



The Samkeen Times

Wasting time



Introduction

Time is a precious blessing that many people don't even realize they have. In a surah that most of us have memorized (Surah Al Asr) Allah (swt) even goes as far as to swear by it. How we spend our time says a lot about who we are, and as they say, actions speak louder than words. We'll come back to explore this theme in the upcoming pages, but as you begin this newsletter, we'd like you to stop for a moment and think about how you spend your own time. Take some *time* to reflect about which activities take up most of your time, whether or not you think you are someone who spends their time well or wastes much of it, and what you think the way you spend your time says about *you*.



Scavenger Hunt

Find all the icons hidden around the newsletter, screenshot them, and send them to one of the editorial team members, first to complete this WINS!

ICONS KEY



The Heights (7:34)

وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلٌ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهُمْ لَا يَسْتَأْجِرُونَ سَاعَةً وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ
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For each community there is an appointed term.
When their time arrives, they can neither delay it for a
moment, nor could they advance it.



Theme Exploration

When most people reflect on the concept of time in the life of a Muslim, one of the first thoughts is likely the relationship Muslims have with time *after* their death which is in Jannah. With all of the emphasis that we put on both Jannah & Jahannam being eternal or lasting forever, it can be easy to forget that the limited time that we are using up during our lives, which we know to be temporary as Allah (swt) promises us that every soul will taste death, is what will lead us to either eternal happiness or eternal distress. So, while we should always remember that our ultimate goal is to enter Jannah and reside there forever inshaAllah, we also need to take heed of the life we are living to make sure that we can actually get there.

At the end of the day, how you spend your time during your life is based on priorities. There is a common saying or understanding that if you want to do something, you will make time to get it done, and this applies across many areas of life. For example, a true sign that you truly care for your deen, pleasing Allah (swt), and entering Jannah is that you make *time* to seek knowledge and better yourself (character, speech, adab, etc.). A really good example of this is salah. Many of us in Tamkeen are students, workers, spouses and more with seemingly endless responsibilities at times. I found that in a time where I felt I was my busiest in life, I realized I was praying in the later windows of the salah times. I realized that, to be more “productive” to alleviate stress, I overplanned myself quite a bit. I even planned for small unnecessary things. After reflecting recently, I realized that I was planning my life and fitting salah in when I should have been planning my life around salah. Simplifying my routines and workloads, planning them around ibadah was what I found to really alleviate my stress and anxiety in the way I wanted. When my priorities changed, so did everything else subhanAllah. I

It is easy to say that we care about something, but how we prioritize it in our life will tell the truth about where our priorities lie. May Allah (swt) make us among those who make use of our time and who make our time end with the best priority of worshipping Allah.



جَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْوَهَّابِ، حَدَّثَنَا حَمَادُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ أَيُّوبَ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدٍ، عَنْ ابْنِ أَبِي بَكْرَةَ، عَنْ أَبِي بَكْرَةَ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " إِنَّ الزَّمَانَ قَدِ اسْتَدَارَ كَهَيْئَتِهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ، السَّنَةُ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا مِنْهَا، أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ، ثَلَاثٌ مُتَوَالِيَاتٌ، ذُو الْقَعْدَةِ وَذُو الْحِجَّةِ وَالْمُحَرَّمِ وَرَجَبٌ مُضَرَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ جُمَادَى وَشَعْبَانَ " .

Narrated Abu Bakr: The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Time has come back to its original state which it had when Allah created the Heavens and the Earth; the year is twelve months, four of which are sacred. Three of them are in succession; Dhul-Qa'da, Dhul-Hijja and Al-Muharram, and (the fourth being) Rajab Mudar (named after the tribe of Mudar as they used to respect this month) which stands between Jumad (ath-thani) and Sha'ban."

Sahih al-Bukhari 4662



Featured Article

Tamkeeners' Reflections



Why Do You Want Me to Care About Khilafa?

Submission 1: Mohamed Ali

Dear Peer Review Team and Article Competition Organizers,

I know that the article competition is titled: "*Why Have We Stopped Caring About The Khilafah?*"
However, I want to ask a different question: "*Why do you want me to care about khilafa?*"

The Peer Review Team has released their second article competition, featuring five amazing submissions under the prompt '**Why Have We Stopped Caring About The Khilafah?**' Each article reflects on and responds to this question with a deep observation of the current state of the Ummah. The first submission raises another question and instead asks, "Why Do You Want Me To Care About The Khilafah?" while the second submission reflects on the Western influence and how it has affected people's care towards anything other than the West itself. Then the third, fourth, and fifth submissions talk about how people aren't taught about the Khilafah, aren't even able to get by in life to think about the Khilafah, and how we need to return to the Qur'an and Sunnah to cure ourselves of these diseases plaguing our Ummah.

We highly recommend giving it a read inshaAllah. Make sure to comment and stay tuned for future article competitions by the Peer Review Team

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TAMK-FOOLERY

***when i failed to pronouce
"ق" from throat thrice**



**When people say Islam is
hard but you realise
napping is Sunnah**



The Prophet (pbuh) said: May Allah have mercy on a woman who gets up at night and prays, and awakens her husband; if he refuses, she would sprinkle water on his face.





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مُبَارَكًا لِيَدِيرُوا
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