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Allah, most
Gracious, most
Merciful*

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Turkish MPs wear hijab

In 1999, a ban was imposed by Turkey on the wearing of hijab in a number of institutions, including parliament. In an abortive attempt to defy the ban, lawmaker Merve Kavakci wore a hijab for her swearing-in ceremony, but was promptly ejected amid a chorus of boos.

However, times are changing. The BBC reports¹ that in September, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan lifted the ban, among a series of reforms including rights for the Kurds, which he declared "a historic moment". This led to four female MPs appearing in parliament in hijab. One of them, Gonul Bekin Sahkulubey of the ruling Justice and Development Party, said it affirmed Islamic rights and insisted, "I will no longer take off my headscarf. I expect everyone to respect my decision."



The move was condemned by the opposition Republican People's Party, who said it went against the country's secular traditions.

The ban remains in place for judges, prosecutors, police officers and members of the armed forces.

¹ www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-24761548

*Islamophobic film
Fitna*

superficial

prosecution

research

*warm welcome at
mosque*

An Islamophobe converts

Film

This story begins in 2008 in the Netherlands with the production of a film entitled *Fitna*, often translated into English as "trial". The film aimed at discrediting Islam and Muslims by trying to show that Islam and the Quran encourages its followers to hate non-Muslims. It attempted to do this by quoting selected passages from the Quran along with media footage and newspaper cuttings depicting violence by Muslims. It argued that Islam promotes terrorism, anti-Semitism, violence against women, violence against non-Muslims, violence against homosexuals, and Islamic universalism. As the film was only 17 minutes long, it clearly did not treat these many topics in any depth.

The film was produced by leaders of the political Party for Freedom (in Dutch, *Partij voor de Vrijheid*, or PVV), in particular parliamentarian Geert Wilders. A large part of the film described the influence of Islam on the Netherlands.

Needless to say, as soon as it was made available in Dutch and English versions on the internet video-sharing website LiveLeak on 27 March 2008, it was criticised for being controversial, provocative and blasphemous. The next day, LiveLeak removed the film.

Two days later, it was put back on LiveLeak after a security upgrade, but it was removed again shortly afterwards by Wilders himself because of copyright violations. A criminal prosecution was also brought against him for hate speech.



Geert Wilders

Research

One of the leaders of the Party for Freedom who had produced the film was Arnoud van Doorn, a member of the Dutch parliament and vice-chairman of the PVV group on The Hague city council. He was an active supporter of Wilders, repeatedly approved Islamophobic statements and public actions, and personally participated in them.

However, he then decided that he should perhaps find out more about the religion he was denigrating. He explained, "I have heard so many negative stories about Islam, but I am not a person who follows the opinions of others without doing my own research. Therefore, I have actually started to deepen my knowledge of Islam out of curiosity." His Muslim colleague on The Hague city council, Aboe Khouliani, introduced him to the As-Soennah mosque in The Hague, who received him warmly and gave him guidance about the real Islam. He started reading the whole of the Quran, the book that he had blindly criticised before. He said, "The more I was reading, the more I was convinced that Islam is actually a beautiful and wise religion." He came to realise that the line promoted by Geert Wilders was misguided. "I do not share his negative vision of Islam and the Arabic World. It is stigmatising all Muslims. Creating fear and polarising is an easy way to mobilise people, as it appeals to their 'gut feeling', prejudices and bias," he observed.

He commented on the influence of the media: "You can find fanatics in any

media influence

religion, all over the world. Unfortunately the 1% of fanatics are showed on TV and other news media, and their influence is magnified. 99% of Muslims are hardworking and peaceable. If more people studied the true Islam, more people would see the beauty of it.”

Conversion

And so eventually in 2011, van Doorn converted and became a Muslim by taking shahadah. “This is a very big decision, which I have not taken lightly,” he announced. “In my own close circle, people have known that I have been actively researching the Quran, hadith, sunnah and other writings for almost a year now.”

He gave the reasons for finding it easy: “I have had a religious education as a Christian, so I already shared a lot of values. It is easier to convert from a Christian to Islam than from a ‘non believer’ because I knew about the prophets, the angels and the discipline that is necessary within any religion.”

At first people thought that it was some kind of joke, coming from someone who had been so anti-Islam previously. However, he personally confirmed his decision to practise Islam in an official letter to The Hague city mayor. Indeed, he filed a formal application to the mayor to allow him to perform the obligatory daily prayers during his working hours.

He described the reactions of others: “According to some people I am a traitor, but according to most others I have actually made a very good decision. The reactions are generally positive and I also received quite some support via Twitter. It feels good that people who do not know me personally have an understanding of my situation and support me in my choice.”

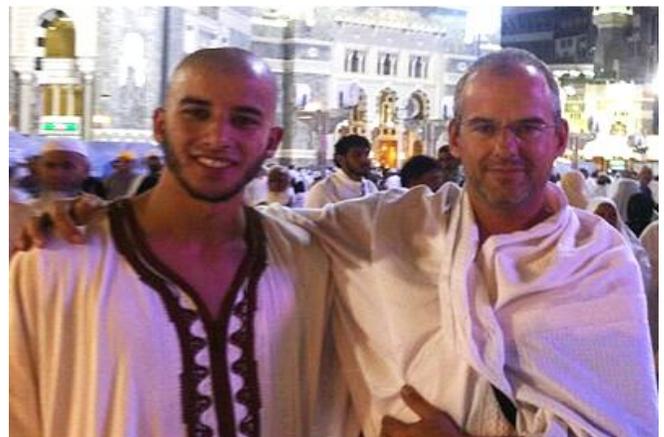
He does not regret his departure from the PVV and its leader, Geert Wilders, but remains on The Hague city council as an independent: “I have not spoken with Geert Wilders since I left the PVV. As you leave the PVV, you are basically ‘non existing’ anymore. Former colleagues are scared to have contact with me. It is not good for their career within the PVV if they do.”

majority of reactions positive

Umrah

Earlier this year, van Doorn was invited by the Saudi Ministry of Interior to visit Makkah and perform umrah. He also visited the Prophet’s Mosque in Madinah and apologised – in person, as it were – for blaspheming against Islam and Prophet Muhammad (saw), and wept in repentance. He met with the two imams of the Prophet’s Mosque, Sheikh Ali Al-Hudaifi and Sheikh Salah Al-Badar, who enlightened him on how to lead the life of a good Muslim and confront challenges facing Islam in the West.

He regrets his previous actions against Islam. “I have made mistakes in life, like many others. From these mistakes I have learned a lot. And by my



Van Doorn (right) at the Masjid al-Haram, Makkah

apologising

conversion to Islam I have the feeling that I finally found my path. I realise that this is a new start and that I still have much to learn as well."

He expressed his interest to travel to Iran, Turkey and other Islamic countries. He said he was looking forward in Iran to seeing Isfahan, Shiraz, and Qum. He has also travelled to Morocco, Algeria, Jordan and Egypt.

Islamic party

The latest chapter in this story is that van Doorn has launched a political party founded on Islamic principles in the Netherlands. The new party is based on Islamic norms and values, and is open to everyone without segregation.

There have been many news items and postings on the internet about this story over the last couple of years. For more, Google "Arnoud van Doorn".



Van Doorn (left) praying at al-Rawdah in the Prophet's Mosque, Madinah

Paradise and its pleasures

Every Muslim believes in Paradise (Jannah) and Hell (Jahannam). Our longing for Paradise after death is immense. We all know that to attain Paradise requires us to do good deeds and keep away from wrong, and pray for the mercy of Allah (swt).

The bounties and beauty of Paradise cannot be compared to this world. They are unimaginable and much greater than our minds can conceive. Yet, Allah (swt) has described Paradise in the Quran drawing similarities with the beauties of this world, so we may comprehend and work to achieve Paradise in the hereafter. There are many levels of Paradise and we as Muslims are encouraged to ask for the highest level of Paradise, Jannatul Firdaus.

The Prophet (saw) said, "Paradise has one hundred levels which Allah has reserved for the mujaahideen who fight in His cause, and the distance between each of the two grades is like the distance between the heavens and the earth. So when you ask Allah for something, ask for al-Firdaus which is the best and highest part of Paradise. Above it is the throne of the Most Merciful, and from it originate the rivers of Paradise" (Bukhari).

Some of the pleasures of Paradise can be divided into the following categories.

gold

food and drink

silk

peace

companions

Wealth

Wealth is something that is given in abundance to the believer without any hard work in Paradise. Whatever is desired by the believer is given in Paradise such that they will not have any of their desires left unfulfilled.

"Circulated among them will be plates and vessels of gold. And therein is whatever the souls desire and (what) delights the eyes, and you will abide therein eternally. And that is Paradise which you are made to inherit for what you used to do" (Quran 43:71-72).

(They will be told), "Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you put forth in the days past" (Quran 69:24).

The following verse describes a part of the Paradise that will be adorned with wealth. "Those will have gardens of perpetual residence; beneath them rivers will flow. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and will wear green garments of fine silk and brocade, reclining therein on adorned couches. Excellent is the reward, and good is the resting place" (Quran 18:31).

Beauty

Anas bin Malik (ra) narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, "A place in Paradise, as small as the bow or lash of one of you, is better than all the world and whatever is in it. And if a houri from Paradise appeared to the people of the earth, she would fill the space between heaven and the earth with light and pleasant scent, and her head cover is better than the world and whatever is in it" (Sahih al-Bukhari).

Relationships

In Paradise, the ability to feel sadness, hurt or anger will be removed and so will the ability to hurt one another's feelings.

"They will not hear therein ill speech or commission of sin – only a saying: 'Peace, peace'" (Quran 56:25-26).

"And We will have removed whatever is within their breasts of resentment, (while) flowing beneath them are rivers. And they will say, 'Praise to Allah, who has guided us to this; and we would never have been guided if Allah had not guided us. Certainly the messengers of our Lord had come with the truth.' And they will be called, 'This is Paradise, which you have been made to inherit for what you used to do'" (Quran 7:43).

The believer will be with the best of companions in the Hereafter, who were also the best of companions in the dunya.

"And whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed the favour of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions" (Quran 4:69).

The people of Paradise will be pure, with good speech and righteous deeds. The



The town of Paradise, Otago, South Island, New Zealand

life of Paradise will be full of content and bliss with no worries.

Eternal life

The life of the hereafter is eternal. For those who do righteous deeds and are invited to heaven, it will be eternal bliss. They will never get bored, and in fact, their indulgence in Paradise will increase in goodness.

Allah (swt) compares this dunya with the eternal hereafter:

"... Say: Short is the enjoyment of this world. The Hereafter is (far) better for him who fears God ..." (Quran 4:77).

"... its provision is eternal and so is its shade ..." (Quran 13:35).

"What is with you must vanish, and what is with God will endure ..." (Quran 16:96).

"(It will be said to them): This is Our Provision, which will never finish" (Quran 38:54).

Free of impurities

Everything in Paradise will be free of any impurities. The food and the drink will be halal. All other discomforts that humanity goes through in this world, from menstruation to urinating, will not be needed. Allah (swt) describes the wine of Paradise as "crystal-white, delicious to those who drink (thereof), free from intoxication, nor will they suffer intoxication therefrom" (Quran 37:46-47).

The water of Paradise will always be free of any impurities and the milk never becomes distasteful: "... rivers of water incorruptible; rivers of milk of which the taste never changes ..." (Quran 47:15).

This extends to the purity of the spouses: "... and they shall have therein purified mates ..." (Quran 2:25).

"They relieve themselves by perspiring through their skins, and its fragrance will be that of musk, and all stomachs will have become lean" (Ibn Hibbaan).

Nothing similar to it

The pleasures of Paradise surpass human imagination. As is mentioned in a hadith, "It is sparkling light, aromatic plants, a lofty palace, a flowing river, ripe fruit, a beautiful wife and abundant clothing, in an eternal abode of radiant joy, in beautiful soundly-constructed high houses" (Ibn Maajah, Ibn Hibbaan).

The companions of the Prophet asked the Prophet about the buildings of Paradise, to which the Prophet replied, "Bricks of gold and silver, and mortar of fragrant musk, pebbles of pearl and sapphire, and soil of saffron. Whoever enters it is filled with joy and will never feel miserable; he will live there forever and never die; their clothes will never wear out and their youth will never fade" (Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi, ad-Daarimee).

Allah says in the Quran, "And when you look there (in Paradise), you will see a delight (that cannot be imagined), and a great dominion" (Quran 76:20).

"And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes as reward for what they used to do" (Quran 32:17).

May we all be blessed with Jannatul Firdaus in the Hereafter and be amongst the dwellers of these pleasures. Let us work hard in this world for a pleasurable life in the Hereafter.

pure, halal

unimaginable

*silver, musk,
pearl, sapphire,
saffron*

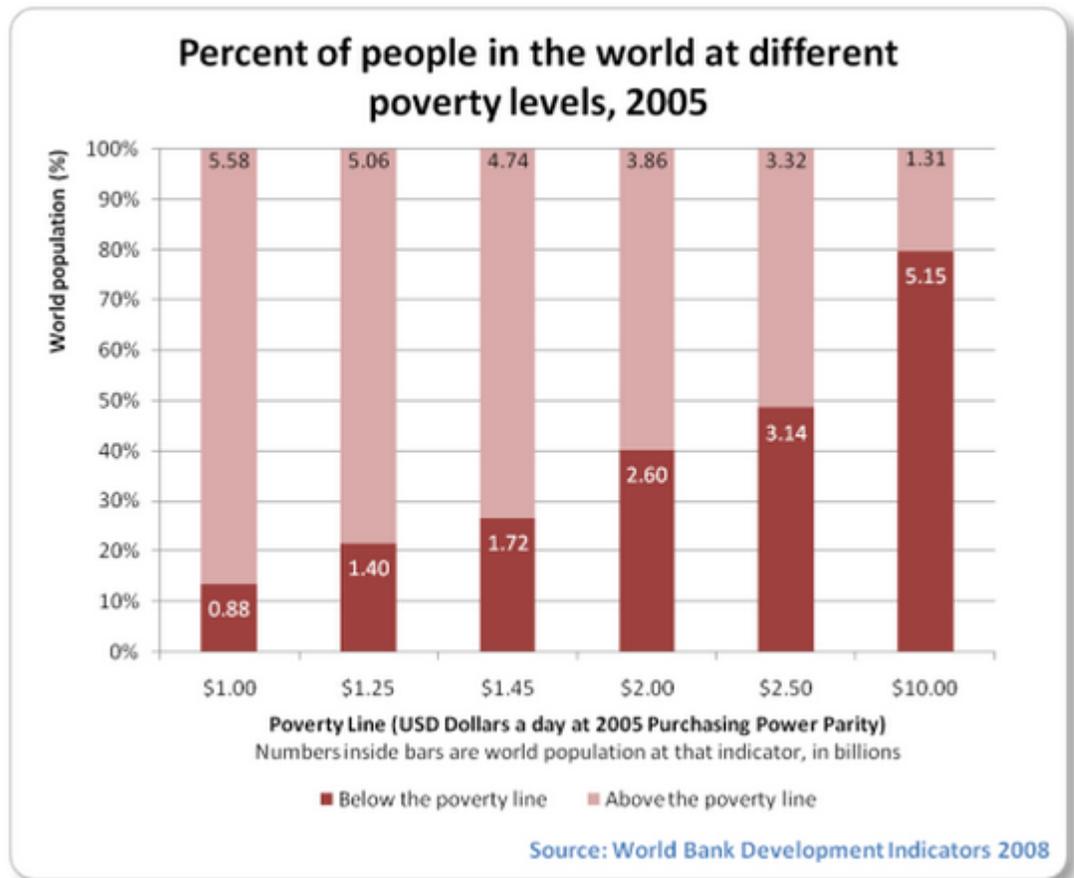
End poverty by helping an orphan

For a fact, we've been told¹ that the food we have in the world is enough to feed everyone. That's right, everyone! One would then think that this should include those orphans that were made destitute after the South East Asian Boxing Day 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka that were sponsored by the International Centre for Children Charitable Trust (ICCT) and those orphans that were abandoned from the civil war.



It is estimated that almost half the world, about three billion people, live on less than \$2.50 a day². One has to ask, is this truly the reality?

**3 b people on
<\$2.50 per day**



**wasting one meal
per day**

When it comes to waste, The Guardian³ reported that the average UK family is wasting nearly £60 a month by throwing away almost an entire meal a day, according to a new report that reveals the scale of the ongoing challenge to reduce household food waste.

Our beloved Prophet (saw) taught us, "A man is not a believer who fills his stomach while his neighbour is hungry" (Al Adab Al Mufrad).

ICCCT

a dollar a day

300 orphans

Have we contributed in any way or form to assist the orphan and the needy to step out of poverty while knowing the amount of waste that takes place around us? If you are already sponsoring a child or doing your bit, you are ahead of the gang – but don't stop, there's much more to do!

Do we need to see them with our own eyes for us to wake up? In reality it is just a step away. Those who have travelled to third world countries



know too well that one flight is all it takes to reach the physical location of those orphans in poverty. It is not suggested you do that, but think about it. Do we really feel the conditions of those who are suffering or are we merely enjoying our comforts that Almighty Allah (swt) has blessed us with and thinking we've done enough?

Poverty is not just affecting those in developing countries; it's everywhere, even our own cities.

ICCCT, a charity registered in both New Zealand and Sri Lanka, has been helping to reach orphans in remote villages throughout Sri Lanka and has run the "\$1 a day" sponsorship programme for the past nine years. With 300 orphans now on the list, and many more applications flowing in daily, the effort has hardly started! Although the funds are hardly enough for them, it does contribute towards their living costs, and ensuring their welfare.

At least yearly, a volunteer from ICCCT living in Sri Lanka visits the orphans personally and sends back a report with information regarding their education, prayers, Quran studies, behavior, along with an updated photo of the child. This information is then passed on to our sponsors. This way, by being in the programme, your \$1 not only helps end poverty, but ensures children receive an education and have a measurement to assure that the funds are meaningfully spent. We truly believe that what gets measured gets done!

The Prophet (saw) taught us, 'None of you (truly) believes until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself' (Tirmidhi).

It isn't telling us to do it on our own – that isn't the concept of being "one ummah". There are ways for us to collectively reach out to those in poverty to help alleviate their states. If we work to capture the energy from all of us put together, this vision is not out of our reach. We may not end world poverty; however we will at least be taking sustainable steps to help, and on the day of judgement, we will at least have a small effort to carry us for our questioning. Here's what you can do today to put this into action:

1. Check your intentions

Allah (swt) commanded us to look after each other, and help one another. It is our duty therefore to fulfil his command. Our beloved Prophet (saw) encouraged us to truly want for others what we have for ourselves. Our intention should thus be of a servant answering his master's call to give our 100% to this cause. Our beloved Prophet (saw) said, "I and the custodian of an

no leftovers

orphan are like this (together) in Paradise", and he joined his forefinger and middle finger together" (Al-Bukhari). Isn't Paradise with our beloved Prophet (saw) the greatest gift for our minds to focus on?

2. Eliminate waste

It isn't just about the leftovers on your plate. Think about the times when you purchased too many packets which expired and had to be thrown away. Our Prophet (saw) used to lick his fingers and plate after he finished, as he would say that we do not know in which part the blessing of Allah (swt) is in. How do we compare? Every single drop of food is a blessing from Allah, and one which we must cherish when eating.



Is there some food and drinking habits you can really do without on a daily basis? Take that coffee you buy on the way to work or before your morning lecture at the university.

These days, you'd be lucky to get one for \$3.50 and we don't even know if the coffee beans are fair trade, in which case, you are contributing to poverty. Can you put away that \$3.50, just twice a week? Replace it with no coffee or a home-made one (if you must). A simple sacrifice that contributes towards sponsoring an orphan for \$365 for a year! The blessing of this transfer, we won't be able to imagine!

Do just this and you're already on your way to ending poverty, one child at a time.

3. Spread the word

Share the good news with others; tell them how they can contribute. Link the orphanage website (www.iccct.org) to your posts. Put your Facebook, Twitter and blogs to work on this good cause. Share the ICCCT account details with them for direct transfers:

Account name: International Centre For Children (ICC) Charitable Trust

Account number: 38-9007-0549566-00.



International Centre for Children Charitable Trust

All it takes is a couple of minutes a day to change our habits. For some of us, this is hardly an effort for the amount of time we spend on social media. Reach out and tell others you care! When you're done, let us know how you got on (icccharity@gmail.com), and we'll keep you in mind for the next Tweet.

Want to do more? Why not offer to talk to your local masjids and simply ask to collect on a Jummah day with a few friends and a bucket? This will make a huge difference in the fight to end poverty. Imagine, if your coffee can sponsor a child, what will a combined effort a couple of times a year do? How many can you support? The pleasure of such initiatives far outweighs the efforts put in. Remember though, before walking out to get your troops together, charity really does begin at home. Have you done your share?

4. Give your time

Money isn't everything. In order to eliminate poverty, ideas need to be generated; documents need to be in line, and most of all, we need manpower

donate

collection

volunteer

to move things along to help ensure the long waiting lists of orphans and registrations are kept intact! Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help with administration work? Is there something you are passionate about that could assist the orphan? Are you a good poster maker? Then here is your chance to act! You don't have to be in New Zealand or Sri Lanka to help. Email us (icccharity@gmail.com) and tell us you want to help leave a sadaqatul jariyaah, an ongoing charity that outlives you and rewards after death. With the digital world, so much is possible right from your fingertips!



- 1 2013 World Hunger and Poverty Facts and Statistics, www.worldhunger.org/articles
- 2 Poverty Facts and Stats, www.globalissues.org/article/26/poverty-facts-and-stats#src1
- 3 Food waste report shows UK families throw away 24 meals a month, www.theguardian.com



Ladies, get fit for summer!

The Young Muslim Women's Association (YMWA) is an Auckland based charity that organise various activities and programmes for females, with the aim of supporting the social, intellectual, spiritual and emotional development of young women.

For nearly two years, a group from YMWA have been coming together at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre at weekends for women-only fitness programmes ranging from zumba to circuit training to self-defence. This spring, YMWA have once again put together a seven-week fitness programme which commenced on 3 November, featuring high intensity circuit-training, zumba, body conditioning, Pilates and Bolly aerobics.



The classes are conducted by a line-up of qualified female instructors and aim to encourage women from all walks of life to get fit by creating a comfortable, friendly, female-only environment to work out in. The target age group for these classes is 12 – 25 years. However, there are no age restrictions and in the past mums have attended these sessions along with their teenage daughters. All ladies are welcome to join regardless of age, fitness level or beliefs.

YMWA is currently also finalising a girls-only karate programme in conjunction with Roskill Union Health. This exceptional opportunity in a strictly female-only environment will also be held at the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre. This unique programme will launch with a "Have-A-Go Karate" day on Sunday 14 December. We invite all girls to attend this free event and try it out! The first ten-week programme will commence on 11 January 2014, and registrations will be available via our website.



For more information on any of our programmes, please:

- email activeplay12@gmail.com
- go to our website: www.ymwa.org
- visit our Facebook page: [facebook.com/ymwanz](https://www.facebook.com/ymwanz)

*zumba
circuit training*

*Pilates
aerobics*

karate

Voice of Islam



VOI delivers the message of Islam based on the teachings of the Noble Quran and the Sunnah (practices) of the Prophet Muhammad (saw). The show neither delivers nor promotes any political, national, ethnic, social or class perspective – its focus is purely on dawah and deen-al-Islam (the Islamic faith/way of life).

VOI television is broadcast on:

- Face TV in Auckland (11.30am Sat; 12.30 pm Wed)
- SKYTV CH 83 in New Zealand (11.30am Sat; 12.30 pm Wed)
- CTV in Christchurch (see TV guide for times)
- Channel 9 in Dunedin (see TV guide for times)
- MAITV in Fiji (see TV guide for times)
- METRO TV in Ghana, West Africa (see TV guide for times)

30 November & 4 December

Qur'an: 51: 56-60

Lecture: Journey to Allah by Sr. Yasmin Mogahed

DOCUMENTARY: For men of understanding series 1 part 3 - the miracle of the honey bee by Harun Yahya

7 & 11 December

Qur'an 4: 131-134 belief in Allah and everything belongs to Him

LECTURE: Is belief enough? by Bilal Philips

DOCUMENTARY: For men of understanding series 1 part 4 - the perfect flying machine, the dragon fly by Harun Yahya

14 & 18 December

Qur'an 4: 170-173 the truth about Jesus

Lecture: The truth about Jesus by Abdur Raheem Green

Tid Bits: Tawheed by Sheikh Yusuf Estes

DOCUMENTARY: Jesus will return part 1 by Harun Yahya

21 & 25 December

Qur'an 2: 255-257 no compulsion in religion

My Path to Islam: by Richard Faiers

No Stone Unturned: Prophet Jesus by Bilal Dannoun

DOCUMENTARY: For men of understanding series 2 part 1 - the spider - a design engineer by Harun Yahya

28 December & 1 January 2014

Qur'an 107: 1-7 A-maun small kindness

Lecture: Explanation of surah 107 - small kindness by Abu Hamzah

DOCUMENTARY: For men of understanding series 2 part 2 - luminescent creatures by Harun Yahya

Clip: Fact of Creation by Harun Yahya

Watch VOI online, or order a free copy of the Quran: www.voitv.org



Auckland prayer timetable for December 2013

(from www.islamicFinder.org. For other cities in New Zealand, see www.fianz.co.nz).

“Whoever prays like us, and faces our qibla, and eats our slaughtered animals, is a Muslim and is under Allah’s and His apostle’s protection” (hadith)

Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr 1	Asr 2	Maghrib	Isha
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3	4:06	5:55	1:11	5:02	6:15	8:27	10:09
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30	4:13	6:03	1:24	5:15	6:30	8:43	10:27
31	4:14	6:04	1:24	5:16	6:30	8:44	10:27

Asr 1: Maliki, Shafii and Hanbali schools (single shadow length)

Asr 2: Hanafi school (double shadow length)

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Why attend Rocket Park jumuah?

- ✓ Central location
- ✓ Plenty of free parking
- ✓ Facilities for ladies
- ✓ Bayaan (religious talk) before jumuah prayers
- ✓ All bayaan and khutbah in English

NB We are only open for Friday prayers – not for the five daily prayers.

In December 2010, the **Senior Citizens' Association building, Rocket Park, New North Road, Mount Albert**, was closed for renovation by the Auckland City Council. Following these renovations, we believe we are the only jumuah in New Zealand with air-conditioning and heating.

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Swt, saw, as, ra

swt : subhanahu wa ta'ala "Glory to Him, the Exalted" (when mentioning Allah)

saw : salallahu alaihi wassalam "May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him" (when mentioning Muhammad)

as: alaihis salam "Peace be on him" (when mentioning other prophets)

ra : radi allahu anhu/ha/hum "May Allah be pleased with him/her/them" (when mentioning members of Muhammad's family, companions, etc)