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Verse of The Week

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
﴿مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ الْعَاجِلَةَ عَجَلَنَا لَهُ فِيهَا مَا نَشَاءُ لِنَنْرِيدُ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَا لَهُ جَهَنَّمَ يَصْلَاهَا مَذْمُومًا مَدْحُورًا ﴾١٨ وَمِنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَ لَهَا سَعْيًا وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأَوْلَئِكَ كَانُوا سَعِيهِمْ مَشْكُورًا ﴾١٩﴾ [سورة الإسراء - الآيات 18-19]

“Whoever desires the fleeting life, We expedite for him what We decide to give him, to whomever We will. Then We consign him to Gehenna, where he will roast, condemned and defeated. ⑯ But whoever desires the Hereafter, and pursues it as it should be pursued, while he is a believer; these—their efforts will be appreciated. ⑰” [Qur'an 17:18-19].



Hadith of The Week

عن أبي الدرداء ﷺ قال: قال رسول الله ﷺ: (من أُعْطِيَ حُظَّهُ من الرِّفْقِ فقد أُعْطِيَ حُظَّهُ من الْخَيْرِ وَمِنْ حُرْمَ حُظَّهُ من الرِّفْقِ؛ فقد حُرْمَ حُظَّهُ من الْخَيْرِ). أَتَلَقُ شَيْءًا فِي مِيزَانِ الْمُؤْمِنِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حُسْنُ الْخُلُقِ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لِيَعْنِفُ الْفَاحِشَ الْبَدِيءَ؛ صحيح الأدب المفرد؛ صحيح الترمذى - حدثه الألبانى و حكمه صحيح.

Abu 'd-Darda' Jra reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, "Whoever has been given his portion of compassion has been given his portion of good. Whoever is denied given his portion of compassion has been denied his portion of good. Good character will be the weightiest thing in the believer's balance on the Day of Rising. Allah hates a coarse, foul-mouthed person." Narrated by Al-Tirmidhi, recorded by Al-Albani.



Editorial



AsSiddique Online School

Dr. Hatim Hegab

THE AsSiddique Online School stands as a landmark initiative designed to make Islamic education accessible to children and learners of all ages, regardless of background or location. Rooted in the rich legacy of the Assidique Islamic School, founded by members of the Stillwater Muslim community, this online project aims to nurture faith, preserve values, and provide a supportive environment for learning. The curriculum encompasses the teaching of essential Islamic sciences, including the principles of Tawheed (Montheism), Islam's history, the Quran, Hadith, Fiqh (jurisprudence), Tafseer (Quranic interpretation), Aqeedah (belief), Akhlaq (etiquette and morals), and Sirah (prophetic biography), ensuring that every student gains a broad and deep understanding of their religious heritage. The style is clear and simple and very plausible.

AsSiddique Online School places distinctive emphasis on teaching Islamic history, such as the stories of the Islamic Caliphates, through a dedicated course. This structure highlights the importance of acquainting the younger generation with the lives and achievements of Muslim leaders and communities throughout time. Each subject is thoughtfully arranged in a question-and-answer format, fostering curiosity and engagement, and select sections feature integrated audio resources, catering to various learning styles and making the material more accessible and memorable for younger and older students alike.

By presenting knowledge in an interactive and easily navigable format, AsSiddique Online School not only preserves Islamic tradition but also makes meaningful education possible for today's digital

generation. The school's user-friendly approach and comprehensive content ensure that children and newcomers to Islam alike receive a well-rounded education, cultivating not only academic understanding but also piety, character, and a lifelong connection to Islamic values.

The AsSiddique Online School also is a beacon that attracts many visitors to the Islamic Center's [website](#).



Reflection



Gentleness & Kindness

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GENTLENESS and kindness in all matters are among the greatest sources of good; their fruits are beautiful and praiseworthy, and through them a person attains what harshness could never achieve. The Messenger of God, peace and blessings be upon him, declared that whoever is granted a share of gentleness—meaning that measure of softness and ease in dealing with others—has truly been given a portion of every good, while he who is deprived of gentleness is likewise barred from much goodness. This hadith reminds that in the measure a servant is gentle with people in this world, so too will God be gentle with him in the next, as a fitting reward.

The Prophet went on to explain that achieving both worldly and eternal success relies upon gentleness, and its absence leaves a void in both spheres. Where rudeness and roughness prevail, no benefit comes in this life or the next. Thus, whoever finds this gentle spirit within must thank God for bestowing such bounty, for through gentleness one attains both religious and worldly aims. This aligns with another teaching: on the Day of Judgment, there will be nothing weightier in the believer's balance than good character, a direct reflection of inner faith and the source of every noble outcome.

This prophetic tradition is an earnest call to embody gentleness, showing that it is the swiftest path to goodness and that God does not wish evil for His servants. The hadith encourages striving

for excellent character and underscores the far-reaching impact of acts of obedience. Ultimately, it affirms that God does not love those characterized by foul and shameless conduct, but prizes those who spread mercy, patience, and beauty in their dealings with all people.

The Weekly

Weekly Article



TikTok Deal: What it means And why is it important?

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A recent agreement outlines the transfer of TikTok's US operations from its Chinese parent company, ByteDance, to a group of primarily American investors. This requirement was driven by national security concerns about foreign access to data, with federal law mandating divestment or a ban. The deal will see ByteDance holding less than 20 percent of the new venture, while a consortium—including Oracle, Michael Dell, Rupert Murdoch, Silver Lake, and MGX—will control the remainder, with Oracle tasked with safeguarding user data and content moderation.

The arrangement is designed to address both regulatory and security issues by ensuring TikTok's algorithm and user data remain inaccessible to foreign actors. Operations will be run and monitored within the United States, and updates and recommendation models will be audited by American security partners. While key elements such as ByteDance's potential ongoing influence over algorithm updates remain debated, the structure aims to satisfy requirements that protect US interests and user privacy.

Social media platforms like TikTok have profound cultural and economic significance, enabling creators and influencers to build communities, promote brands, and influence consumer habits. The continued presence of TikTok supports thousands of businesses and digital livelihoods, allowing influencers to reach audiences and drive trends through engagement-driven content. The platform's future as a hub of creativity and economic activity is thus closely tied to these new ownership and oversight changes.

From The Lives of The Companions

Salmaan al-Farsi PART (4)



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WHEN Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqas came to visit Salmaan during his final moments, and upon seeing him, Salmaan wept. Sa'd asked, "What causes you to weep, O Abu Abd Allah? The Prophet of Allah passed away pleased with you!" Salmaan replied, "By Allah, my tears do not flow from fear of death or attachment to this world. Rather, the Prophet of Allah made me swear an oath: 'Let any of you keep in this world only as much as the provision of the traveler.' And yet, I have owned many things around me." Sa'd looked around and saw nothing but a water-pot and a simple eating vessel. Then he said, "O Abu Abd Allah, give us a parting word of advice for us to follow." Salmaan responded, "O Sa'd, remember Allah in your anxieties, if you have any. Remember Allah when you judge between people. Remember Allah when you share and distribute."

This was the man whose spirit was filled with true wealth even as he renounced the pleasures, riches, and vanities of this world. The oath that he and the other Companions took before the Prophet of Allah was one of detachment from worldly possessions, carrying nothing but the provision of a traveler.

Although Salmaan upheld that oath until his last breath, tears still fell as his soul prepared to depart, fearing he might have fallen short. Surrounded by only a simple vessel and water-pot, he still considered himself extravagant in spirit. Was he not, after all, the closest in temperament to 'Umar? During the latter's leadership over Al-Madiinah, Salmaan never changed his humble ways. He refused his salary as governor and continued making baskets to support himself. His attire was simple—a plain gown reminiscent of his earlier modest garments.

One day, traveling on a road, Salmaan encoun-

tered a man bearing a heavy load of figs and dates, weary from the burden. Mistaking Salmaan for a common poor man, the traveler asked him to carry the load, promising a reward at their destination. Salmaan accepted and carried the burden. Along the way, they met a group who greeted Salmaan with respect, saying, "Peace be upon the governor!" The traveler was astonished and, realizing Salmaan's position, apologized profusely and attempted to relieve him of the load. But Salmaan refused, insisting on accompanying him to his destination.

When asked what troubled him most about leadership, Salmaan replied, "Its pleasures lie in nurturing it, but its bitterness lies in its meaning."

Once, a friend visiting his home found Salmaan kneading dough. Asked about his servant, Salmaan explained, "She has been sent on an errand, for we dislike burdening her with two duties."

When Salmaan planned to build his modest home, he asked the mason how it would be constructed. The mason assured him it would be practical, providing shelter from heat and cold, tall enough for Salmaan to stand without touching the ceiling. Satisfied, Salmaan encouraged him to proceed.

Worldly goods never captivated Salmaan's heart, save for one precious trust he entrusted to his wife—a bottle of musk he had acquired on the day of liberating Jalwalaa'. On the morning of his passing, he asked her to bring it. Mixing the musk with water, he sprinkled it upon himself, saying, "Now creatures of Allah will come to me. They do not eat food and delight in perfume." After instructing her to close the door and leave, she obeyed. When she returned later, she found his soul had peacefully departed to meet his Lord and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), alongside Abu Bakr, 'Umar, and the noble martyrs.

Long had Salmaan yearned for that meeting; the time had come for him to rest in eternal peace.

(End of Salmaan Al-Farsi  Story)


Free Writings


The Islamic Center and Da'wah Efforts

Dr. Hatim Hegab

OUR commitment to Da'wah has been a vital part of our mission to spread the message of Islam and educate the broader community. Over the years, I have authored more than eighty-nine articles published in the local newspaper, the Stillwater News Press, addressing various topics of faith, Islamic values, and community engagement. Complementing this written work, I have produced over 130 educational videos exploring the Sirah—the life and biography of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, to enlighten viewers about his exemplary character and teachings.

The Islamic Center in Stillwater further extends this outreach through its digital presence. Our [website](#) consistently attracts a robust audience, receiving on average over 11,000 visitors each month. This online platform serves as a valuable resource, offering authentic information about Islam, community events, and educational materials that nurture understanding and dispel misconceptions. I am also proud of the AsSiddique Online School which serves a needed service in Muslim communities.

These ongoing efforts in Daw'ah reflect both our dedication and the community's growing interest in learning about Islam. Through written articles, visual narratives, and online engagement, we strive to build bridges of knowledge and strengthen relationships within Stillwater and beyond—always aiming to embody the Prophet's legacy of wisdom, compassion, and guidance. We also strive to fulfill his order: “*Convey from me*

even a verse.”

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The Prophet Yunus (Jonah), pbuh

The story of the Prophet Yunus (pbuh), known in biblical tradition as Jonah, is a profound narrative of divine mercy and the power of sincere repentance. Jonah's story, recounted in the Qur'an, provides a timeless lesson on the consequences of hastiness, the depths of God's compassion, and the enduring power of prayer uttered in the darkest of circumstances.

In Islam, the profound respect for all prophets is a core tenet rooted in the teachings of the Qur'an, which consistently honors them and proclaims their true stories.

According to the Qur'an, prophets were divinely chosen from the purest of lineages and endowed with the highest moral integrity. They are considered infallible, free from sins, serving as the most exemplary models for humanity. This distinction and purity remain a significant reason for the deep reverence Muslims are commanded to hold for every prophet. Consequently, the Qur'an rectifies accounts found

of esteem, meaning that one cannot truly be considered a Muslim if they insult, belittle, or harbor negative thoughts about any of the prophets.

Jonah (pbuh) was sent to the people of Nineveh, near modern-day Mosul, Iraq. Jonah (pbuh) called his people to worship the One True God, urging them to abandon idolatry and forsake all others that they had associated with him. He rebuked them to heed the divine message and return to righteousness, but they remained defiant, entrenched in disbelief and arrogance. Despite his tireless preaching, his warnings and refusing to reform themselves.

Overwhelmed by their stubbornness and believing his mission had reached a dead end, Jonah, a man of integrity, fled from his people after pronouncing that divine punishment would descend upon them in three days. He left without God's permission, a choice that set the stage for a great

event, dressed in coarse clothing, created a scene of violence, hardship, and desperate cries. Men, women, and children raised their voices in heartfelt pleas for forgiveness. In that moment of collective sincerity, God, in His boundless mercy, lifted the impending punishment that had almost reached them.

The Qur'an attests to the unique nature of their faith: “If only there were one town that believed and benefited by its belief, I would not be hard on its people.” Jonah, when they believed, lifted them from the suffering of disgrace in this worldly life, and We gave them enjoyment for a while.” (Quran 10:98).

Their faith was a rare exception. Inside the belly of the immense whale, Jonah was held in the belly of the whale. In this state of utter isolation and distress, Jonah heard whales praising God, so he turned to God, calling out with a prayer that has since become a source

of Allah wanted to confuse Yunus in the belly of the whale. He recited to the whale, “Take him, but do not scratch his flesh or break his bones.” And when he reached the bottom of the sea, Yunus heard a sound. He said to himself, “What is this? Then Allah revealed to him, “This is the praise of the creatures of the sea.” And so he praised Allah, and the angels heard his praise and interceded for him.”

The duration of his stay in the whale's belly is not known. Regardless of the exact time, the ordeal was a test of the Qur'an (pbuh) faith. The Qur'an confirms that had it not been for his consistent submission to God before (and after) his ordeal, he would have remained in the whale's belly until the Day of Judgment.

“And had he not been of those who do not worship [Allah], he would have remained inside its belly until the Day they are resurrected.” (Quran 37:13-14).

In His infinite mercy, Allah commanded the whale to cast Jonah onto the shore. He was thrown to him and give him milk, ensuring his sustenance as he recovered. This act of divine kindness is for those who turn to Him in repentance.

After his recovery, Jonah went back to his people. The Quran says he was sent to “a hundred thousand or more.” To his surprise, Jonah found that all his people had embraced faith (Islam).

The power of Allah's compassion and submission to God is the legacy of the Prophet Jonah's story. His supplication is a prayer for all believers in times of deep distress and despair.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) affirmed its universal power when he said: “The invocation of my brother Yunus (Jonah). There is no deity except You, exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers.” “no Muslim can invoke the name of Allah without it being accepted with it for anything but Allah (God) will respond to it.” This prayer is a powerful reminder that turning to Allah in humility and acknowledging His greatness are the

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