

The **New Islamic Year 1443 Hijrah**. This is **MUHARRAM**, known as the **'Month of Allah'**. It is the month in which the ark of Nuh came to rest on Mount Judi, humanity was saved; the Israelites were freed from the clutches of Pharaoh; the Hijrah of the Prophet, the establishment of the Islamic civilisation and community, the month of Karbala in 61 AH. A month of Reflection, Shukr & Worship

Aashura

1. Observe the Fast and get one year's sins forgiven *"I hope from Allah that fasting on the day of Aashura will atone for the sins of the preceding year."* (Sahih Muslim)

2. Spend extra on the family and acquire Barakah for the rest of the year *"Whoever expands his expenditure on his family on the day of Aashura, Allah Ta'ala will increase his sustenance for the rest of that year."* (Shuabul Imaan)

3. Additional Istighfar (seek forgiveness)

'...If you wish to fast after the month of Ramadan, then fast in Muharram, for indeed it is the month of Allah. [In this month] is a day in which Allah Ta'ala accepted the repentance of a nation, and in which He will accept the repentance of other people.' (Sunan Tirmidhi)

4. Excessive Dua for the Ummah

On the Day of Aashura, Allah Ta'ala granted salvation to Nabi Nuh and Musa and their respective nations.

Nuh □ LEGACY Nuh □ spent 950 years calling the people to Islam.

Allah protected Nuh □ and his followers, all the blasphemers drowned including the son of Nuh □.

When Nuh □ was about to die, the angels asked “ How did you feel your stay on earth for so many years? ” Nuh □ replied, “ I saw this life on Earth like a house with two doors. I entered through one door and I left through the other.”

MUSA □ LEGACY- 1. SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER “The best jihad is a word of truth before a tyrant ruler.”

2. EXERT YOUR MAXIMUM EFFORT

3. HAVING TRUST AND CERTAINTY IN ALLAH - Have unwavering trust and certainty in the promise of Allah □. “No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me.”

Don't be scared – facing magicians, army, people, death,

إِنَّمَا ذَلِكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَاءَهُ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ
قَالَ خُذْهَا وَلَا تَخَفْ - قُلْنَا لَا تَخَفْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعْلَى - لَا تَخَافُ دَرَكًا وَلَا تَخْشَى

Muslims should have no fear, knowing Allah is always with us

The Islamic New Year, but also serves as a reminder of a great tragedy that befell the Noble family of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ & Muslim Ummah.

Husain ibn Ali ﷺ, the son of Sayyidna Ali ibn Abi Talib ﷺ, son of Fatimah bint Muhammad, Grandson of the Prophet ﷺ sacrificed his life for Islam.

Whilst some mourn, shed tears or carry out other physical rituals, we remember his legacy and honour him & his family. The Ahlul Bayt are an intrinsic part of our everyday lives, in our Salah, in our **Darood**, in our way of life, for the young and old, males and females, they are for us all.

“I do not ask of you any reward for it but love for my near relatives. (42:23)”

“Protect (the rights of) Muhammad ﷺ with regards to his household.”

“O Allah (Ali, Fatimah, Hasan, Husain) they are my family.” (Muslim)

“O Allah, behold, I love him, You too love him and love one who loves him.” (Muslim) “Husain is from me and I am from Husain.” “Hasan and Husain are the leaders of the youngsters of paradise.” “Those who love him, love me, those who are his enemies are my enemies. One who fights Husain, fights the Prophet. (Tirmidhi)”

Imam Husain □ saw the spiritual, moral, ethical, intellectual, and constitutional decline in the Ummah.

Imam Husain □ saw the rise of corruption, power, and monarchy, so he stood up as would his father, mother & grandfather.

1. Free Election - A government is to be established on the free consent of the masses and this is the foundation of the Islamic constitution.

2. Principle of Consultation - A consultative system of government, where advice should be sought from individuals of learned, pious disposition.

3. Freedom of Expression of Opinion - The furtherance of virtue and suppression of evils have been enjoined by Islam as an obligation.

4. Accountability before the Creator and His Creation - The Caliph and his government are accountable before Allah and Allah's creation.

5. The Public Treasury, a Trust - Nothing should be received except through lawful means, & on except lawful purposes.

6. Rule of the Law – Law of Allah & his Rasool, nobody should be over-and-above the law, nor should they transgress the limits of Shari'ah.

7. Complete Equality in Rights and Status - No distinction among the Muslims on the basis of race, language and place of birth. No one enjoyed superiority over another on the basis of clan, family and race.