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"Invite with wisdom and beautiful preaching to the way of your Lord and convince them the best way" (Al-Qur'an 15:125)

The obligation to follow the Prophet, (SAW) and obey his prophetic way

Allah says, "Say, 'If you love Allah, follow me (Prophet Muhammad) and Allah Will love you, and forgive your sins.'" (Al-Quran 3:31)

He also says, "Believe in Allah and His Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet, who believes in Allah and His Words. Follow him in order that you are guided." (Al-Quran 7:158)

And, "But no, by your Lord, they will not believe until they make you the judge regarding the disagreement between them, then, they will not find in themselves any discomfort concerning your verdict, and will surrender to you in full submission." (Al-Quran: 4:65)

From the preceding verses it is very clear that there is an obligation to follow, obey and be guided by Prophet Muhammad, praise and peace be upon him. Allah also speaks of His Prophet's exemplary character saying, "In the Messenger of Allah you have a fine example for he who hopes for Allah and the Last Day." (Al-Quran 33:21)

At-Tirmidhi explained that 'a fine example' means that one should emulate him by following his way of life and neither oppose him in either word or action. In the verse that reads "If you love Allah, follow me (Prophet Muhammad) and Allah will love you, and forgive your sins" Al-Quran 3:31 it is understood that whosoever follows the Prophet, praise and peace be upon him, preferring him over and above personal desires and inclinations will be forgiven by Allah. We are told by Az-Zajaj that the phrase "if you love Allah" means that if you sincerely desire to obey Allah then you should follow His command because the love of a worshiper of Allah and His Messenger, praise and peace be upon him, lies in obedience and being pleased with the commands of both Allah and His Prophet, praise and peace be upon him. The love of Allah for such worshipers is that He pardons them and blesses them with His Mercy. Our attention is drawn to the fact that love from Allah manifests itself in protection and success, whereas the love of a worshiper manifests itself in obedience.

A poet wrote:

"Do you disobey Allah when you claim to love Him?

By my life, this is a strange example!

If your love had been true, then you would have obeyed Him.

The lover obeys the one he loves."

Allah made His Prophet a witness over mankind

Allah says, "O Prophet, We have sent you as a witness, a bearer of glad tidings, and to bear warning, a caller to Allah by His permission and as a light shedding lamp." (Al-Quran: 33:45-46)

It is learned from this verse that Allah endowed His Prophet, praise and peace be upon him, with every noble rank and praiseworthy quality and that by conveying the Message He made him a witness of his nation which was one of his special, praiseworthy qualities. He is the one who brought the good news for all people who obey him, and warned those who opposed the Message he delivered. His Message called to the Oneness of Allah, and that it is He alone that should be worshiped. Allah described him as a "light shedding lamp" with which he guided to the truth. Ata, Yasar's son met Abdullah, Amr's son, who was the son of Al As and asked him to describe the Messenger of Allah, praise and peace be upon him. He said, "Indeed, by Allah some of the characteristics described in the Koran are found in the Torah that reads, 'O Prophet, We will send him as a witness, a bringer of good tidings and as a warner and a refuge for the unlettered. He is My worshipper and My Messenger, I will name him the one upon whom people rely. He will be neither uncouth nor vulgar, nor yet shout in the market-place or repay evil with evil, rather he will pardon and forgive. Allah will not return him to Himself until the crooked nation has been straightened by him and they declare 'There is no god except Allah!' Through him, eyes that were blind, ears that were deaf and hearts that were covered will be opened. In the Koran Allah tells us, "And to those who shall follow the Messenger - the Unlettered Prophet (Muhammad) whom they shall find written with them in the Torah and the Gospel. He will order kindness upon them and forbid them to do evil. He will make good things lawful to them and prohibit all that is foul. He will relieve them of their burdens and of the shackles that had weighed upon them. Those who believe in him and honor him, those who aid him and follow the light sent forth with him shall surely prosper." (Al-Quran: 7:157)

Allah also says, "It was by the Mercy of Allah that you (Prophet Muhammad) dealt so leniently with them. Had you been hardhearted, they would have surely deserted you. Therefore ask forgiveness for them. Take counsel with them in the matter and when you are resolved, put your trust in Allah. Allah loves those who trust." (Al-Quran: 3:157)

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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Ayah of the Month

It was by the Mercy of Allah that you were lenient with them (O Muhammad SAW) had you been severe or harsh-hearted, they would have been surely have dispersed from around you .so pardon them , and ask for (God's) forgiveness for them; and consult them in affairs (of moment). Then, when you are resolved, put your trust in Allah. Allah loves those that trust in him. (Al-Qur'an: 3:159)

Hadith of the Month

Narrated Abu Huraira (RA):

I heard Allah's Apostle (SAW) saying, "My example and the example of the people is that of a man who made a fire, and when it lighted what was around it, Moths and other insects started falling into the fire. The man tried (his best) to prevent them, (from falling in the fire) but they overpowered him and rushed into the fire. The Prophet added: Now, similarly, I take hold of the knots at your waist (belts) to prevent you from falling into the Fire, but you insist on falling into it (Bukhari—V 8 –292)

Speech Competition

will be held separately at Muslim Center of New York.

Boys: Saturday March 20, 2010

Girls: Saturday March 27, 2010

11:00 AM

All Islamic Schools and Centers in the Tri State Area are invited to participate. Please contact the Center for the topics & any other details.

One More Hafiz

Alhamdulillah, we have one more Hafiz Qur'an. Hafiz Abdul Samad Shahid. He has just completed the memorization of the entire Al-Qur'an. MashaAllah! Well done Hafiz Samad. Congratulations! Congratulations also to his family and his teachers! May Allah (SWT) make him an excellent Da'ee ilallah! Ameen!

Perfect Role Model to Follow!

Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), is one of the best methods of effectively projecting the Message of Islam. It is therefore our duty to understand and follow the teachings, morals and life style of Muhammad (SAW). His personality illuminates every aspect of human life in every field of human activity his conduct is perfect and beacon light for all of us and for the humanity.

He passed through various stages in his life and experienced many situations, as do ordinary being with human feelings and aspirations, pains and hardships, but his moral conclusions were always unblemished and his wisdom and judgment perfect and free from human errors and weakness.

His life is a perfect model and example for Men and Women of all ages, working in any profession or trade, to follow in order to obtain happiness and peace in their individual as well as social life - Indeed to achieve the pleasure of Allah there is only the way to follow Muhammad (PBUH).

We need to remain our commitment and revive our pledge to follow his excellent example and model our lives to carryout our role as his followers and trustees of Allah! *Message Al-Qur'an.*

In order to shoulder this responsibility we have to be the messengers of the messenger of Allah. Let us rediscover Muhammad (SAW) and understand his commitment, his life and his teachings, his life so serious and so dynamic, dedicated to its cause and sincere to its mission & so true to it message.

1. Believing in Holy Prophet, S.A.W,
2. Loving, Revering and Respecting him,
3. Following the Holy Prophet (SAW)
4. Helping Him by working for the cause of Islam.
5. Following the light of Al-Quran.

The Most Perfect Man

Undoubtedly Allah's last messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa S.A.W. was the most perfect man that Allah has ever sent to earth. Not only he performed his prayers and duties towards Allah with dedication and devotion, but he also performed with equal zeal his duties and obligations towards his fellow beings. He was an ideal man in all respects. He had the finest and the noblest of character. As a child, as a boy, as a shepherd, as a laborer, as a youth, as a husband, as a father, as a businessman, as a preacher, as a teacher, as a religious reformer, as a soldier, as a general, as warrior, as a victor, as an administrator, as a planner, as a ruler of a state, as a statesman, as a leader of the faithful, a protector of the weak, as a helper of widows and the poor, as a guide to the rich and as a guardian of the orphans and as a freedom giver to the slaves Allah's last messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa S.A.W. has no equal, no parallel, and no peer in the entire human history. He stands head and shoulder above all other human beings in the nobility of his character and the piety of his soul. He is the best example of a human being. He is the most beautiful of all in the entire creation of Allah. He was truthful, sincere, and selfless who used to liver and care for others. He had an exceptional intelligence, a quick grasp and retentive memory. He was the embodiment of sober, dignified human behavior. In general he had an extraordinary impressive personality indicating and radiating his piety and his holiness which used to instantly make a deep and lasting impression on others.

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Boys: Saturday March 21, 2009—11:00 AM

Girls: Saturday March 28, 2009—11:00 AM

Same Topic for both team:

Topics	Age Gr	Time
Alhamdulillah, I am a Muslim.	6-8	3 Min
Salah keep us away from evil deeds.	9-11	5 Min
Role of Islamic Schools in America.	12-14	6 Min
Love Allah (SWT): Serve Humanity.	15-18	7 Min

\$25/- Check payable to Muslim Center of New York for each team with the entry form. **Only registered students of Islamic School/Center can participate.**

The last date for Registration:

Boys: March 16, 2009
Girls : March 23, 2009

Junior High School Building Project Com and Touch the Future!

Alhamdulillah, Muslim Center has been working for Islam and serving the Community since 1975. *MashaAllah*, Muslim Community is growing and so is your Center. As you know the construction of Junior High School Building is on going.

The wall of Multipurpose 50'x100'x25' deep Gymnasium have been constructed and the three story structure is complete. The Muslim Center of New York cordially invites you and your family to expedite the completion of the school building project.

Please attend our School Building Project Fundraising event:

Saturday, June 13, 2009
Jamada-al-Thani 19, 1430 AM (6:30 PM)
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**29th Annual Interstate Islamic Schools
Speech Competition**

will be held separately at Muslim Center of new York.

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We hope and pray that you and your family will be part of this project. Please support School Building Project and send your generous donation check today.

May *Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala* reward you and your family immensely for supporting this noble project. Ameen!

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