

INTRODUCTION

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The Noble Prophet (saw) said, "If one of you eats, he should begin with Allaah's Name (Bismillaah), but if he forgets to say this at the beginning, he should say'

Bismillaahi fee aw-walihee wa aakhirih"

[Abu Dawood & Tirmidhee]

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How do we go through doors?

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You may reckon that if you enter a house without permission and you know that person really well then they'll let you in, but not necessarily! They might not want you around or they might be busy, but still, Muslims are generous people so they would let you in.

This article will explain to you how to behave. I will start by telling you what to say when you enter a house.

Whenever you enter a house you must say:

"Bismillaahi walajnaa, wa bismillaahi kharajnaa, wa'ala Rabbinaa tawakkalnaa."

But the most important thing is what to do before you go through a door, like the way you stand, talk, knock, act and such.

Mostly you should have patience as you can't go in without permission! Allaah says,

"Oh you who believe! Enter not houses other than your own until you have permission and

greeted those in them, that is better for you, in order that you may remember. And if you are asked to go back then go back for it is purer for you, and after all Allaah is the All-Knower of what you do."

[24:27-28]

This is just not about entering any person's house, it is about entering any room, even your brother's or sister's room or even your mum and dad's room! Here are 4 important rules about entering doors.

1) Ask 3 times: Abu Sa'eed (ra) related that the Prophet (saw) said, "If one of you asked permission to enter a house 3 times and he was not permitted, let him go back."

[Bukhaaree & Muslim]

2) Identify yourself: Jaabir (ra) related that he visited the prophet (saw), regarding a debt owned

by his father. He knocked and the Prophet asked, "Who is it?" Jaabir answered, "It is me." The prophet then asked, "Who is me?, in a way which showed he disliked this response"

[Bukhaaree & Muslim]

3) Be polite: A man from Bani Aamir wanted to know how to ask permission. The prophet (saw) instructed his servant, "Go teach that man how to ask permission." He went and told him say "Assalaamu alaykum, (peace be upon you), may I enter?"

[Abu Daawood, authentic]

4) Don't look inside: Whenever the Prophet (saw) visited someone, he'd never face the door directly he stood either to the left or to the right and would say, "Peace be upon you, peace be upon you."

[Abu Daawood]

Remember these 4 things for the future.

Now I will summarise exactly how to enter, just knock 3 times, say your name, move to the side and say everything in a nice way. See this is how simple it is!

QUIZ TIME

Last months winner is:

**ZAKARIYAH
YUSUF***Well done,
masha'Allaah!***ENTRIES BY 14th December 2006 (10+ yrs)**ARTICLE

For this months competition, we invite you to write an article related the coming Islamic month of Dhul-Hijjah.

You can write about Hajj,

about the history of Eid al-Adhaa or something related to these topics.

1. Please ensure you include all the references when you quote from the Qur'aan or Hadeeth.
2. Make sure articles are all your own work and not copied from other sources
3. Articles must be at least 500 words long
4. Please supply name, age and address along with entries.
5. Hand in entries by 14th December 2006
6. Winning articles will be published in the next newsletter insha'Allaah.

There are different rules for strangers and members of one's household.

Allaah says,

"Oh you who believe! Let your legal slaves and slave-girls, and those among you who have not reached the age of puberty ask your permission on three occasions;

1. before morning salaah,
2. while you put off your clothes for the noon-day (rest),
3. after the Eisha Salah.

These three times are a privacy for you, other than these times is no sin on you or them to move about (the house) attending each other. Thus Allaah makes clear the ayat (verses) to you. And Allaah is the All-Knowing, All-Wise.

And when the children among you reach the age of puberty, then let them ask permission... Thus Allaah makes His ayat. And Allaah is the All-Knowing, All-Wise.

[24:58-59]

Knocking is a small subject that is included in Islaam as a part of good manners and respect for others.

Our religion is a complete guide to life. And our Prophet (saw) has taught us everything we need to know.

We are so fortunate to believe in Allaah and insha'Allah we will all get the greatest reward ever, which is paradise and it is filled with many beautiful things, where you will get anything you ever want. So aim high for your biggest goal!

Ways Shaytaan Can lead us astray

1. He makes us forget. When we feel weak or low, he creeps into our souls. But as soon as we remember, we become stronger against him
2. He beautifies sins, so we want to sin and he makes righteous deeds seem burdensome and ugly, so we don't want to do them.
3. He tries to make us fear him and his followers, so we become weak, when we should ONLY fear Allaah!
4. He makes us lazy. When we plan on doing something, he whispers to do it later as there is plenty of time. So we keep putting off good deeds until we lose the opportunity altogether
5. When we argue & speak of Allaah without knowledge,
6. He causes enmity and hatred between the Muslims
7. Music. This is an evil that takes one away from the remembrance of Allaah. It controls our emotions
8. He wants to destroy our sincerity so we follow him

TRY NOT TO GET ANGRY !

A man once said to the Noble Prophet (sallallaahu 'alayhi wasallam):



'Please give me some advice.' The Prophet (saw) replied to him, '**AVOID GETTING ANGRY!**' then he repeated this a few times, 'Avoid getting angry'. [Bukhaaree]

There is another important hadeeth on anger. From it, we learn:

'The Strong is not the one who can defeat everyone else when he fights with them, but the strong is the one who controls himself when he gets angry.'

This is very good advice for us all. It seems so simple but in fact it is a very difficult thing to do.

When we get angry, we lose control of our actions.

We might say bad things which upset others, or we might hit them, causing them pain.

In fact, when we become angry, it is easier for Shaytaan to whisper to us and to encourage us to do more bad.

An angry person can't always think about what he is doing and that is why, when the anger is gone, he feels sorry for what he has done, and perhaps ashamed at his behaviour.

This is why anger is so dangerous and this is why the Prophet (saw) kept advising the man to avoid getting angry.

Everyone gets angry, sometimes we just can't help it, but what we can do is try to control our behaviour, our actions and our tongues from doing anything really bad.

A good thing is to make du'aa to Allaah and to keep asking Allaah to protect you from the evil Shaytaan.

Two men once started arguing in front of the Messenger of Allaah (saw). One of them got so angry that his face became red. The Prophet (saw) said, I know of something that will get rid of his anger if he says it, it is:

"A-'oothu billaahi minash Shaytaan nirra-jeem"

[Bukhaaree]

The best thing of all is to stay away from those things which make you angry!

Here's some more good Advice:

1. If you were standing when you got angry, SIT DOWN

2. If you were sitting when you got angry, LIE DOWN

THE QUR'AAN

The Qur'aan is the noble book of the Muslims. It contains only the Words of Allaah. This means that everything in it is from Allaah and not from any other being.

It is not even the words of the noble Prophet (saw), it is ALL from Allaah. This is why it is perfect in every way. Everything in the Qur'aan is clear, there are no mistakes. In addition, the Qur'aan contains

many special miracles.

It contains teachings and guidance and it is a great blessing from Allaah. It was revealed to the Prophet (saw) in parts, piece by piece, over 23 years. As it was being revealed, the Prophet (saw) and his companions memorised it.

Paper was rare in those days and so some of the Muslims would write down aayahs (sentences) of

the Qur'aan on date palm leaves, dried animal skins, tree bark, flat stones and anything else they could find.

After the death of the Prophet Muhammad (saw), there were a lot of battles in which many of those who had memorised the Qur'aan died. That was when the Muslims decided to write out the whole complete Qur'aan, in one book, to prevent it from being lost.



Q U I Z

7 - 9 yrs

Last Months winners is:

ZAINAB
VIRK

Well Done Masha'Allah

ARTICLE

This months task is to write a short article.

1. The article has to be on the subject of Hajj or Eid al-Adhaa or the history of Eid al-Adhaa. It could be the story of Ibraaheem (as). Or something related to these suggestions.
2. The article has to be all your own work and own research.
3. You can NOT copy your work from other places, although you can use them to help you.
4. The article should be about the same length as this article on Eemaan.
5. Try to include hadeeth or verses from the Qur'aan in your article.
6. Please hand in along with name, age and address.
7. Hand in BEFORE the deadline:
14th December 2006



1. Believe in Allaah
2. Believe in Allaah's Angels
3. Believe in Allaah's Prophets
4. Believe in Allaah's Books
5. Believe in the Day of Judgement
6. Believe in Qadr - the good and the bad of it.

E E M A A N

What is Eemaan?

Eemaan is faith, it is to believe in something, to know that thing is true.

As Muslims we have 5 pillars of Islaam and we have 6 parts to Eemaan.

Just as we have to complete all the five pillars of Islaam, Allaah has told us that we must believe in or have faith in 6 different things, which make up our eemaan.

1. Belief in Allaah

The first thing we must believe in is Allaah. This is also like the first pillar of Islaam.

To be Muslims, we have to have faith in Allaah and to believe in Him completely. He is our Lord and He has no partners and no family. He is Perfect in every way.

2. Belief in the Angels

We have to believe that Allaah has made the Angels, and that they do exist.

Angels are made of light. They are not males and they are not females. They do not need to eat, drink or sleep. They do not get married or have children. In fact, they are not like humans at all.

Angels were only made to obey Allaah's commands. They never disobey him. They each have special jobs that Allaah has given them to do.

3. Belief in the Prophets

Allaah sent many, many prophets. These prophets were ordinary men, who were extremely good people. Allaah chose them to be prophets to teach and guide the people around them.

The reason Allaah sent prophets was because the people kept forgetting about Allaah. They began to follow other things and stopped believing in Allaah.

The people did so much wrong that they needed the prophets to come to them to help guide them back to the right way. The path to Paradise.

4. Belief in the Books

Some of the Prophets of Allaah were given special books. These books contained more information about Allaah, his Commands and what Allaah made us all for.

The only reason that Allaah created us was to worship Him. Those who worship Allaah alone will be rewarded with Paradise.

We know about some of the books, for example:

Musa (as) brought the Torah
Isa (as) brought the Injeel
and Muhammad (saw) brought the Qur'aan.

Although the other books are still around today, we do not follow them. This is because they have all been changed. The people didn't want to follow Allaah's Commands anymore, so they changed the commands that were written in the books, to make them say what they wanted to do.

So they are no longer the same books Allaah gave to His prophets.

Allaah has promised us that the Qur'aan will never be changed. He will protect it. So we follow the Qur'aan, which is the only book that contains the real Words of Allaah.

5. Belief in the Day of Judgement

Allaah has told us a lot about the Day of Judgement.

He has told us that everyone will die. Then on the Day of Judgement, Allaah will bring everyone back to life - every single person, right from the first person - Prophet Aadam (as) to the last person that will ever live on this earth.

Then everyone will be gathered in one place and Allaah will judge us all. Did we obey Allaah and worship Him alone or did we disobey Him and worship others.

The true believers will be given the wonderful reward of Paradise. The disbelievers will go to Hell.

As Muslims, we must believe in this Day and what will happen on it.

6. Belief on Qadr

The last part of Eemaan is to believe that Allaah knows EVERYTHING.

He knew about everything that was going to happen, thousands of years before He made us. And He ordered it all to be written down in a special Book, that is with Him.

So everything that happens is already written it was going to happen. Whether it is a good thing or a bad thing, we believe it was meant to happen that way.

So if for example, we trip and fall on the street - it would not have mattered if we took a different path, it was written we were going to fall on that day at that time and we could not have avoided it. This is why we say, it was Qadr, it was written, it was meant to happen.