Wisdom is to say what ought to be said, at the time it ought to be said, in the manner it ought to be said.

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Verse of The Week



"And whoever earns sin, he earns it only against himself. And Allah is Ever All-Knowing, All-Wise $\overline{111}$ And whoever earns a fault or a sin and then throws it on to someone innocent, he has indeed burdened himself with falsehood and a manifest $\sin \overline{112}$ " [Qur'an 4:111-112].

Meaning: And whoever deliberately commits a sin only harms himself by it. Allah, the Exalted, is All-Knowing of the true state of His servants and Wise in His judgments among His creation. And whoever commits a sin unintentionally, or deliberately commits a wrongdoing and then blames an innocent soul for what he has done, has indeed borne a clear lie and an evident sin.



Hadith of The Week

عن أبي هريرة ﴿ قَالَ: قال رسول الله ﷺ: "مَن سَمِعَ رجُلًا يَنشُدُ ضَالَةً فِي المُسجِدِ فليقُلْ لا ردَّهَا اللهُ إليكَ فإنَّ المُساجِدَ لَمَ يَنشُدُ ضَالَةً في المُسجِدِ فليقُلْ لا ردَّهَا اللهُ إليكَ فإنَّ المُساجِدَ لَمَ تُبنَ لهذَا" [رواه مسلم]

Abu Hurayrah & said that Allah's Messenger said: "If anyone hears a man announcing the loss of something in the mosque, let him say, 'May Allah not restore it to you,' for the mosques were not built for this purpose." [narrated by Muslim]

Meaning: This hadith teaches that mosques are places for worship, not worldly affairs. Talking worldly affairs in the mosque, such as business, studies, homeworks, exchanging experience in writing grants, is discouraged. If someone does so, others' reaction should be hard, for everyone should remind violators that this is inappropriate. The hadith emphasizes respecting the sanctity and intended purpose of the mosque.



Editorial



Charity & Daw'ah Efforts
Dr. Hatim Hegab

HARITY holds a central place in Islam, embodying compassion, justice, and community support. It is a means to purify one's wealth and soul. The Prophet also highlighted the significance of charity, saying: "The believer's shade on the Day of Resurrection will be his charity." reminding the believers that charitable deeds offer protection and mercy in the hereafter.

Daw'ah efforts at the Islamic Center in Stillwater, ICS, offers many valuable services, among them is the Daw'ah service. These services require financial support to thrive and continue. At present, Daw'ah activities rely almost entirely on limited contributions, but there are ongoing efforts to expand the support for its services.

If you consider donating monthly, the Daw'ah group would be able to upgrade its tools and equipment, enabling it to increase its outreach and impact. The Daw'ah group can cover its monthly expenses and continue its vital mission. If you want to donate, please contact *Dr. Ahmed Abo Basha*.

Weekly Weekly Article



Google in Oklahoma Dr. Hatim Hegab

OOGLE has unveiled plans to invest \$9 billion in expanding its artificial intelligence infrastructure across Oklahoma over the next two years. The significant investment will bolster the Pryor data center at the Mid-America Industrial Park—already the second largest of Google's 29 global locations—and fuel the development of a new Stillwater facility, which will account for about one-third of the total funds. Ruth Porat, Google's president and chief investment officer, highlighted the company's long-term commitment to deepening its roots in Oklahoma, positioning the state as a pivotal engine for technological growth and AI innovation.

State and city leaders have embraced Google's expansion, pointing to its impact on Oklahoma's growing status in the technology sector. Legislation signed by Governor Kevin Stitt now allows companies like Google to manage their own power generation, further facilitating major infrastructure growth. Stillwater Mayor Will Joyce described the city's transformation as an "economic renaissance," crediting Google's confidence in the local workforce and economy. These investments underscore Oklahoma's emergence as a key player in America's 21st-century technological infrastructure.

Alongside infrastructure and economic development, Google is heavily investing in workforce training and education initiatives. Through a partnership with the electrical training AL-LIANCE, Google aims to increase the number of Oklahoma electrical workers by 135% by 2030 to meet the demands of expanding tech infrastructure. On the education front, Google is rolling out an AI for Education Accelerator pilot program at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, while offering free AI learning plans to all college students statewide. Ruth Porat emphasized that, much like the power of the printing press, effective use of AI will equip Oklahomans to lead innovation and drive progress in economic and scientific fields.



★ Reflection



Joseph's Miracles Dr. Hatim Hegab

S the story of Joseph (pbuh) unfolds, a series of extraordinary miracles come to Llight, particularly his divinely inspired interpretation of the king's dream. Unlike ordinary rulers who claim exclusive wisdom, the king of Joseph's era exemplified true leadership by listening and acting on Joseph's explanation, even as it required major policy changes. Joseph also stands out in history for insisting on complete exoneration before accepting his release from prison, setting a precedent for principled leadership long before figures like Nelson Mandela. The king's pursuit of truth led to a formal investigation, which publicly affirmed Joseph's innocence and demonstrated a model of justice and integrity rarely seen in rulers, past or present.

The narrative contrasts this just leadership with the tyranny of Egypt's native pharaohs, particularly as exemplified by the ruler in Moses's time. Pharaoh's reign was marked by arrogance, self-aggrandizement, and oppression, with little regard for justice or the welfare of his people. Historical accounts and modern scholarship consistently highlight how native Egyptian dynasties fostered corruption and inequality, often exploiting religion and power for personal gain. Ironically, Egypt often flourished more under foreign rule than during these autocratic native regimes, suggesting a recurring pattern where genuine leadership and justice were in short supply.

Beyond these lessons in leadership, Joseph's story is interwoven with the natural cycles of Egypt's environment, especially the River Nile. Modern scientific research reveals that the Nile still follows multi-year rhythms of flood and drought, aligning with the seven-year cycles described in the Qur'an. This enduring cycle highlights the wisdom in Joseph's interpretation and shows how prosperity and hardship in Egypt remain closely tied to the land's natural patterns—a reminder that some truths persist beyond the rise and fall of rulers, echoing divine lessons across cen-

From The Lives of The Companions

MUS'AB BIN 'UMAYR & Dr. Hatim Hegab



HE Last Stand of Mus'ab the Great: A Testament to Faith and Sacrifice Let us hear from a living witness the final heroic moments of Musab ibn Umair, a revered companion of the Prophet Muhammad . Ibn Sad narrates from Ibraahiim ibn Muhammad ibn Shorhabiil Al-'Abdri, who recounted his father's account: Mus'ab carried the Muslim standard during the Battle of Uhud. When the Muslims were scattered, he stood firm until he faced Imet ibn Qumaah, a skilled knight. Imet struck Mus'ab's right hand, severing it. Undeterred, Musab proclaimed, "And Muhammad is but a Messenger. Messengers have passed away before him" [Qur'an 3:144]. He then grasped the standard with his left hand, which was also cut off. Holding the standard against his chest with the strength of his upper arms, he repeated the same words. Finally, pierced with a spear by a third attacker, Mus'ab fell, followed by the standard.

Mus'ab's sacrifice marks the highest honor of martyrdom. Fighting with unmatched devotion, he feared that if he fell, the Prophet se would be left unprotected. Driven by love and loyalty, he endured blow after blow, continuing to repeat the verse that would later be revealed: "And Muhammad is but a Messenger. Messengers have passed away before him." After the bitter battle, his body was found lying face down, as if to shield himself from witnessing harm come to the Prophet . Some say it was shyness or humility, falling as a martyr only after ensuring the Prophet's safety.

The Prophet Muhammad himself came to the battlefield to honor the martyrs. Upon reaching Mus'ab's body, tears fell from the Prophet's ﷺ eyes. Khabbaab ibn Al-Arat 🎉 recounted their emigration and martyrdom, describing Musab's humble burial cloth—a mere shredded sheet barely covering his body. The Prophet lovingly instructed, "Cover his head with it and put lemon grass over his feet." Despite the pain from the loss of his uncle Hamzah and the many companions who fell that day, the Prophet Lingered at Mus'ab's side, expressing profound grief and respect. He said, "Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah" [Qur'an 33:23].

Looking upon the simple garment Mus'ab was buried in, the Prophet # recalled, "I saw you in Makkah; you were a precious jewel, a distinguished man. And here you are, bareheaded, in this garment!" Turning to the other martyrs, he declared, "The Prophet of Allah witnesses that you are martyrs to Allah on the Day of Resurrection." To the living companions, he urged, "O people, visit them, come to them, and salute them. By Allah, no Muslim will salute them but that they will salute him in return."

Peace be upon you, O Mus'ab. Peace be upon you, O martyrs. May Allah's J blessings and mercy forever rest upon you.

AsSiddique Online School

AsSIDDIQUE Online School, is an initiative dedicated to teaching our children—and anyone seeking knowledge—the fundamentals of Islam. All subjects are thoughtfully selected to support this mission. More information can be found HERE.

An Arabic-language version, titled مدرسة الصديق الإليكترونية, is currently under development.

Free Writings



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HROUGHOUT the ages, Satan—the accursed—has worked tirelessly to deceive humanity, transforming the names of sins and vices to make them appear modern, attractive, and even virtuous. In today's world, we see how once-clear moral standards steadily blur: the boundaries between truth and falsehood, decency and indecency, are constantly being redrawn. Sins are no longer referred to by their true names, but are cloaked in terms that strip them of stigma and entice people to accept, or even embrace, what was once understood to be shameful.

As one wise writer (Mustafa Sadhiq al-Rafi'i) observed:

قد تأنثت، وكلمة (عفيفة) قد تدنست، وكلمة (حياء) قد تنجست؛ والزمن الجديد ألّا يعرف الطالب في هذا العام ماذا تكون أخلاقه في العام القادم ... والحياة الجديدة أن تتُقن الغشّ أكثر مما تتقن العمل ... والذمة الجديدة أن مال غيرك لا يسمى مالًا إلا حين يصير في يدك ... والصدق الجديد أن تكذب مائة مرة، فعسى أن يُصدِّق الناس منها مرة ... ثم الإنسان الجديد، والحب الجديد، والمرأة الجديدة، والأدب الجديد، والدين الجديد، والأب الجديد، والأبل الجديد، وما أدري وما لأدري،

Evil becomes normal, and good is mocked as old-fashioned or irrelevant. The method is timeless: by renaming and reframing vices, Satan lures people into ignoring the true nature of their actions, causing confusion and moral decline in society. It is upon us, therefore, to remain alert—to recognize sin, no matter what new name the age may give it, and to hold firm to the values revealed to us.

Announcement

The Islamic Center in Stillwater's Islamic Sunday School is pleased to announce that the first semester of the new school year (2025-2026) will run from September 7 through December 14. Registration will take place on Sunday, August 24, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

The school accepts students from Kindergarten through university freshmen. Tuition and fees are detailed in the table below:

The *Islamic* Sunday School Tuitions and Fees

Students to Register	Resident family	Student(s) Family
One Student	\$ 200	\$ 150
Two Student	\$ 340	\$ 215
Three Student	\$ 440	\$ 275
Four Student	\$ 500	\$ 330

Registration is at the Islamic Center (Masjid AsSiddique) Sunday, August 24 from 1:00 PM through 3:00 PM