truth of the creation of *Jinn*.

The existence of Jinn is something that should not be put in doubt because they are also one of the creations of Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā and the reason of their existence was as similar as why Allah created human, which only to serve Allah Subhānahu wa ta'alā.

"And I did not create the Jinn and mankind except to worship Me" - Adh - Dhariyat, verse 6.

To be continued..

Part 2: Types of Jinns and their capabilities.

Translated by: Khairul Azri

## Permissibility of Technology in Islam

Today is the world of science and technology and one cannot deny the benefits it has brought to the human kind. In Islam, using of Technology in itself is permissible and technological advancement is much desirable for Muslims. However, the manner in which technology is used can make it haram. For example, it is permissible to use a mobile phone, but it is haram to use it for an illicit relationship. The following are some of the most commonly used technical gadgets that need some explanation on their usage:



#### **INTERNET**

The most powerful tool of mass communication and globalization is the Internet. It has made an unlimited amount of information available at one's fingertips, but unfortunately, a great amount of evil is also accessible. The Internet is perhaps the toughest tool to pass a ruling on. On one hand, so much good has come out of it: many Islamic websites exist, online universities and programs have been initiated, and people have reverted to Islam online. In short, the benefits of the Internet are too many to count.

On the other hand, a lot of evil has spread through the Internet, the most common of which is the widespread and easily accessible pornography, and the worst of which are the misleading websites that take people away from Islam. Many websites twist the teachings of Islam to make it look evil, and this is nothing but a trap of Satan to make Muslims apostatize. Many of these misleading websites are easily accessible, causing a great test for a Muslim's faith.

The Internet is like a minefield in which you must tread very carefully. You should fear Allah and use it only for good. If you fear that you will not be able to use it for constructive purposes, then you should not install an Internet connection in your home. The following steps can help a person benefit from the Internet and avoid the traps of Satan:

- 1. Start by saying *Bismillah* (In the name of Allah). If you begin using the Internet by remembering Allah, you will only use it for permissible purposes inshallah. A God-fearing Muslim would not use the Internet for evil after taking Allah's name prior to using it.
- 2. Firmly resolve to use the Internet only for that which is beneficial. Ask Allah to protect you from Satan and to guide you to the straight path. Your intention will help you to choose good websites, and your supplication will be a means of gaining Allah's protection from misinformation from Satan.
- 3. Make use of all the safety features available on your computer to block out pornographic and other unsuitable content.
- 4. The computer with Internet access should be in an open area of the house, where other members of the family can see what is being viewed. This will reduce the user's desire to access sinful content on it.
- 5. If you do not have good control over yourself and your *nafs*, then avoid using Internet as much as possible. This is very important to safeguard your *Akhirah*.

#### MOBILE PHONE

The use of mobile phones has become so\_widespread that almost every child owns one. Furthermore, the mobile phone has become so technologically advanced that it has the features of a computer, television, radio and phone all in one. This has been the cause of great trials for Muslims. The phone has given young Muslims access to the opposite sex and to pornography and other evils, right in the palm of their hands. It is now possible for a young man to exchange text messages with a girlfriend while he is sitting at the same table as his parents, without them even knowing.

The question that needs to be raised is whether the phone is necessary. Why does a ten-year-old or a fourteen-year-old need a mobile phone? The phone does not contain many benefits for them; in contrast, the harms and temptations greatly outweigh the benefits. It is for this reason that I hold the opinion that it is not permissible for parents to hand over a mobile phone to their young children until they are mature, strong and spiritually developed enough to resist its evil temptations and to use it only for halal purposes. If this is not considered, then parents should not be surprised to find their children in illicit relationships.

#### A GENERAL RULE FOR TECHNOLOGY

Technology is like any other tool; it can be used for good or evil. It is up to the user to fear Allah and to use His gifts in a way that pleases Him. A user who falls into error should repent and not allow the devil to overcome him or her. This is the balanced method; to completely cut Muslims off from technology would stifle the growth of Islam and any chance of Muslims becoming a rival to the West.

We must embrace and master technology, and then go on to develop more beneficial ways to use it. This will prove crucial to the development and growth of the Muslims, and it is definitely critical for the establishment of a Muslim state.

Source: Permissibility of Technology in Islam. (n.d.). Retrieved April 13, 2016, from http://peacepropagation.com/permissibility-of-technology-in-islam/

Edited by: Khairul Azri

# ACTIVITES

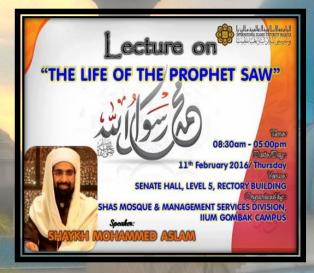
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## Lecture on The Life of the Prophet S.A.W

Speaker: Shaykh Mohammed Aslam Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (2 Rabi' al-thani 1436H) Time: 8.30am – 5.00pm Venue: Level 5, Senate Hall, Rectory Building, IIUM.

## Highlights of the Programme:

This programme is initiated in conjunction with the month of Maulidur Rasul # to impart knowledge and to create awareness on the lifestyle and Sunnah of the Prophet SAW among the IIUM Community.





## 'Bengkel on Smart Solat 2016' Programme

## **Speakers:**

- 1. Izzat Fathi (Pencetus Ummah)
- 2. Dr. Abdul Latif Abdul Razak (IIUM)

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (3 Jumada Al-Awwal 1437H) Time: 7.30am – 6.45pm Venue: Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Mosque, IIUM.

## **Highlight of the Programme:**

To create understanding and awareness in Solat with precise explanation regarding Wudhu'/Tayammum and Tasmi', complete with the step by step practicality on how to perform solat appropriately.



## School Holiday Programme 2016: "Tuition for SPM 2016 Candidates".

#### **Participants:**

30 SPM 2016 candidates (Science Major) and among the children of IIUM staff.

Date: 13th – 16th March 2016 (4 - 7 Jumada Al-Thani 1437)

Time: 8.00am - 6.15pm

Venue: Classroom 2, Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Mosque, IIUM.

#### **Subjects offered:**

- 1. Biology
- 2. Physics
- 3. Chemistry
- 4. Additional Mathematics.

#### **Highlight of the Programme:**

The programme intended to provide improvements for the candidates who is among IIUM staff children as preparation for their SPM 2016 next year.



"Physics class with Mohd Shahril Mohd Salleh (SBPI Gombak)"



"Teacher Noor Hashimah Binti Ali Musa with students in her Chemistry class"



"Students were very dedicated in completing their tasks given in class"

## **Other Programs**



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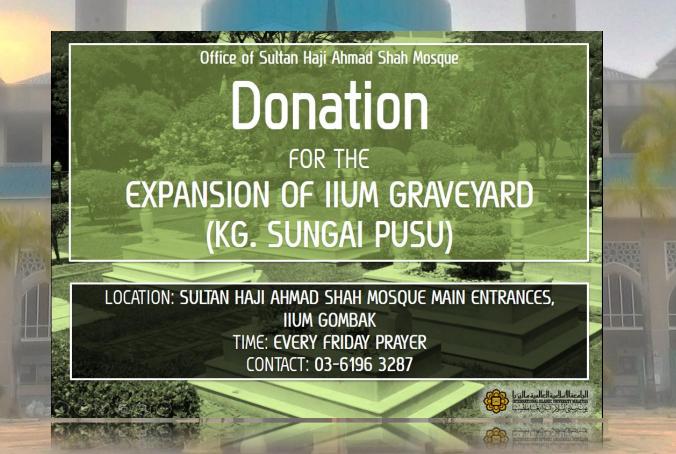
# Donation for the Expansion of IIUM Graveyard (Kg. Sungai Pusu)

The Office of Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Mosque is organizing a donation campaign for IIUM Graveyard (KG. Sungai Pusu)

The IIUM Graveyard (Kampong Sungai Pusu) is almost fully utilized where the area left can only contain around 20 more graveyards in total. For your information, the IIUM graveyard is the only graveyard for all kariah of Masjid Zakaria, IIUM community members, kariah Kampung Sungai Pusu, and kariah Kampung Sungai Chincin.

Therefore, this donation campaign has been made recently as one of the initiatives for us to lend support towards the expansion of the IIUM graveyard area. The donation boxes are available at Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Mosque Main Entrances.

May Allah Allāh Subhānahu Wa Ta<sup>c</sup>ālā bless all of us and place reward of our good efforts in the Mizan al – Hasanat.



# Preface from the Chief Editor

## Assistant Prof. Dr. Raudlotul Firdaus Binti Fatah Yasin

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All praise is for Allah, Lord of the Worlds.

Dear IIUM Community,



This bulletin relatively embarks the importance of building bond between the Mosque and the groups of community around IIUM. The initiatives of this bulletin significantly depicts moments and programs that SHAS Mosque had and will organize thus to share and to utilize the information delivered through this bulletin which essentially promoting the culture of *immaratul* masjid.

In order to elevate the norms of knowledge-sharing and *ukhuwah* between the mosque and the IIUM community, I would like to welcome any publications, article, or any written production from both students and staff of IIUM to be slotted into our bulletin for the purpose of sharing information and *dakwah*. Thus, may our efforts in contributing towards this bulletin will bring a great outcome in terms of attaining knowledge and to create bond among our brothers and sisters in Islam.

Please send your publications, article, or written production to Br. Khairul Azri at ium khainulazri@gmail.com

May Allah SWT bless us with rewards and *rahmat* in the world and the hereafter, *insyallah*. *Wassalam* 

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