

Darul Iftaa دار الإفتاء

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is named after our Shaykh, Mufti-e-Azam, Faqihul Ummat, Hadhrat Mufti Mahmood Hasan Gangohi Saheb رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

What is Ramadān?

In order to derive the utmost benefit from the sacred month of Ramadān, it is crucial to recognize the spiritual significance and import of this month. Abdullah ibn Mas'ūd states, "The master of months is the month of Ramadān and the master of days is the day of Jumu'ah." (*Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah Hadith #5552*)

Ramadān is an opportunity to submerge oneself in the endless ocean of Allah Ta'ala's mercy and pardon wherein complete forgiveness is guaranteed. The burden and anguish of sin, which leads to frustration and anxiety, will be lifted; the veil of inhibition that impedes a person from his Rabb will be removed and the doors to a life of spiritual bliss, ecstasy and harmony will be flung open. In regards to attaining piety, Allah Ta'ala states, "Oh you who believe, Fasting has been made compulsory upon you as had been made compulsory upon those before you so that you may become Allah-fearing." (Quran 2:183) Fasting is one of the best spiritual exercises to establish piety and a perpetual consciousness of Allah Ta'ala. It is such a personal and

sincere act of worship that is only known by Allah and the person keeping the fast. What is it that prevents a person from breaking his fast before sunset? One can easily deceive the people; it is only the consciousness of Allah and fear of His divine reproach that prevents a person from doing so. Once the realization sets in that the same Omni-cognizant and Omnipotent Allah who knows about the state of our fast is aware of all our actions throughout the year, it will be extremely easy to abstain from any other type of sin. Once a person feels the bliss of being completely pardoned and relieved from the burden of sin coupled with the feeling of Allah's figurative omnipresence, he or she would have reached a very high pedestal of divine communion. This pedestal is what is referred to as stage of Ihsān; where a person worships Allah as if he or she is seeing Him or with the full conviction and cognizance that Allah is watching him as mentioned in the famous Hadīth of Rasulullah ﷺ. May Allah grant us the ability to reap the benefits of Ramadān.



Inoculation

It is a prerequisite for obtaining a visa before travelling to some countries around the world to inoculate against certain diseases. For example, when one goes for Hajj, previously one had to inoculate against meningitis and yellow fever to avoid the spread of these "contagious" diseases and keep the country pure and healthy. Jannah is the kingdom of Allah Ta'ala reserved only for people of pure hearts. Allah Taala says:

وذلك جزاء من تركي

'And these bounties of Jannah are for those who purify themselves'. (Quran 20:76)

People with diseases like pride, jealousy, malice, etc in their hearts will not be able to enter Jannah directly. Such people may need to inoculate themselves against these diseases by being put to hell first for cleansing purposes and then will be permitted entry into Jannah. An easy alternative is to stay in the company of the pious people and inoculate ourselves from the various diseases of our hearts to qualify for direct entrance into Jannah. A person commits sins due to his Nafs (base self) and the aggravation of Shaitan. In the month of Ramadhan, the Nafs of a person becomes weak and the Shayateen are chained. Furthermore, in the Taraweeh of twenty Rakaats and forty Sajdas (one Chillah) we gain the proximity to Allah. Hence, the month of Ramadhan is most suitable for reforming ourselves. That can be much more easily achieved by attaching ourselves to a Khanqah where programmes of Islah and reformation takes place. ❁❁❁

Kick the bad habit!

The month of Ramadaan presents one an ideal opportunity to give up smoking and other addictions, drugs, hukka, shisha etc. When one can exercise restraint from demands of nature, eating, drinking etc surely one can exercise restraint from smoking. All one needs is courage and will power. Fight the urge just for a few days and the rest will fall in place. Consider the harms.

1) The foul smell of smoking deprives one of the company of the angels of mercy.

2) Smoking causes cancer and other sicknesses.

3) Hundreds of Rands if not thousands are wasted on smoking.

4) The danger of huqqa is equivalent to 55 cigarettes.

5) The harms of drugs are unlimited.

One is damaging the greatest gift, one's intelligence. Ramadaan is a bounty from Allah to come back on line.

Kick the bad habit now forever!



Normal birth or Caesarean or ...

A senior and prominent Aalim related his incident to me. It was more than 40 years ago in India, his wife went in to labour. He hired a wagon to take them to the hospital. On the way, the wheel of the wagon almost came out and they were saved from a fatal accident. When they finally reached the hospital and his wife was admitted, he received a more shocking information from the gynaecologist, either your wife survives or your child! Kindly sign the document of consent. The Aalim did not sign. He thought if Allah meant for anyone to die, Allah would not have saved them from the fatal accident enroute to the hospital. He then engaged in Salat ul Hajat and begged Allah for a normal delivery. Shortly thereafter, he was informed of the normal birth of his child. The doctors and the gynaecologist were shocked.

Advice:

Whenever we are in distress, first turn to Allah by performing two Rakaats of Salat ul Hajaat (need) and then adopt the means for your needs. Allah will put a positive effect in the means. Allah say: **والله غالب على امره**

And Allah is incharge over His affairs. (Quran 12:21)

Importance of Tilawat of Qur'an

Allah Ta'ala says: When the Quran is recited, listen to it and be silent, so that the mercy of Allah may descend upon you.[7:204]

Just as a magnet draws items of metal similarly does the noble Quran draw the mercy of Allah Ta'ala.

Nabi ﷺ said: Obtain barakah and blessings from the Quran for it is the spoken word of Allah Ta'ala. (Tabarani)

It was a habit of our pious akabireen to recite the Quran Kareem abundantly in the month of Ramadhan.

Hazrat Shaykh Zakariyyah ؒ writes: I am greatly pleased seeing how the womenfolk vie with each other, trying to recite more of the Quran than the others, so that in spite of domestic responsibilities, fifteen to twenty juz of the Quran is read by one daily. (Fada'il Ramadhan Hadith Four)

Our pious have experienced the blessings of the noble Quran. We too can experience it.. The noble Quran is the same; its blessings are the same; our hearts are different. When we build a connection of love with the noble Quran we too will experience the blessings and power of the noble Quran.

When reciting the Quran condition the mind to think Allah is talking to you. This will assist in enjoying the recitation of the Quran and deriving maximum benefit from it.



**Note this emergency
phone number
for all your needs
Dial code: 24222
Number: 244343**

How desperate we become when we phone someone in dire need and the phone is constantly engaged? We experience a feeling of hopelessness and despondency. We also make it a point to get an alternative number for a direct line for emergencies. Remember the direct line for all our needs to be fulfilled is 244343. This is the telephone number of Almighty Allah Taala. He is the One to fulfill all our needs at all times. His telephone line is direct and never engaged. We can talk to Allah Taala through our Fardh Salah and build our hopes in Allah Taala.

The dialing code represents the **Sunnat e Muakkadah Salaats** before the Fardh Salaat. 2 rkt (Fajr), 4 rkt (Zohar), 2 rkt (Zohar), 2 rkt (Maghrib), 2 rkt (Esha) The Sunnats before Asr and Esha Salaats are encouraged. (2422)

The telephone number represents the Fardh Salaat. 2 rkt Fajr, 4 rkt Zohar, 4 rkt Asr, 3 rkt Maghrib, 4 rkt Esha and 3 rkt Witr. (244343)

In our different challenges of life why do we feel despondent? Communicate with Allah Taala directly and present your needs before Allah Taala through Salaah and Dua. Allah's line is direct and never engaged. Be rest assured you are heard by Allah Taala. ﷻ

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Islahi Majlis- Before Maghrib in UK (9:25PM)

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I'tikāf

I'tikāf is a unique '*ibādah* (act of worship) whereby a person forsakes all his activities, secludes himself in the masjid and directs all his attention to Allāh Ta'āla. *I'tikāf* enjoys special attraction, blessings and distinguishes itself from other '*ibādāt*. It serves to repair the spiritual breakdown of man due to his deep involvement in worldly affairs and assists in redirecting his focus to Allāh Ta'āla. All worldly connections are cut off for the sake of gaining Allāh Ta'āla's attention. All thoughts, desires and commitments are centred around Allāh Ta'āla and in consequence a complete spiritual connection with Allah is attained. (*Al-Insaaf fi hukmil i'tikāf*, pg. 6)

I'tikāf accustoms a person to staying in the masjid (house of Allāh) for a long period and creates an attachment between him and the masjid.

Hadhrat Shaykh Zakariyya (*rahimahullāh*) writes that a *mu'takif* is like a person, who having requested of something, waits until he is granted his request. He further writes that a *mu'takif* is a person who actually presents himself

at the doorstep of Allāh Ta'āla; seeking His forgiveness and closeness. (*Fadhā'il Al-a'māl*, pg 68, chapter on *i'tikāf*)

Rasulullāh (*sallallāhu alayhi wa sallam*) was passionate and avid to *i'tikāf* in the month of Ramadhān and never missed *i'tikāf* of the last ten days. 'Aisha (*radiyallāhu anhā*) said: "Rasulullāh (*sallallāhu alayhi wa sallam*) made *i'tikāf* of the last ten days of Ramadhān till the end of his life" (*Sahih Bukhārī*)

SPECIAL ADVICE

We often complain of not experiencing spirituality in our acts of worship. We complain of being stuck in different aspects of life, domestic – business etc. Many people have made head way in their worldly difficulties and spiritual needs through and after *I'tikāf*. All one needs to make *I'tikāf* is a little courage. Adjust your schedule and sit in *I'tikāf* in the company of an *Alim* of your choice to derive maximum benefit in *I'tikāf*. *Alhamdulillah*, there are many venues in and around Durban where senior Ulama will be making *I'tikāf* and conducting spiritual discourses to make one's *Ramadhan* and *I'tikāf* wholesome. ❁❁❁

Darul Iftaa Times for Ramadhan

Monday – Thursday : 09:00 AM – 12:00 PM
03:00 PM – 04:30 PM

Friday and Saturday : 09:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Banking Details

Lillah: FNB Bank

Account # : 62292858910

Branch : 223726

Zakat : FNB Bank

Account # : 62315858136

Branch : 220629

Investment Scheme Approved

The Darul Iftaa has been inundated with calls from members of the public to create a 100% Shari'ah compliant investment scheme.

Alhamdulillah, The Darul Iftaa personally undertook to design an investment scheme namely "**Al-Mabroor Investments**" that fulfills a stringent criteria of Shari'ah compliancy. An asset management company has agreed to manage the investment scheme designed by The Darul Iftaa. Al-Mabroor Investments will be launched with limited invites on September 9th 2011.

Any person wishing to invest may do so at his own risk. The Darul Iftaa plays no part in the marketing and management of the scheme and has no financial interests whatsoever in the scheme.

The Darul Iftaa's role is to assist the public in merely creating alternate Shariah compliant investment schemes in an endeavour to make one's income halal.