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In the name of Allah,  
most Gracious, most Merciful

## Eid ul-Adha Mubarak!

Insha Allah, Eid ul-Adha falls in August, marking the hajj season and the willingness of Ibrahim (as) to obey the command of Allah (swt) to sacrifice his son Ismail (as).

All of us at Rocket Science and the Mount Albert Islamic Trust wish you "Eid Mubarak".

We also remember all those brothers and sisters who have made the journey to Saudi Arabia for hajj, and pray that their hajj is accepted by Allah (swt) (hajj mabrur).



## The virtue of visiting the sick

In a hadith recorded by Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet (saw) says, "Every Muslim has five rights over another Muslim: to return the greetings, to visit the sick, to accompany funeral processions, to accept an invitation, to respond to the one who sneezes." This article is about the second of these rights, namely the responsibility of visiting people when they are sick.

As shown by the above hadith, it is incumbent upon every Muslim to visit people when they are sick. We often hear of people around us who are sick. Fulfilling the prophetic sunnah by visiting them is also a reminder for ourselves, because we are likely to become sick at some time. How would you feel if you were sick in hospital or at home, and nobody came to visit you?

The sunnah of visiting the sick applies not only to our Muslim friends. It also applies to people we do not know, and to non-Muslims. An example from the life of Prophet Muhammad (saw), recorded by Bukhari, illustrates the potential effect of this. "A Jewish boy used to serve the Prophet (saw) and he fell sick. The Prophet (saw) came to visit him. He sat by his head and said, 'Become Muslim.' The boy looked at his father, who was also by his head, and his father said to him, 'Obey Abul-Qaasim (ie Prophet Muhammad, saw).' So he became Muslim, and the Prophet (saw) left, saying, 'Praise be to Allah Who has saved him from the Fire.'"

### Rewards

The plentiful rewards for visiting the sick, including entering Paradise, are related in various hadiths.

"When the Muslim visits his [sick] Muslim brother, he is harvesting the fruits of Paradise until he returns" (Muslim).

"Whoever visits a sick person or visits a brother in Islam, a caller cries out to him, 'May you be happy, may your walking be blessed, and may you occupy a dignified position in Paradise'" (at-Tirmidhi).

"There is no Muslim who visits a [sick] Muslim early in the morning but that 70,000 angels send blessings upon him until evening comes, and if he visits him in the evening, 70,000 angels send blessings upon him until morning comes, and he will have a garden in Paradise" (at-Tirmidhi).

### Etiquette

There are various things that we can do when visiting a sick person that follow Islamic tradition, and may help us attain Paradise, and help the sick person to recover.

**Intention:** In a well-known hadith recorded by Bukhari and Muslim, Prophet Muhammad (saw) stated, "Verily actions are [rewarded] by their intentions, and one shall only have [the reward] for that which one intended." In order to receive the reward for visiting a sick person, one should make the intention of visiting them.

**Timing:** We should time our visit to a sick person such that it is convenient for them. It should not be too soon after treatment, as they may still be in pain. It should also be during visiting times stated by hospitals, as their staff have other duties to perform, and patients need rest and sleep.

**Make it short:** Do not overstay your welcome by being with the sick person longer than you need

"WHEN THE MUSLIM VISITS HIS (SICK) MUSLIM BROTHER, HE IS HARVESTING THE FRUITS OF PARADISE UNTIL HE RETURNS." NARRATED BY MUSLIM, 2568.

to, unless they say they are happy for you to remain. You do not want to overburden them, and perhaps affect their wellbeing.

**Take a gift:** Many hadiths cover the virtue of giving gifts, even small ones, as they maintain the ties of friendship. "Exchange presents with one another. Presents remove ill-will from the hearts" (at-Tirmidhi).

**Fulfil the needs of the sick**

**person:** Do whatever you can to relieve the situation of the sick person. A hadith recorded by ibn Majah states, "The Prophet (saw) visited an ill person and asked, 'Do you long for anything? Do you long for sweet bread (*kak*)?' The man replied, 'Yes.' So they sent someone to bring some *kak* for him."

**Recite duas:** Aishah (ra) reported that "When the Prophet (saw) visited any ailing member of his family, he would touch the sick person with his right hand and would supplicate, '*Allahumma rabb an-nasi, adhibil-basa, washfi, antash-shafi, la shifaa illa shifauka, shifaaan la yughadiru saqaman*' (O Allah! the Sustainer of mankind! Remove this disease and cure (him or her)! You are the Great Curer. There is no cure but through You, which leaves behind no disease)."

**Ask the sick person to say dua**

**for you:** Prophet Muhammad (saw) said, "If you enter upon a sick person, then ask him to supplicate for you, for his supplication is like the supplications of the angels."

**Joyful conversation:** While we would naturally enquire about the person's sickness, we should not dwell on it but try to cheer them up by talking about other, happier subjects.

**Conclusion**

We are living at a time where people are becoming more distant and disconnected with one another. We therefore need all the more to revive the sunnah practice of visiting the sick. Not only will this benefit the sick person and you, but it will also help build relationships and a beautiful community based upon prophetic mercy for one another.

Imagine the impact on a non-Muslim if we visited them. We may not have the same impact as Prophet Muhammad (saw) converting a young Jewish boy but, insha Allah, we will have some impact, and it may help us attain Paradise. This was the way of our beloved Prophet (saw). Despite his many and varied responsibilities in the community and at home, he would always make time to visit people, keep the ties of kinship and bonds of friendship strong, and this was even more so when people were unwell.

We will also please Allah (swt). "Allah the Exalted will say on the Day of Resurrection, 'O son of Adam, I was sick but you did not visit me.' He will say, 'My Lord, how can I visit you when you are the Lord of the worlds?' Allah will say, 'Did you not know that my servant was sick and you did not visit him, and had you visited him, you would have found Me with him?'" (Muslim).

We should therefore try to follow the sunnah when visiting the sick:

- Show your genuine concern and love for them
- Bring joy and hope to their hearts, just as you would want for yourself in your time of need
- Follow the etiquette and sunnah of visiting the sick



## Reconstructing Yesterday

*Yesterday* is the title of a recent film written by Richard Curtis, who wrote much of the *Blackadder* and *Mr Bean* TV shows, and directed by Danny Boyle, who has also directed films including *The Beach*, *Slumdog Millionaire* and *Steve Jobs*.

The plot revolves around the character of British Indian Jack Malik, who is a struggling singer-songwriter. He is about to give up singing in clubs, but his manager and childhood friend Ellie tries to persuade him to persevere.

One night, after a freak cycle accident with a bus during a mysterious global blackout, he finds that he is the only person who knows who The Beatles were. It is as if The Beatles and all their music had never existed.



This is of course music to the ears of Jack. He tries to reconstruct all the Beatles classic songs from memory, and he becomes a smash hit overnight playing them to audiences who have never heard them before.

Eventually he meets two elderly Beatles fans who say that they know that The Beatles – not Jack – wrote all the songs. Nevertheless, they are happy that Jack is keeping the songs alive, albeit in a stripped-down voice-and-guitar version.

Ultimately, Jack decides that he needs to tell the truth, and confesses, during a performance at Wembley Stadium, that he did not write the songs.

And Jack and Ellie marry.

The film was received with average-to-positive ratings by critics. The mysterious global blackout is never explained, nor why it did not affect Jack and the two Beatles fans. Essentially the film is an average rom-com. The fact that it contained over a dozen classic Beatles songs (apparently at a fee of \$10 million) no doubt helped redeem it.

### Memorisation

Jack racks his brain to try to remember all the songs on all the Beatles albums, and their lyrics. His first source for research is, of course, Google. However, in this alternative world, a search for “Beatles” only finds the insects – beetles. He googles for the title of their 1967 record *Sergeant Pepper*, but only finds capsicum peppers. He is seen trying desperately to piece together the dense lyrics of the Beatles song *Eleanor Rigby*.

*Eleanor Rigby picks up the rice  
In the church where a wedding has  
been.*

*Lives in a dream.*

*Waits at the window, wearing the  
face*

*That she keeps in a jar by the  
door.*

*Who is it for?*

*Father McKenzie, writing the words  
Of a sermon that no one will hear.*

*No one comes near.*

*Look at him working, darning his  
socks*

*In the night when there's nobody  
there.*

*What does he care?*

Jack is seen frantically trying to remember whether it is Eleanor or Father McKenzie who was darning socks.

It is appealing to speculate how much of art – books, songs, music, plays, poetry, operas, etc – could be reconstructed if all written or recorded documentation of them were lost. Some could be reproduced because they are regularly delivered by artists (musicians, actors, opera singers, etc). Similarly, favourite poems are often memorised by poetry-lovers.

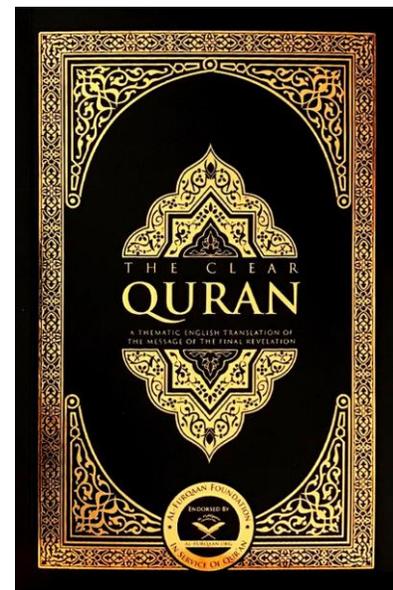
The film *Yesterday*, named after one of the Beatles' greatest hits, is basically a science-fiction story that asks "What if?". That is, "What if all the Beatles music were lost?" In the May 2011 issue of *Rocket Science*<sup>1</sup>, the same question was explored by considering the plot of the Ray Bradbury novel *Fahrenheit 451*. This novel is set in a future

dystopian American society in which the masses are pleasure-seeking and anti-intellectual, and critical thought through reading is outlawed. As a result, the state burns all printed copies of books.

### Memorising the Quran

One document – just like the books in *Fahrenheit 451*, or the Beatles music in *Yesterday* – that could easily be reconstructed is the Quran. Even if all the printed copies of the Quran were burnt, it would easily survive, because many people memorise the whole of the Quran in its original Arabic. They are known as *hafidh*. It is impossible to give a precise figure for the number of *huffadh* (the plural of *hafidh*) in today's world, but it must run into the millions. Over the past centuries, it must run into many millions. The fact that they continuously recite the Quran during the year, and especially during the holy month of Ramadan, means that it is not lost or mistakes allowed to enter.

The Arabic word *hafidh* means both "memoriser" and also "guardian", a reference to the fact that the original Quran is being guarded by being memorised by so many people. In the Quran, Allah (swt) states that the Quran will not be corrupted. "Indeed, it is We who sent down the Quran and indeed, We will be its guardian" (15:9). "Indeed, it [the Quran] is a mighty book. Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it; [it is] a revelation from a [Lord who is] Wise and Praiseworthy" (41:41-2).



### Transformation

It is remarkable to note that The Beatles produced 13 albums in a period of only eight years (1963 – 1970). However, during that time, they transformed popular music. Their early albums, while perfectly listenable-to, and well played, sung and produced, are nevertheless mostly just catchy three-minute pop songs.

However, a *Rolling Stone* editor compared the Beatles to Picasso, as “artists who broke through the constraints of their time period to come up with something that was unique and original ... [I]n the form of popular music, no one will ever be more revolutionary, more creative and more distinctive”<sup>2</sup>. Starting probably with *Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band* (1967), they broke the mould, by producing longer songs, using innovative studio recording techniques (with “the fifth Beatle”, producer George Martin), and exploring deeper themes than simple love songs.

Likewise, the period before the revelation of the Quran is known as *Jahiliya*, meaning the “Age of Ignorance”. The Quran transformed the religious and spiritual landscape by pointing out where people had gone wrong and strayed from their natural human disposition (*fitra*), and how they could get back on track. No longer could people plead ignorance as to how to lead their lives.

### Influence

Very many popular musicians since the 1960s have cited The Beatles as a strong musical influence on them. Much of the Beatles music is described as important in the development of the musical genre of the 1970s known as progressive rock<sup>3</sup>. A band that are often described as being very derivative of The Beatles are the 1990s and 2000s British band Oasis. “Oasis were most heavily influenced by the Beatles, an influence that was frequently labelled as an ‘obsession’ by British media”<sup>4</sup>.

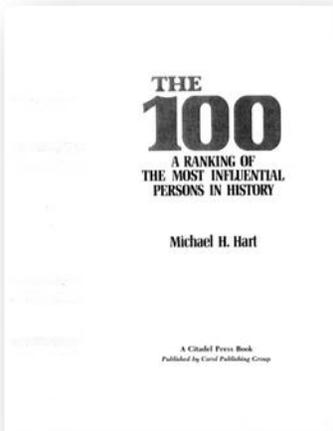
Similarly, every Muslim would say that the Quran is very influential in their life. Muslim converts often state that reading the Quran was the impetus that convinced them to become a Muslim.

In 1978, Michael H Hart published a book *The 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History*<sup>4</sup>, which sold more than half a million copies in 15 languages. It is often mentioned by Muslims, because the most influential person in his list, ie #1, is Prophet Muhammad (saw). While Hart is not a Muslim, he acknowledges the influence on people’s lives over the last 14 centuries of Prophet Muhammad (saw), as the last prophet of God and the source of thousands of hadiths, and also as the person to whom was revealed the Quran, the most influential book for Muslims.

Hart’s Top Ten Most Influential People are:



*Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band*



1. Muhammad
2. Isaac Newton
3. Jesus Christ
4. Buddha
5. Confucius
6. St Paul
7. Tsai Lun (inventor of paper)
8. Johannes Gutenberg (inventor of the printing press)
9. Christopher Columbus
10. Albert Einstein

### Fashion

While the Beatles music can be compared with the Quran in some respects, there are nonetheless major differences. The Beatles music was composed by the "Fab Four", John, Paul, George and Ringo – especially the first two, as Lennon and McCartney – whereas Muslims believe that the Quran was written by Allah (swt).

Another difference is that the Quran does not go in and out of fashion. It was revealed 14 centuries ago, and has always been the main source of guidance for Muslims. On the other hand, some aspects of the Beatles music reflect the vogue of the time. For instance, much of their early music, while still enjoyable, is not timeless and sounds like it comes from the early 1960s.

In the film *Yesterday*, Jack's present-day American production company dislike the titles of some

of his (versions of Beatles') songs, and album covers. For instance, the record producer dislikes the titles and cover art of the Beatles' 1968 and 1969 albums *The White Album* and *Abbey Road*. The modern-day producer eventually produces an album entitled *One Man Only*. Likewise, Ed Sheeran, playing a cameo role as himself, suggests that the title of (Jack's version of) the Beatles 1968 classic song *Hey Jude* should be changed to *Hey Dude*. In contrast, nobody has suggested – or would ever suggest – that any part of the Quran should be changed, as it is from Allah (swt).

### Conclusion

The Beatles' music – indeed any piece of art – cannot really be compared with the Quran, as the Quran is from Allah (swt) while art was created by humans. However, some parallels can be drawn with the Beatles' music, in order to highlight the unique nature of the Quran and the importance of reading and memorising it.

- 1 [mtalbertislamiccentre.org/sites/default/files/Rocket%20Science%20May%202011\\_0.pdf](http://mtalbertislamiccentre.org/sites/default/files/Rocket%20Science%20May%202011_0.pdf)
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- 3 [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Progressive\\_rock](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Progressive_rock)
- 4 [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oasis\\_\(band\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oasis_(band))
- 5 Hart, M. M. (1978). *The 100: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History*. New York: Hart Publishing Company, Inc. (Revised versions 1992, 2000)



*The White Album*



*Abbey Road*

## Algeria's Africa Cup celebrations

Algeria, led by captain, Manchester City's Riyad Mahrez, were crowned Africa Cup of Nations champions for the second time, beating Senegal 1-0 in the final on 19 July. The only goal of the game was scored in the 79<sup>th</sup> second by

Baghdad Bounedjah, whose shot took a wicked deflection that looped past the Senegalese goalkeeper. Senegal dominated the rest of the match but were unable to find an equalising goal.

How did the Algerian players celebrate? By spraying champagne over each other? No, they performed sujud, to thank Allah (swt) for their victory.



Bounedjah (in white) shoots



The ball comes off a defender and loops into the corner of the net



Algeria, including captain Riyad Mahrez (centre) celebrate with the Cup



The team celebrate with sujud

## Remains of 1,200-year-old mosque found

The foundations of an ancient mosque have been found near the Bedouin town of Rahat in the Negev Desert<sup>1, 2</sup>. It has been dated back to the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> century, maybe less than one century after the time of Prophet Muhammad (saw).

Arabs conquered the area around the year 636. The area was agricultural, and contained a village, the mosque becoming the central point. The mosque would thus have been frequented by farmers. The archaeologists also found houses with courtyards, storage rooms and fireplaces.

The mosque itself is a small rectangular building, about the size of a single-car garage. Nevertheless, it has a prayer niche (mihrab) facing Makkah.

Let us hope it is preserved for historical reasons.

In 2016, Israeli forces on Thursday demolished a mosque in the Bedouin village of Rakhma in the Negev Desert under the pretext that it had been built without a permit, eyewitnesses said<sup>3</sup>.

"Dozens of Israeli forces, backed by a bulldozer, stormed the village this morning and began

demolishing the mosque," local resident Mohammed Al-Saghayreh said.

The Israeli government classifies approximately 40 villages in the Negev Desert as "unrecognized," arguing that the roughly 53,000 Palestinian Bedouins living there cannot prove their ownership of the land. In January 2016, Israeli forces razed the Bedouin village of al-Araqib in Negev for the 93<sup>rd</sup> time. The village was first demolished in July 2010, before being rebuilt multiple times.

Dozens of Palestinians who bear Israeli citizenship, live in al-Araqib. They say they have owned the land long before Israel came into existence in 1948.

1 Archaeologists find mosque from when Islam arrived in holy land. Reuters, 19 July 2019.

[www.reuters.com/article/us-archaeology-israel-mosque/archaeologists-find-mosque-from-when-islam-arrived-in-holy-land-idUSKCN1UD21Z](http://www.reuters.com/article/us-archaeology-israel-mosque/archaeologists-find-mosque-from-when-islam-arrived-in-holy-land-idUSKCN1UD21Z)

2 Israel mosque find: Archaeologists unearth 1,200-year-old ruins in desert. BBC News, 18 July 2019.

[www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-49036815](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-49036815)

3 [muslimnews.co.uk/news/palestine/israel-demolishes-mosque-in-negev-desert-village](http://muslimnews.co.uk/news/palestine/israel-demolishes-mosque-in-negev-desert-village)



## Unsupported terrorism accusations against Sri Lankan Muslim MPs

Eight Muslim officials in Sri Lanka have stepped down from their Cabinet posts in solidarity with another minister, Rishad Bathiudeen, accused by the opposition of ties to the group behind the lethal Easter Sunday bombings that killed over 250 people<sup>1</sup>. Rishad Bathiudeen had resigned his post as industry minister earlier in the day. His resignation preempted the planned no-confidence motion against him, introduced by the opposition. The motion accused him of providing ammunition to a factory owned by one of the suspects in the 21 April bombings, and pressuring the army to release several suspects arrested after the attacks, among other things. However, the opposition offered no evidence to support these claims.

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's governing

coalition appears to be safe for the time being, as all eight Muslim officials will remain Members of Parliament. "We will not leave the government. We will protect the government," Rauff Hakeem, who resigned as Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education, said.

Muslims and Christians combined make up less than 20% of Sri Lanka's population, which is overwhelmingly Buddhist. A wave of anti-Muslim sentiment has swept the country in the wake of the Easter attacks. In May, violent mobs tore through communities in the country's North Western Province, vandalising mosques and leaving one man dead.

1 Muslim Sri Lankan ministers resign in protest over terrorism accusations. RT, 3 June 2019.  
[www.rt.com/news/460988-muslim-sri-lanka-ministers-resign-terrorism/](http://www.rt.com/news/460988-muslim-sri-lanka-ministers-resign-terrorism/)



Rishad Bathiudeen



Shabir Ally



Salahuddin Patel



Hamza Tzortis



Imran Hussein

## 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). VOI television is broadcast on APNA TV (Freeview channel 36)(10.30 am Sun). In order to save costs, it now only broadcasts on APNA TV. However, Voice of Islam programmes are available on YouTube.

### 4 August

Quran, 22: 27-31 Hajj

Tid Bits: Hajj Yusuf Estes.

Prophet Muhammad, clip 18

Lecture: Why are we celebrating Eid-ul Adha?: Nouman Ali Khan.

The beginning & the end, 28: Offending the angels. Omar Suleiman.

People of Quran, 05: The back breaker.

Virtues & Vices Series, 01: Patience & Anger. Shabir Ally

### 11 August

Quran, 22: 27-31 Hajj

Abraham, the friend of God series, 08: Hajj the spiritual journey. Salahuddin Patel.

Prophet Muhammad, clip 04

Virtues & Vices Series, 02: Hypocrisy & sincerity. Shabir Ally

### 18 August

Quran, 06:71 Guidance is from Allah.

Animation clip 09: is Islam hard?

Abraham - the friend of God series, 01: Awakening the truth within. Hamza Tzortis.

Prophet Muhammad, clip 19: His mentorship.

The beginning & the end, 29: Your paradise awaits. Omar Suleiman.

Why I wear hijab.

### 25 August

Quran, 06:71 Guidance is from Allah.

Animation, clip 10: Is the Quran man-made?

Abraham, the friend of God series, 02: In God we trust. Imran Hussein.

Prophet Muhammad, clip 20: Quality time with children.

Virtues & Vices Series, 03: Loose tongue & silent restraint. Shabir Ally

The beginning & the end, 30: Jinns & Devils. Omar Suleiman.

Watch VOI online, or order a free copy of the Quran: [www.voitv.org](http://www.voitv.org)

## Auckland prayer timetable for August 2019

(from [www.islamicfinder.org](http://www.islamicfinder.org). For other cities in New Zealand, see [www.fianz.co.nz](http://www.fianz.co.nz)).

Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr 1	Asr 2	Maghrib	Isha
1	05:50	07:19	12:28	03:15	03:57	05:36	07:00
2	05:50	07:19	12:28	03:16	03:58	05:36	07:01
3	05:49	07:18	12:28	03:16	03:58	05:37	07:01
4	05:48	07:17	12:28	03:17	03:59	05:38	07:02
5	05:47	07:16	12:28	03:18	04:00	05:39	07:03
6	05:46	07:15	12:27	03:18	04:01	05:40	07:04
7	05:45	07:14	12:27	03:19	04:01	05:40	07:04
8	05:45	07:13	12:27	03:19	04:02	05:41	07:05
9	05:44	07:12	12:27	03:20	04:03	05:42	07:06
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28	05:22	06:48	12:23	03:31	04:17	05:57	07:19
29	05:20	06:47	12:23	03:31	04:18	05:58	07:20
30	05:19	06:45	12:22	03:32	04:18	05:59	07:21
31	05:18	06:44	12:22	03:32	04:19	06:00	07:21

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

Asr 2: Hanafi school (double shadow length)

"The first thing to be done on this day (first day of Eid ul-Adha) is to pray; and after returning from the prayer, we slaughter our sacrifices (in the name of Allah) and whoever does so, he acted according to our traditions (sunnah)."  
(Bukhari)

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Prayers are held at the **Senior Citizens' Association building, Rocket Park, New North Road, Mount Albert.**

- ✓ Central location
- ✓ Plenty of free parking
- ✓ Facilities for ladies
- ✓ Heating and air-conditioning
- ✓ Bayan (religious talk) before jumuah prayers
- ✓ All bayans and khutbahs in English

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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)