



The As-Siddique Weekly

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Editorial

All praise is due to Allah ﷻ, the Exalted. The community poured immense effort into creating a vibrant, celebratory atmosphere for Eid al-Adha, successfully upholding cherished traditions. This collaborative spirit was truly commendable.

Eid also brought another wonderful initiative: some sisters took it upon themselves to collect money to thoroughly clean their section, what I often call the *Sisters' Wing*. Last time I received visitors, I really felt this work was needed. The initiative is highly welcomed and encouraged. In the future, in shaa Allah, I hope to see this initiative evolve into a more coordinated, sustained effort to ensure the *Sisters' Wing* remains consistently clean and in order. Implementing this work on a bi-monthly or monthly basis would be an excellent step forward.



Verse of The Week

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ
وَحَسُنَ أُولَئِكَ رَفِيقًا (سورة النساء - 69)

“Whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger—these are with those whom Allah has favored—among the prophets, and the sincere, and the martyrs, and the upright. Excellent are these as companions.” (Qur’an 4:69)

Meaning and Interpretation: The verse from Surah Az-Zukhruf paints a powerful and vivid picture of the Day of Judgment, emphasizing a dramatic shift in relationships. It conveys that on that momentous day, the bonds of worldly friendships, alliances, and even family ties forged on sinful or disobedient paths will dissolve into enmity, as each individual will be preoccupied with their own fate and may blame others for leading them astray. However, it provides a crucial exception: the righteous (al-muttaqeen). Their friendships, built on piety, mutual support in good deeds, and devotion to God, will endure and even flourish, transforming into a source of comfort, intercession, and support. This verse serves as a profound warning against friendships based on sin and a strong encouragement to cultivate relationships founded on righteousness and sincere devotion to Allah ﷻ.

Hadith of The Week

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه أن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "الرجل على دين خليله، فلينظر أحدكم من يخالل". [رواه أبو داود والترمذي]

Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reported: I heard the Prophet ﷺ saying, "Man follows his close friend's religion (morals & attitude), One should be careful who he (she) takes for close friends". [Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi, who classified it as Hadith Hasan].

Meaning and Interpretation: This Hadith emphasizes the profound and often underestimated influence of one's closest companions on their life, beliefs, and practices.

The first part literally means "A person is upon the religion of his intimate friend." Here, "religion" (deen) isn't restricted to formal religious creed but encompasses one's way of life, habits, moral character, and overall conduct. An intimate friend is more than just a casual acquaintance; it signifies a confidant, someone whose company one frequently keeps and whose opinions often carry weight.

The second part, "so let each of you look at whom he takes as an intimate friend", serves as a direct counsel. It urges individuals to be highly discerning and selective about who they choose as their closest companions. The Prophet ﷺ is warning that over time, the beliefs, values, habits, and even the moral compass of one's intimate friends will inevitably rub off on them. If your closest friends are righteous, God-fearing, and of good character, they will likely inspire you to be the same. The opposite is also true.

In essence, this Hadith is a powerful reminder that our choices of close friendships are not trivial. They have a direct impact on our spiritual and moral development, shaping our character and, ultimately, our destiny. It encourages conscious choices in forming bonds that uplift and guide one towards good, rather than those that might lead astray.

Weekly Article



Summer Break

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The summer break offers a unique and invaluable opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students alike to recalibrate, rejuvenate, and advance themselves beyond the demands of academic coursework. While the temptation to simply relax is strong, a well-planned summer can significantly contribute to holistic personal and professional growth. For graduate students, this period is ideal for dedicated research, writing thesis chapters, refining proposals, or even starting new projects that can bolster their academic portfolios. Undergraduates can leverage this time for internships, gaining practical experience in their field, or pursuing certifications that enhance their skill set. Beyond structured academic pursuits, both groups can engage in valuable professional development, such as attending virtual workshops, learning a new software, or networking with professionals in their desired industry, all of which contribute to a more robust CV and future career prospects.

Beyond the academic and professional, summer is ripe for enriching one's physical, and cultural life. Physically, it's an excellent chance to establish healthy routines: whether it's joining a local sports league, taking up hiking or cycling to explore nature, or committing to regular gym sessions. This is also a perfect time for cultural immersion; explore local museums, attend community festivals, learn a new language, try diverse cuisines, or even volunteer with cultural organizations. Students can also deepen their connection to their faith by dedicating more time to religious studies, reading sacred texts, participating in community service through their religious institutions, or simply engaging in quiet contemplation. These activities foster a well-rounded individual, enhancing mental well-being, building new skills, and broadening perspectives.

Ultimately, the summer is more than just a pause; it's a strategic interval for self-improvement and exploration. By thoughtfully integrating academic advancement, professional development, and personal enrichment activities, be they religious, sporty, or cultural, students can return to their studies refreshed, more skilled, and with a deeper sense of purpose. It's a period to invest in oneself, cultivating new habits and experiences that will pay dividends far beyond the confines of the classroom.

Announcements

- Jum'ah prayers are set to start at 1:35 PM
- There is no second Jum'ah during the summer
- **Join The Youth Volunteer Program!**
You're invited to be part of this exciting youth volunteer program! This is a fantastic opportunity to dedicate your time to caring

for the Islamic Center. You can volunteer to clean, rearrange, and help maintain the ICS, ensuring it remains a welcoming and orderly space for all members and visitors.

If you are interested, please click this [link](#).

Call for Contributions

If you are interested in writing a column (which can be submitted on a flexible basis, not necessarily weekly), please reach out. Feel free to contact me directly at the center or use any of the provided contact methods to submit your writings.

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Prayer Times of The Week

Prayer Times for Stillwater, Oklahoma (June 15–22, 2025)

For corrections: Please allow for ± 1 minute.

Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sun	June 15	4:43 AM	6:05 AM	1:29 PM	5:19 PM	8:50 PM	10:15 PM
Mon	June 16	4:43 AM	6:05 AM	1:29 PM	5:19 PM	8:51 PM	10:15 PM
Tue	June 17	4:43 AM	6:05 AM	1:29 PM	5:19 PM	8:51 PM	10:16 PM
Wed	June 18	4:43 AM	6:05 AM	1:29 PM	5:20 PM	8:51 PM	10:16 PM
Thu	June 19	4:43 AM	6:05 AM	1:30 PM	5:20 PM	8:51 PM	10:17 PM
Fri	June 20	4:43 AM	6:06 AM	1:30 PM	5:20 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Sat	June 21	4:43 AM	6:06 AM	1:30 PM	5:20 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Sun	June 22	4:43 AM	6:06 AM	1:30 PM	5:20 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM
Mon	June 23	4:44 AM	6:06 AM	1:31 PM	5:21 PM	8:52 PM	10:17 PM

Advertisements



Sisters collected money to keep clean their section (Wing), much needed effort!



For a center as active as the ICS, the facilities are always in use, the cleaning efforts should also be a constant endeavor.

Volunteer Clean Up and Youth Program Interest Form

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