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Community Voices

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"Bringing the Message to the Believers"

By Imam R. A. Muhammad



The First Ten Days of Dhul Hijjah (The Most Sacred Season of Worship)

Praise be to ALLAH WHO has created Time and has made some times better than others, some months and days and nights better than others, when rewards are multiplied many times, as a mercy towards HIS servants. This encourages them to do more righteous deeds and makes them more eager to worship HIM, so that the Muslim renews his efforts to gain a greater share of reward, prepare himself for death and supply himself in readiness for the Day of Judgment.

This season of worship brings many benefits, such as the opportunity to correct one's faults and make up for any shortcomings or anything that one might have missed. Every one of these special occasions involves some kind of worship through which the servants may draw closer to ALLAH, and some kind of blessing through which ALLAH bestows HIS favor and mercy upon whomsoever HE will. The happy person is the one who makes the most of these special months, days, and hours and draws nearer to his Lord during these times through acts of worship; he will most likely be touched by the blessing of ALLAH and will feel the joy of knowing that he is safe from the flames of the hellfire. The Muslim must understand the value of his life, increase his worship of ALLAH and persist in doing good deeds until the moment of his death. ALLAH (swt) says: "And worship your Lord until there comes unto you the certainty!"

During the special seasons of worship are the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah, which ALLAH has preferred over all the other days of the year.

Ibn Abbas (may ALLAH be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (prayers and peace be upon him) said: "There are no days in which righteous deeds are more beloved to ALLAH than these ten days." The people asked, "Not even jihad for the sake of ALLAH?" He said, "Not even jihad for the sake of ALLAH, except in the case of a man who went out to fight giving himself and his wealth up for the cause, and came back with nothing!"

Choosing Self-Esteem by Aisha Sharif

The American Heritage College Dictionary defines *self esteem* as: "pride in oneself; self-respect." Yet, evolving this definition, self-esteem can also be seen as *the decision* to have pride in oneself, and *the decision* to have self-respect. It is important to include the decisive aspect of self-esteem because many people tend to think that self-esteem is something that one person has always had and something that another person can never get. On the contrary, we *choose* to have self-esteem. Its obtainment depends upon whether we realize the beauty within each of us. It is the result of one's decision to recognize that he/she has value as a human...that he/she has worth. Continued on back....

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Jumah Friday, 1:30pm

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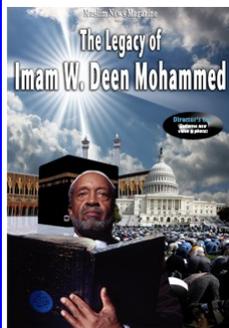
Choosing Self Esteem Cont.....

One of the main reasons why many people, including Muslims, have low self-esteem is because they choose to base their estimation of themselves on what other people think of them. They constantly seek approval from other people and the media on what they should wear, how they should speak, and what they should think. This frame of reference hands over the decision-making process to others and allows them to shape an individual's view of self.

Yet, we know that, besides our own opinion, the only other opinion of ourselves that matters is Allah's. Throughout the Quran, Allah advises and reassures us of the potential and strength each one of us has. In the Yusuf Ali translation of the Quran, Allah (swt) says in Surah Al-Tin, Ayat 4, "We have indeed created man in the best of molds." And in Surah Al-Inshirah, Ayats 1-4, the translation reads, "Have We not expanded thy breast?/

And removed from thee thy burden/ which did gall thy back?—/And raised high the esteem (in which) thou (art held)?" Allah tells us that he has elevated all people through the simple fact of our creation. He has given us ease in our struggles and peace of mind. Is that not positive reinforcement? Is not Allah encouraging us through His Quran to think highly of ourselves? And if Allah wants us to think highly of ourselves, who are we to debase ourselves and live with negative views of our potential? Doing otherwise would, in essence, go against Allah's plan for us.

The decision to have self-esteem doesn't just happen in one moment of one day. Self esteem is built over our life span. It is formed from the things we choose to do and say, and the way we choose to look at ourselves and at the world. Engaging in acts like regular prayer, charity, fasting, and volunteer work can increase our connection to Allah and therefore remind us of the potential for goodness that He has instilled in us. This, then, can inspire us to feel confident in our abilities and other endeavors. Every person can feel a high self worth by choosing to recognize the wonderful spirit Allah has given us.



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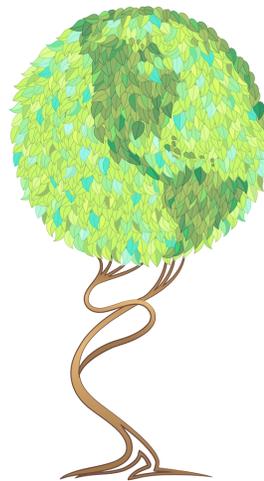
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