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## HADITH OF THE MONTH

"At the time of Al-Qaim (Al-Mahdi) [as] a believer who is in the East can see his (Muslim) brother who is in the West, and vice versa, the one who is in the West can see his (Muslim) brother who is the East."

*Imam Sadiq [as]  
Bihar-ul-Anwar, vol.  
52, p. 391*

## THE HOLY MONTH OF SHABAN

**BR. HADI ELMI**

Oh my dear ALLAH SWT, please shower our Masters Mohammad and His Purified Family with your infinite blessings. The holy month of Shaban is the month of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). This is the month of infinite mercy and its infinite blessings are hidden. The holy prophet (PBUH), used to fast and offer many prayers during this holy month in preparation to welcoming the holy month of RAMADHAN. Imam Ali (PBUH) has said whoever fasts the month of Shaban for the love of the holy Prophet (PBUH), and the pleasure of ALLAH (SWT), will receive the Mercy of ALLAH (SWT) on the day of Judgement, and will enter heaven. Imam Sajjad (PBUH) used to gather his companions upon the arrival of the month of Shaban and would encourage them to fast for the exclusive love of the holy Prophet (PBUH). The holy prophet (PBUH), has prayed for his followers who fast and offer prayers during this month as a means of helping him. This means that we must emulate our holy Prophet (PBUH) and keep his holy ways alive.

The holy month of Shaban is the month of soul purification, preparation to take full blessings of the Ramadhan, the month that the holy Quran was revealed. It is highly recommended for us to give in charity even as little as giving half of a date and ALLAH (SWT), will make the hell fire forbidden to us. Also it is highly recommended to seek forgiveness of ALLAH (SWT), during this holy month. ALLAH (SWT), in verse 133 of Sura Al-Imran has commanded believers to be very quick in seeking forgiveness and asking for a Garden whose width is that of the whole of the skies and of the earth.

Imam Ali (AS) has said that the price for heaven is righteous deeds and here are some for us to do:

- 1-Praise and glorify Allah (SWT), by offering extra two rakat prayer at night by reciting Sura Al-Hamd once and Sura Iklas eleven times in each rakat.
- 2-Fast one day or three days or every Monday and Thursday and or the entire month.
- 3-Give in charity and improve the condition of a needy person.
- 4-Seek forgiveness of ALLAH (SWT)
- 5-Recite Salawat.
- 6-Recite the holy Quran and Duas.
- 7- Visit the sick and make peace with close relatives.

In conclusion the month of Shaban is the month that the gates of Heaven are opened and the branches of the blessed tree of TOOBA reaches the earth and seeks the righteous servants to take them to the Heavens. Please be aware that doing good and being away from evil. This is the month of ease for spiritual growth.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL!**

As summer comes to a close, students and families are preparing for the new school year. As per the school vision, Al-Hadi School strives to improve the quality of education and services provided to the community and to children nationwide on a continuous basis. We hope that this, our 14th year in operation, will be one of our best years yet. The following beginning-of-year events have been organized to help AHS families and students achieve a smooth transition into the new academic year (both parents and students are expected to attend):

Week of August 3rd - Registration Appointments have been scheduled  
Saturday, August 15th @ 2:15 pm - Pre-School Student and Parent Orientation  
Monday, August 17th @ 6:00 pm - Student and Parent Orientation - KG thru Grade 12

Please visit the school website at [www.alhadi.com](http://www.alhadi.com) for more information.

We look forward to reconnecting and working with families to achieve the mission of Al-Hadi School, one student at a time.

AHS Administration

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## **Belief in the Appearance of the Mahdi and Savior and the Appearance of False Mahdis**

### **QUESTION:**

Belief in the appearance of the Mahdi and savior has caused the appearance of false Mahdis throughout history, and some make this circumstance a justification for setting aside this idea. To what extent can this viewpoint be accepted?

### **ANSWER:**

This viewpoint is absolutely unacceptable, or else humanity must set aside all positive viewpoints. This is because all of them have more or less been subject to misuse. All of the individuals who claimed to be God or regarded themselves the manifestation of God, united with God, or regarded God to have taken abode in them have all misused the principle of belief in Allah. This action in no way harms the issue of belief in Allah.

Similarly, all of the false prophets who claimed prophecy and misled a people do not transmit any damage to the correctness of the principle of prophecy. This issue arises in more or less every field and industry, but that incident brings no harm to that field itself.

In short, if any name or word that has a good and attractive meaning has been used for its opposite, this does not damage these values and good affairs themselves, such as if a betrayer has been called trustworthy, an oppressor called just, an ignorant person called learned, a sinner called God-fearing, or if all treacheries and oppressions have been committed in the name of well-wishing and seeking reform.

Excerpt from: Discussions Concerning al-Mahdi (May Allah hasten his return)  
By: Ayatullah al-Uzma al-Hajj ash-Shaykh Lutfullah as-Safi al-Gulpaygani

## UPDATE ON DAWA PROGRAM

The Dawa program at IEC is now a completely volunteer run program. We get good number of requests from all over the country, both directly and through Alavi Foundation. A typical request is for Islamic information, literature or a question. Timely handling of these requests is a challenge.

All along the focus has been on the prison Dawa program. We feel the need to expand the program and be a resource for Islamic information to the community at large. More recently we have been providing Islamic material to the youth when they are getting married. We are in the process of updating our website and now under 'Services', the Dawa program is at the beginning of 'Islamic Services' page. A direct link from the home page to the 'Discover Islam' section of [www.al-Islam.org](http://www.al-Islam.org) will help provide very useful information to those visiting our website. If you are interested in volunteering for the Dawa or any other activity at IEC, please email me at [pr@iec-houston.org](mailto:pr@iec-houston.org)

## COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

### Career and Education Counseling

In order to enhance the education level and employment potential of the community members, this service will be reactivated. If one is trying to improve qualifications or employment potential or seeking guidance in various disciplines, business or professional, they can find out if any help is available. This activity will require volunteers from various disciplines, professionals and businesses. If you are interested please contact Br. Nusrat Zaidi at [NAZAIDI@SWBELL.NET](mailto:NAZAIDI@SWBELL.NET)

### Harris County Health Insurance

Harris County offers a subsidized health insurance program, the Gold Card for people who meet certain residency and income criteria. It is administered through the Harris County clinics and hospitals. More details and application available at [www.hchdonline.com/patient/onecard/goldcard.htm](http://www.hchdonline.com/patient/onecard/goldcard.htm)

### Children's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program(CHIP)

Families with uninsured children may be able to get health insurance through this program. It is a comprehensive program and includes dental too. A good number of Pediatricians accept this plan. More details and application is available at [www.chipmedicaid.com](http://www.chipmedicaid.com)

### Harris County Special Assistance Services

The Harris County offers help in hardship situations like facing utility termination notices, eviction, foreclosure, shelter help, assistance to disabled adults and burial services. More details are available at [www.csd.hctx.net/ss\\_specialassistanceservices.aspx](http://www.csd.hctx.net/ss_specialassistanceservices.aspx) (underscore in the gap)

### Energy Assistance Programs

Information available at [www.reliant.com](http://www.reliant.com) , look under Energy Assistance

If you have any question with the County programs, you can contact Br Mazhar Kazmi at [mkazmi786@hotmail.com](mailto:mkazmi786@hotmail.com) or [social.services@iec-houston.org](mailto:social.services@iec-houston.org)

-Br. Reza Ahmed

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

## Birthday of Hazrat Imam Mehdi (AS)

Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Night of 15<sup>th</sup> Sha'baan,

Maghrib Prayers	8:30 p.m.
Dinner	9:00 p.m.
Qaseedas (English, Urdu and Farsi)	9:45 p.m.
Kids Play	10:15 p.m.
Speech by Maulana Musharaf Hussaini	10:30 p.m.
Short A'maal	11:15 p.m.
Break	11:45 p.m.
All Night A'maal	12:15 a.m.
Break	2:15 a.m.
Resume A'maal	2:45 a.m.
Sahoor	4:15 a.m.
Fajr Prayers	5:15 a.m.
Estimated cost of Program / Dinner	(\$2000)

## Ladies Program Birthday of Hazrat Imam Mehdi (AS)

Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Program Starts at 4.00 pm

(Quiz, Plays, Gifts and English Speech)

Estimated cost of Program / Dinner is \$1,000.00

Esal-e-Sawab Majlis every Thursday