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Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya, Milton Keynes

Special Edition



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ

بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

And one of His signs is this, that He has created wives for you from among yourselves that you may find peace of mind in them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect. (30:22)

The verse gives another argument to prove the existence of God and of life beyond the grave, viz: that God has created a pair - man and woman - and has engendered love between them. This leads to procreation and the continuity of human life on earth. This continuity of life shows a design and a purpose behind it and thus it proves the existence of a Designer and a better and fuller life after the life on this earth.

Introduction

Dear and respected brothers,

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your families in the best of health. Ameen.

It has been a long time since the last edition of the Masroor newsletter and I extend my sincerest apologies for this. Insh'allah, it will now become a regular occurrence and I would like to ask you all for your help and prayers to make that vision into a reality.

In the coming months we wish to make the newsletter a central point for the Khuddam and Atfal, focussing on bringing us closer together as an organisation and as a family and also educating ourselves on aspects of our religion that we may need help in understanding. We hope to include articles that will further our knowledge and promote discussion as well as fun activities that will aid in getting the younger members of our families interested and involved.

As with most publications the success of this newsletter is dependent on the diversity and quality of its content. Therefore I ask all of you to get involved and provide us with your input. This can be in the form of a suggestion on layout, presentation etc or by submitting an article that you feel may interest others. Remember this can be on a range of subjects, i.e, computers, sport, games and hobbies, so please feel free to contact myself or our local Qaid Tahir Ahmad Sahib, if you have any ideas.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Masroor and please remember that your feedback is much appreciated. Jazak' Allah.



Safwan Himmans
Editor

In November, Majlis Milton Keynes held their local Qaid elections. Out of 9 eligible voters 6 attended only just meeting the quorum.

Newly appointed Regional Qaid of Hertfordshire region Yahya Sadiq Mufti chaired the elections which started at 7pm.

The name approved for Qaid Milton Keynes was Tahir Ahmad and he starts his two year term from December.

A Message From the Qaid

I would like to thank previous Qaid Farooq Ahmad sahib for all his hard work. He served as Qaid for 2 terms (which is the equivalent of 4 years). During his term he worked tirelessly to bring the best out of the qiadat and managed at one point to lead the Qiadat into 19th position in Alme Inami table. He also had the opportunity to have two successful regional ijtema's in Milton Keynes, and also a National Charity Event - "The Charity Challenge" in which funds of approximately £30,000 were raised for various charities. He has now been appointed as Naib Regional Qaid (deputy regional leader) for Hertfordshire Region.

On behalf of myself and the rest of the Khuddam, I would like to wish him all the success for future positions and also request his prayers for the Qiadat. AMEEN.



Tahir Ahmad
Qaid Milton Keynes

A Truly Excellent Place to Live

You will enter gardens beneath which streams flow, you will be provided with gardens and a raiment of Silk. Reclining upon couches where you will experience neither excessive heat or cold. With ample shade and clustered fruits will be brought within easy reach. Sounds good????.....read on.

Vessels of silver will be passed around and also goblets of glass, as bright as glass but made as silver, in them a drink will be given tempered with Ginger.

And you will be waited on by youths who will never age, so much so, when you look at them you will think them to be pearls scattered about, on them will be garments of fine green silk, and they will be made to wear bracelets of silver. So where is this truly exquisite place..... PARADISE! {Chapter 78

AL-QURAN}

SO HOW DO YOU GET THERE???????

Well just a few things really....

Remember your Lord morning and evening, and never associate any partners with Him.

During the night prostrate ie. Namaz Tahajjud, Zikre Illahi, and prayers in congregation.

Feed the poor and the orphans only for the love of God and do it for no reward.

You can start your journey to this place by coming to salaah every Tuesday 7.30pm. The choice is yours.

KIDS ZONE



This section of Masroor is specially designed for the children, filled with activities and stories that will both educate and entertain them. ENJOY!!!

The Story of the Selfish Man

Once upon a time, there was a selfish man. He liked everything to be his own. He could not share his belongings with anyone, not even his friends or the poor.

One day, the man lost thirty gold coins. He went to his friend's house and told him how he lost his gold coins. His friend was a kind man.

As his friend's daughter was coming from an errand she found thirty gold coins, when she arrived home, she told her father what she had found. The girl's father told her that the gold coins belong to his friend and he sent for him. When the selfish man arrived, he told him how his daughter had found his thirty gold coins and handed them to him.

After counting the gold coins the man said that ten of them were missing and had been taken by the girl as he had forty gold coins. He further commented that he will recover the remaining amount from him. But the girl's father refused.

The man left the gold coins and went to the court and informed the judge there about what had taken place between him and the girl's father.

The judge sent for the girl and her father, and when they arrived asked the girl how many gold coins did she find. She replied thirty gold coins. The Judge that asked the selfish man how many gold coins did he lose and he answered forty gold coins.

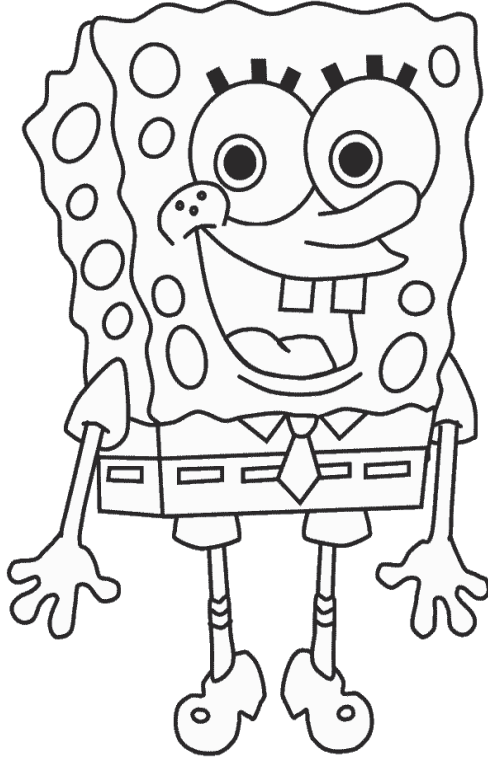
The judge then told the man that the gold coins did not belong to him because the girl found thirty and not forty as he claimed to have lost and then told the girl to take the gold coins and that if anybody is looking for them he will send for the girl.

The judge told the man that if anybody reports that they have found forty gold coins he will send for him. It was then that the man confessed that he lied and that he lost thirty gold coins but the judge did not listen to him.



This story teaches us to be always honest as dishonesty never pays.

Here's a picture of a famous cartoon character for you to colour-in. Can you tell who it is?



Jokes and Riddles

What is smaller than an ant's mouth?

Answer: What the ant eats?

What is the only thing you can break when you say its name?

Answer: Silence

Where can everyone always find money when they look for it?

Answer: In the dictionary

Teacher: Can someone give me a sentence with the word "archaic" in it?

Student: We cant have archaic and eat it too!

Hadhrat Musleh Maud^{ra} always cherished a special concern for the youth for the Movement. It was this concern that led him, as early as 1902, to start a literary organization for the youngsters called Tasheez-ul-Ahzan and it was this very concern that caused Hazoor, in 1920, to express so profoundly his exhortations to the youth in his poem, "To the Nation's Youth".

Thus, when 10 zealous young men approached Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} seeking permission to form a youth organisation, he readily agreed. This group first met at the house of Sheikh Mahboob Alam Sahib on 31st January 1938. They resolved to do their utmost to defend the institution of Khalifat and the Jamaat in general against any attacks made on it. Four days later, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} named this organisation and so, on February 4th 1938 Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya was born.

Hazoor, while establishing this organisation, defined the aims of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya as follows:

"My idea of establishing this body is that the knowledge which has been acquired by us and is safely locked up in our hearts must continue to be passed on to the next generation after and thereafter it must become a continuous cycle so that the world at large may benefit."

During the initial years, the organisation differed from what it is today in the sense that it was restricted. It was restricted in two ways: first in membership and secondly in terms of the kind of duties undertaken by it. It was limited in terms of membership because it was primarily viewed by Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} as an organisation for the exclusive training of those young men who needed it.

However, as the organisation began to grow and develop, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} announced on the 26th July 1940 that within the next 15 days it was compulsory for every young man between the ages of 15 and 40 to register himself as a member of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. As a consequence of these instructions, branches of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya were not only formed in all parts of India but in all parts of the world.

In commenting on particular work of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, whereby articles were written defending attacks on the Community, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} stated; "I have seen how hard Khuddam have worked and they have performed very well. At first they were extremely worried and anxious. They obtained books from various places, consulted many people and wrote drafts upon drafts of the replies they wished to submit for printing but when the final articles were printed they were of an extremely high standard."

In the latter part of 1938, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya issued their first constitution which included 12 points.

1. Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya is an organisation for the youth of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association.
2. To infuse a spirit of patriotism and sacrifice in the youth of the jamaat.
3. To spread the message of Islam.
4. To inculcate in the youth a habit of working with their hands.
5. To be resolute.
6. Improve the education of its members.
7. To formulate programmes for the physical exercise of Khuddam.
8. To apprise members of basic Islamic values like honesty, integrity, and regularity in prayers.
9. To train and educate children that they may be of use to the whole nation.
10. To encourage youngsters to participate as much as possible in performing tasks for the Jamaat.
11. To infuse a spirit of serving the community at large or Khidmat-e-Khalq. Khidmat-e-Khalq can be translated as Service to Humanity. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} explained that our services should not just be confined to Ahmadis alone, but should extend to anyone, Ahmadi or non-Ahmadi alike.

12. Resolve to complete any task undertaken for the benefit of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya. 7

The main difference between the pledge we have today and the earlier versions is that in the latter there was no specific undertaking of an allegiance to Khilafat. Another item that was absent in the first two pledges was the sacrifice of time. Earlier pledges stated all things that may be important to a Khadim, like life, property and honesty, but the precious entity of time was not mentioned. As Khuddam recognise, particularly in this country, time is certainly a worthy asset to sacrifice for the sake of Allah and its inclusion in the pledge is fully justified.

“The success of a nation is dependent on its youth. If the youth of a nation become true custodians of its traditions then that nation can survive for centuries upon centuries. However, if the generations of the future are negligent then a nation can never achieve success and even the progress it makes can be transformed into failure.” {Address by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} at the first Ijtema}

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} gave special instruction to his staff that if any official of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya wished to seek advice from him on any matter with respect to Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya; he would make himself available at any time. He did not merely offer advice or give instructions but very often led by example and showed by his own actions how Khuddam should conduct themselves. It is related that Hazoor used to present himself for Waqar-e-Amal, that he used to arrive, take off his turban, and then with his own hands dig some earth, collect it in a basket and carry it to the appropriate place.

Thus, the counselling and personal example of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} demonstrated how a Khuddam should behave. It is therefore our duty and indeed our privilege that we, as members of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya should strive to uphold and live by the teachings of Islam and Ahmadiyyat.

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FOOD NIGHT

On Monday 10th December 2007 all the Khuddam were invited to a get together just to start off the year on a relaxing note. It was held at approximately 8pm and funded in whole by attendee contributions. A total of 10 people attended out of a tajeed of 20. This was broken down as 8 Khuddam out of 17 and 2 Atfal out of 3 plus 1 Guest (Regional Qaid Scotland).

On the menu was pizza and fried chicken and the night was enjoyed by all, so much so that it was suggested that we arrange a similar event in the near future.

A special mention needs to be made about Nabeel Chaudhry as he kindly put forward his house for hosting the event and came straight from work at 8pm and Fowad Syed, as he made an effort to come although he had assignments for college to complete, he still sacrificed some time to join us. Jazakallah All.



...some more than others!! :)

A good night enjoyed by all...



Those in attendance were: Tahir Ahmad, Safwan Himmans, Nabeel Chaudrey, Rizwaan Ayub, Amir Bhatti, Abdul Rasheed, Imbrahim Amoakoh, Abdul Basit Bon-su, Abdul Rahman Bonsu, Fowad Syed and Ahmed Owusu (Regional Qaid, Scotland).

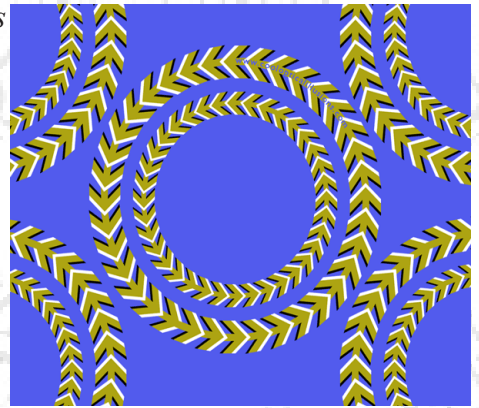
OPTICAL ILLUSIONS⁸



Study the dots in the picture to the left, and see if you can spot the dog. Hidden in the dots is a picture of a dalmatian, sniffing the pavement.

This shows how even though the lines aren't connected, our minds will recognize familiar objects more easily than random shapes.

These are sometimes called anamalous motion illusions. Because although the image isn't moving at all - it really isn't animated at all - it looks like it's moving like crazy. Sometimes the bigger the picture is, the better it works.



How many faces do you see in this painting? This optical illusion is a joke about the story of Don Quixote (pronounced Key-Ho-Tee). In the story, a slightly demented knight by the name of Don Quixote rides through the country side of Spain with his faithful companion, Sancho Panza. Together, they chase windmills which Quixote thinks are in fact the heads of giants. The book is an old 16th century Spanish classic and many artists have also done work that was inspired by the Don Quixote story - artists such as Gustave Doré, Pablo Picasso, and even Salvador Dalí.