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Conversion, umrah, now hajj

In the December issue of *Rocket Science*, we reported the conversion of Arnoud van Doorn, the Dutch politician who was instrumental in the making of the 2008 Islamophobic film *Fitna*. Earlier in 2013, he performed umrah.

He returned to Saudi Arabia later in the year to perform hajj. While on hajj, he told the *Saudi Gazette*, "I found myself among these faithful hearts. I hope that my tears of regret will wash out all my sins after my repentance. I felt ashamed standing in front of the Prophet's grave. I thought of the grave mistake which I had made by producing that sacrilegious film. I hope that Allah will forgive me and accept my repentance."

In another interview during hajj, he said that his eyes were filled with tears of joy ever since he arrived in Makkah. He added that he was living the best moments of his life.

He has said he bitterly regrets his previous actions and wants to make amends by producing a film showing Islam in a positive light.

To follow this story on the internet, Google "Arnoud van Doorn".



During hajj, Arnoud van Doorn (fourth from left) meets His Royal Highness Prince Mamdouh Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, and other Saudi dignitaries

Personal reflections on hajj

This year, David Blocksidge of the Rocket Park jumuah, performed hajj with his wife Mazlinah. This is his personal recollection, illustrated with his own photographs.

Recently another convert and I were attending a wedding ceremony (nikkah). We sat around the table with other friends eating the delicious Malay food and the conversation got around to the topic of hajj. The other convert and I were blessed to have been given the opportunity by Allah (swt) to go from Auckland with our wives on our pilgrimage in 2013. Our friends had not yet undertaken their pilgrimage and they felt that our informal chat about it was informative in a way that a structured lecture cannot be. They asked me to put my thoughts down on paper, and this is the result. Insha Allah, it will encourage other brothers and sisters to undertake their own pilgrimage.

My wife and I had attended a short series of lectures at a mosque on the topic of hajj. They were excellent and I would encourage everyone to attend such lectures. They gave a good outline of what to expect, and the rituals required of pilgrims to perform their hajj successfully. Check with the organisers to ensure that lectures are being given in a language you understand, or that a full translation will be given simultaneously. Check, too, that appropriate arrangements have been made for sisters to attend; my wife was the other side of a curtain so she could not see the speakers or the little demonstrations.

Do not expect to remember everything you are told at this point. It is unnecessary. When you are on hajj you will receive almost daily briefings from the leaders of the group you are travelling with. On that subject, pick a reputable agent to go with; ask around among your hajji friends and discuss the service they received from the group they went with.

On hajj itself, we carried with us everywhere an excellent booklet called *Hajj of Change: A Guide to Performing Hajj, Umrah and Ziyaarah*. It detailed everything we needed to know to perform the rituals of hajj. See if you can get a copy. Keeping yourself well informed about what you should be doing at each step provides confidence and peace of mind that your hajj will be performed correctly and will therefore be accepted (hajj mabrur), insha Allah.

Hajj is an experience that almost defies description. It is huge by any measure. Masjid Al-Nabawi, the mosque of our Prophet (saw) in Madinah, can accommodate three-quarters of a million worshippers under cover. Each year, in excess of three million pilgrims are visiting the same sites at about the same time, so you can expect massive crowds everywhere you go. The mosques in Madinah and Makkah are so big that during prayers, an appointed person near the middle of the mosques repeats the imam's words "Allahu akbar" during prayers so people near the back can know for sure when to prostrate and so



The Mount of Mercy (Jabal al-Rahmah) at Arafat, site of the "day of standing" on 9 Thul-Hijjah.

preparation

briefings

book

crowds

illnesses

on.

So many people from every corner of the planet means that you can expect to come home with a bug of one kind or another. I had a hacking cough that I called "Muzdalifah virus" because I was okay until I spent the obligatory night in that place. I prefer the description of another returned hajji, who aptly named it "camel cough". My wife had conjunctivitis in one eye. As they say in the ads, consult a doctor if symptoms persist.

We were warned beforehand that we could expect to see surprising or even shocking sights and this turned out to be true. At Masjid al-Haram in Makkah, a few women insisted on taking wudhu at the men's outdoor wudhu station just outside the mosque. Presumably they were too lazy or had left too little time to go downstairs to their own area. For the first time in my life, I saw women other than my wife taking wudhu. It's impossible to avoid when you are at the next tap to the person.

beggars

Women beggars entered our men-only tent at Mina on more than one occasion, and beggars generally can be a problem. We were told, and I feel it is sound advice, not to give to these "professional beggars" but to give instead to the mosque cleaners, hotel staff and others who work for a pittance in Madinah and Makkah. Ten Saudi riyal (roughly NZ\$3) buys their meals for one day, for example.



The tent city at Mina

One night near our tents at Mina, a fight broke out between two groups of Sunni and Shia brothers. Whether their hajj has been accepted only Allah (swt) knows, but such bad behaviour could not have helped them.

patience

A word you will hear constantly in the context of hajj is *sabr* (patience). You need plenty of it to cope with the crowds; queues for toilets, wudhu and showers; travel hiccups; constant delays and hold-ups. Allow plenty of time for everything.

3m pilgrims

Most people are doing the best they can in the circumstances but moving three million people around for a single purpose must be a logistical nightmare. So show some compassion for the officials, many of whom are part-time and do another job the rest of the year.

That said, I must confess to losing my cool with the airline check-in clerk who yet again seated my wife and me far apart. Despite checking in simultaneously as husband and wife, that airline managed to seat us separately on every single leg of the journey. We negotiated each time with fellow passengers to swap seats so we could be together. This happens a lot and is ironic considering the emphasis on women travelling on hajj only with their mahram. The first fellow pilgrim to offer to swap seats in this way for us turned out to be a Shia Muslim with beautifully refined manners, so the moral I took from that is not to rush to judge others.

tawaf

We were advised that when doing tawaf (circumambulating the Holy Kabah in Makkah), we should refrain from speaking as tawaf is an act of worship. Despite this, we saw many people chatting, chanting in groups and even

uploading photos and taking video. It is disrespectful, to say the least. Just ignore such activities and continue with your own silent prayers.

On the ground floor it can get very crowded so we did all but the first of our tawafs on the roof. Go at cooler times of the day, such as just before dawn. Just keep an eye out for fast-moving wheelchairs.



It is now possible to perform tawaf on a raised walkway

A friend I was with had a great suggestion for protecting our wives from being jostled by other men during tawaf. We had our wives walk immediately in front of us and we put our arms out stiffly on each side of our wives' shoulders so nobody could cross their path. In crowds generally, hold your wife's (or mother's, daughter's or sister's) hand so you do not get parted. It can happen all too easily. If like us, you follow the school (madhab) of Imam Shafi'i, then you will need to use Hanafi rules of wudhu for hajj. This is permissible during hajj and it allows you to hold hands for this purpose without breaking your wudhu.

Sadly, crowds attract pickpockets, especially at Masjid al-Haram. Take all necessary precautions because they are expert at parting you from your valuables. I alerted my friend to his unzipped pouch in time to prevent any theft from it, after which he let his wife carry it under her hijab.

There are many beautiful sights and you may wish to take photographs so you have a visual record of your hajj. The authorities have become more relaxed about this in recent years but don't push your luck in places such as the grave of our Prophet (saw) in Masjid Al-Nabawi. I saw men trying to take photos through the grille at the grave. It is bad manners and, anyway, there is nothing to see. I had my own rule about photography: do the necessary rites of hajj first, then get the camera out if time permits and the circumstances are appropriate. Your primary intention at all times is to perform hajj successfully.

Hajj is an incredible experience. Clichés such as "the trip of a lifetime" hardly begin to do it justice. Try to perform it while you are still reasonably fit because it is physically, mentally and spiritually demanding.

I have the photographs to remind me of our Prophet's mosque, which must be one of the most beautiful, tranquil places on Earth. Visiting his grave is not strictly part of hajj but it is considered mustahab (highly desirable) by all four schools of thought to do so. It's worth being outside the mosque at



Inside the Prophet's mosque in Madinah

umbrellas

birds of prey

janaza

dawn and at dusk to watch the enormous umbrellas opening and closing. They surround the entire mosque.

Speaking of beautiful sights, when you are on the roof of Masjid al-Haram during the day, look up. If you are lucky, high above the scores of construction cranes you may see birds of prey soaring on the thermals. I counted 12 on one thermal alone, gently circling high above the Kabah.

Of course, the main beauty comes from within: the joy of being able to spend many hours in quiet contemplation and reflection.

After nearly every one of the five daily prayers in the mosque, you will hear a call to janaza (funeral) prayers. It is good to remain an extra few minutes to perform these because of the blessings bestowed upon those who pray for the dead.

I made mistakes with the luggage. One was taking two sets of ihram sheets for myself. They are quite bulky and heavy and one would have been sufficient.

I have purposely avoided discussing the rites of hajj because I am not a scholar. You will learn about this side of hajj in due course from the appropriate sources. May that day come soon for you, insha Allah.



The "umbrellas" of the Prophet's mosque

We're three years old!

Al-hamdu lillah! *Rocket Science* started in a small way in January 2011, and we have managed to keep going every month since then. Mount Albert Islamic Trust would like to thank everyone who has written for *Rocket Science*, and everyone who has subscribed to it and read it. We hope you still find that there are interesting pieces on all aspects of Islam.

Feedback on how we are doing is always welcome (mtalbertmasjid@gmail.com).



Hajj the hard way

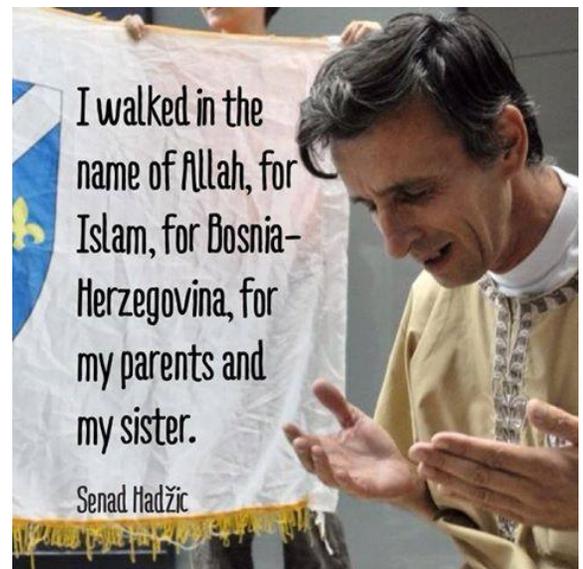
If you think that taking over 20 hours of flights to Jeddah, waiting in the airport, and then catching a coach to Makkah is arduous, spare a thought for Senad Hadzic, 47. He travelled to Makkah on foot ... 5,650 kilometres (3,540 miles) from his home town near the Bosnian capital Sarajevo, through Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. "I walked across seven countries, two deserts, ... without money, only with a rucksack weighing 20 kilograms," he recounted. He couldn't raise the cash, but said he was "invited [to Makkah] by God" in his dreams. He took "no water, no food", but some clothes, a torch for walking at night, maps and flags of the seven countries he walked through, and a Quran. He left his home with just €200 (NZ\$333) and slept mostly in mosques, parks and occasionally in the streets.

The first trial was braving -35°C temperatures in Bulgaria in December 2012. He had been strongly advised to go through Iraq instead of troubled Syria, but dreamed of Damascus and said he thought "God wanted me to go this way." So he had to spend several hours at the Syrian border haggling to get a visa. However, he said having a Syrian visa "means nothing. A rebel fighter can walk out of a cornfield and demand your passport." An officer in President Bashar al-Assad's army "asked me to pray for him in Makkah, if I managed to get out of Syria alive." He said "the Quran was my visa", describing government soldiers as polite and welcoming, and the opposition army as showing "a lot of respect for what I was doing".

He summed it up: "There wasn't a single easy day, every day has been difficult. But at the same time it's been exciting."

May Allah (swt) grant him an accepted hajj (hajj mabrur).

For more, Google his name "Senad Hadzic", or go to his Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SenadHadzicWalksToMeccaForHajj) which has nearly 8,000 followers.



5,650 km

7 countries

little money

Syria

not easy

The value of time

Most of us have heard about the concept of the 'time value of money'. We all know that \$20 in your pocket today is worth more than \$20 in your pocket in a hundred years' time. This concept of having something today and cherishing it to make good use of it, rather than waiting for it, when it is worth less, indicates the importance of the "now". Time, in essence, is a creation of Allah (swt).

Prophet Muhammad (saw) told his followers, "Do not curse time (al-dahr), for God is the one who crafted time" (Muslim).

Imam Nawawi's commentary on the clause "for God is the one who crafted time" explains that Allah (swt) alone causes events and accidents to happen, and He is the Creator of all that happens.

Islam considers time as a valuable blessing from Allah (swt). We are encouraged to be conscious of time and make use of our time wisely in worship, referring not only to the routine Islamic practices like praying five times a day but conforming to the worship of Allah for the whole time we are in this world, by the deeds we do. We only have a short period of time in this world and we are asked to make the most of it, before we are accountable for the things we have done in this life.

In Surah Al-Asr, Allah (swt) says, "By time, Indeed, mankind is in loss, except for those who have believed and done righteous deeds and advised each other to truth and advised each other to patience."

Ibn Abbas narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, "Take advantage of five matters before five other matters: your youth, before you become old; your health, before you fall sick; your wealth, before you become poor; your free time, before you become preoccupied; and your life, before your death" (Hakim, Musnad Imam Ahmad).

Muadh ibn Jabal narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, "A servant of Allah will remain standing on the Day of Judgment till he is questioned: about his age and how he spent it; and about his knowledge and how he utilised it; about his wealth, from where he acquired it and in what (activities) he spent it; and about his body as to how he used it."

Ibn Abbas narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, "There are two of Allah's favours that are forgotten by many people: health and free time for doing good" (Bukhari).

Allah (swt) says in the Quran (51:56-58), "I have only created jinns and men, that they may serve Me. No sustenance do I require of them, nor do I require that they should feed Me. For Allah is He Who gives (all) sustenance, Lord of Power, Steadfast (for ever)." This is a powerful verse from the Quran connecting us to why we are here and what our purpose in life is. If we are not fulfilling this verse and instead wasting time, we are not doing what we are asked to do in this world.



blessing

*youth
health
wealth
free time
life*

The Prophet (saw) also said, "Lose no time to do good deeds before you are caught up by one of seven calamities awaiting you: a starvation which may impair your wisdom; a prosperity which may mislead you; an ailment which may damage your health; an old age which may harm your senses; a sudden death; the Dajjal (Antichrist); or Doomsday, which is indeed the hardest and most bitter" (at-Tirmidhi, al-Baihaqi).

From the above, we are admonished both in the Quran and hadith to value time and make the best use of it. How many of us do this? If we don't productively use our time, how do we now change?

Let us make this dua often as the Prophet (saw) used to supplicate so we may use our time productively: "O Allah! I seek refuge in You from sorrow and distress, and I seek refuge in You from disability and laziness."

Wake up early for fajr prayers and do not leave it till the last minute, as Allah (swt) has blessed the morning prayer and evening prayer. Abu Zuhair Umarah Ruwaibah (ra) reported, "I heard the Messenger of Allah saying, 'He who performs salat before the rising of the sun and before its setting, will not enter Hell'" (Muslim).



Permissibility of water for ablution

The Quran (Surah Al-Baqara, verse 222) states, "Indeed, Allah loves those who are constantly repentant and loves those who purify themselves." Allah (swt) has commanded us to purify ourselves before we stand for prayer.

This article discusses the different types of water that we use to make ablution. What are the different types? Which ones are clean (tahara) and so are permissible for wudu? What is the prophetic guidance on this topic and what are the different hadith relating to it?

According to the shariah, there are four different kinds of water.

Mutlaq water

This water is considered pure due to the inherent nature of it. It includes rain water, snow and hail and sea water. As for the purity of the rain water, Allah (swt) says in the Quran (Surah Al-Furqan, verse 48), "We send down from the sky pure water".

As an aside, mutlaq in Arabic means "absolute" or "unlimited". In the context of tahara, it means that the water is absolutely clean and pure. The



fact that rain water, snow and hail is mutlaq can be seen in the following hadith. Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah (saw) used to be silent between the (opening) takbir of the prayer and the Quranic recitation. Abu Hurairah asked him, "O Messenger of Allah, may my father and mother be sacrificed for you, why do you remain silent between the takbir and the recital? What do you say (silently during that time)?" He said, "I say, 'O Allah, make a distance between me and my sins similar to the distance you have made between the East and the West. O Allah, cleanse me of my sins in the manner that a white garment (is cleansed) from dirt. O Allah, wash my sins from me with snow, water, and hail.'"

The purity of sea water is based on the following hadith. Abu Hurairah related that a man asked the Messenger of Allah (saw) "O Messenger of Allah, we sail on the ocean and we carry only a little water. If we use it for ablution, we will have to go thirsty. May we use sea water for ablution?" The Messenger of Allah (saw) replied, "Its (the sea's) water is pure and its dead (animals) are lawful (ie they can be eaten without any prescribed slaughtering)."



Likewise water from the well of Zamzam is considered pure.

Used water

Used water refers to water that drips from one's body after ablution is made. This type of water is considered pure because there is no reason to think that it has lost its purity. This is supported by the following hadith. Rab'i bint Mu'wazh (ra) stated that the Prophet (saw) "wiped his head with (the water) remaining on his hands from his ablution."

Ibn al-Munzhir said that it is related that Ali, Ibn Umar, Abu Umamah, Ata, al-Hassan, Makhul and An-Nakhai said that if a person forgot to wipe his head while making ablution, it is sufficient for him to wipe his head with any water remaining in his beard. Ibn al-Munzhir stated that this proves that they took "used water" as pure.



Water mixed with pure elements

This category includes water that is mixed with pure elements like soap, saffron, flowers and so on. Such water is considered pure so long as there are no other substances mixed with it such that the mixture can no longer be called water. If it is so, then such water is considered pure but cannot be used for purification.

When Zainab (ra), the daughter of the Prophet's (saw), died, the messenger of Allah (saw) said, "Wash her three or five or more times – if you see fit to do so

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– with water and dry tree leaves. For the final washing, use some camphor (kafoor) or something from camphor. When you are finished, inform me." This hadith suggests that using camphor to purify oneself is allowed because such water is considered pure and good for purification.

When washing the deceased, one must use something that may purify a living person. In one hadith it is recorded that Messenger of Allah (saw) and Maimunah (ra) purified themselves using a container of water with traces of dough in it.

As you can see from the two hadiths just mentioned, it is permissible to use water that is mixed with substances that do not substantially alter the nature of it.



Water mixed with impure elements

This category can be subdivided into two:

1 Substance mixed with water that will alter the taste, smell or colour of the water. Such water cannot be considered pure and cannot be used for purification.

2 Substance that does not alter the smell, colour or taste of the water. This is considered pure and can be used for purification.

As for the second category, I quote the following hadith:

Abu Hurairah (ra) reported that a bedouin urinated in the mosque. The people stood to get him (and stop him). The Prophet (saw) said, "Leave him and pour a bucket of water or a container of water over his urine. You have been raised to be easy on the people, not to be hard on them."

Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri asked the Prophet (saw), "Can we make ablution from the well of Buda'ah (a well in Madinah)?" The Prophet told him, "Water is pure and nothing makes it impure."

Qura'n Reflections Project 2013

Alhamdulillah by Allah's Grace we concluded the Qura'n Reflection project 2013 for the year on Thu 28th with Surah Al-Hujurat completion.

Re-start date: 13th February 2013

Re-start gathering: A gathering will be held in January prior to re-starting, and we will follow up with an announcement insha Allah.

Email us on ymwa.nz@gmail.com for more info!



Halal food is big business

On 23 November, New Zealand hosted for the first time a meeting of the Muslim World Forum, a growing global organisation which looks after Muslim interests worldwide¹. The occasion was dominated by discussions about halal meat, which is now a billion-dollar industry for New Zealand feeding 75 countries.

A quarter of New Zealand meat exports are now halal, and Tim Ritchie of the Meat Association says New Zealanders are already eating halal meat without knowing it. "Parts of that animal will go to a halal market, so for most of the production the halal process is there but it just may not have that certificate."

Ethnic Affairs Minister Judith Collins added, "We are based in a part of the world, the Asia-Pacific region, where the halal meat market is extremely important. This is part of how we can continue to grow economically as a country."

Meanwhile, in the UK, the first ever halal food festival was held in September in London's Docklands, where the Olympic Games were held². Fans of halal food and drink, known informally as haloodies, came from as far away as Australia to see live cookery demonstrations, celebrity chefs, cooking classes as well as restaurant and street food exhibitors.



It is a growing, multi-billion pound industry for the UK. According to the latest census, there are 2.7 million Muslims in the UK with a spending power of over estimated in the region of £20bn. The population is rising and in London more than one in 10 inhabitants is now Muslim.

London Mayor Boris Johnson, whose great-grandfather was Muslim, supported the festival. "The halal food industry is worth millions to our economy, and it is entirely right that this event should be taking place in London, home to so many Muslim communities from all over the world," he said.



London mayor Boris Johnson

1 Julian Lee "Demand grows for halal meat exports" TV£ News 23 November. www.3news.co.nz

2 Asad Ahmad "Halal food 'changing restaurant landscape'" BBC News 27 September. www.bbc.co.uk

Voice of Islam



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- 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)

3 & 4 January

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

FEATURE: Introduction to Islam parts 1, 2, 3 by Bridges Foundation.

My Path to Islam: by Abdul Rahman Howard

DOCUMENTARY: The secret of the test part 1 by Harun Yahya

11 & 12 January

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

FEATURE: Islamic beliefs parts 4, 5, 6 by Bridges Foundation.

DOCUMENTARY: The secret of the test part 2 by Harun Yahya

No Stone Unturned: Allah (God to all mankind) by Bilal Dannoun



18 & 19 January

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

FEATURE: Islamic beliefs part 7, Pillars of Islam part 8, 9 by Bridges Foundation.

My Path to Islam: by George Abdul Aziz

No Stone Unturned: Angels of God by Bilal Dannoun

25 & 26 January

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

FEATURE: Islam & Science part 10 by Bridges Foundation.

LECTURE: Love, fear & hope from Allah by Tawfique Chowdhury & Yasir Qadhi

FEATURE: Mosque open day.

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



“If any one of you enters a mosque, he should pray two rakats before sitting.” (hadith)

Auckland prayer timetable for January 2014

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

Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr1	Asr2	Maghrib	Isha
1	4:15	6:04	1:25	5:16	6:31	8:44	10:27
2	4:16	6:05	1:25	5:17	6:31	8:44	10:27
3	4:17	6:06	1:26	5:17	6:31	8:44	10:27
4	4:18	6:07	1:26	5:18	6:31	8:44	10:27
5	4:18	6:07	1:26	5:18	6:31	8:44	10:27
6	4:19	6:08	1:27	5:18	6:32	8:44	10:27
7	4:21	6:09	1:27	5:19	6:32	8:44	10:26
8	4:23	6:10	1:28	5:19	6:32	8:44	10:26
9	4:24	6:11	1:28	5:19	6:33	8:44	10:25
10	4:25	6:12	1:29	5:20	6:33	8:44	10:25
11	4:26	6:13	1:29	5:20	6:33	8:44	10:25
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19	4:38	6:21	1:32	5:22	6:33	8:41	10:19
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22	4:42	6:25	1:33	5:23	6:33	8:40	10:17
23	4:44	6:26	1:33	5:23	6:32	8:39	10:16
24	4:45	6:27	1:33	5:23	6:32	8:38	10:15
25	4:47	6:28	1:34	5:23	6:32	8:38	10:14
26	4:48	6:29	1:34	5:23	6:32	8:37	10:13
27	4:50	6:30	1:34	5:23	6:32	8:37	10:12
28	4:51	6:31	1:34	5:23	6:31	8:36	10:10
29	4:53	6:32	1:34	5:23	6:31	8:35	10:09
30	4:54	6:33	1:35	5:23	6:31	8:34	10:08
31	4:56	6:34	1:35	5:23	6:30	8:34	10:07

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

Asr 2: Hanafi school (double shadow length)

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- ✓ 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.

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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)