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In the name of Allah,
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Purification of the heart

The purification of the heart (tazkiya) was one of the main missions with which the Prophet (saw) was sent to mankind. There is a hadith of the Prophet: "Surely in the breasts of humanity is a lump of flesh; if sound, then the whole body is sound and if corrupt, then the whole body is corrupt."

The condition of the heart is highly significant in Islam. The Quran (26:87) contains the dua of prophet Ibrahim (as): "And disgrace me not on the day when all the creatures will be resurrected."

Allah (swt) describes the Day of Judgement as a day on which neither wealth nor children will be of any benefit to anyone, except one who comes to God with a sound heart.

The Quran defines three main types of people:

- 1 Believers (Al-Mu'minun) Their hearts are alive, and full of light. They have a sound and pure heart.
- 2 Rejecters of the truth (Al-Kafirun). Their hearts are in darkness and spiritually dead. Their hearts are so far away from Allah that they do not even realise it. In the Quran (2:18), Allah (swt) says, "Deaf, dumb, and blind, so they will not return to the right path."

- 3 Hypocrites (Al-Munafiqun). Their hearts are diseased.

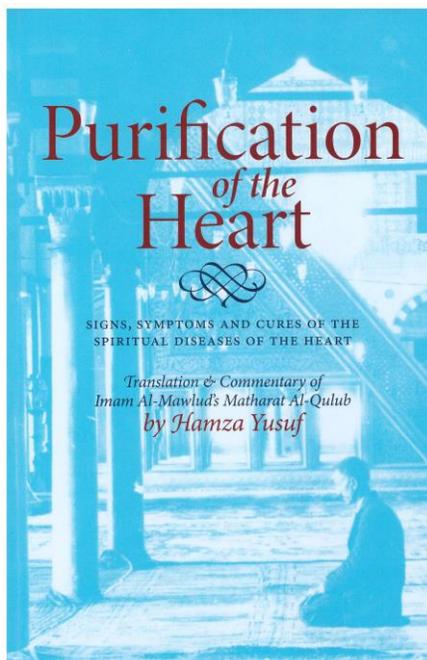
In the Quran (2:10), Allah (swt) says, "In their hearts is disease, so Allah has increased their disease, and for them is a painful punishment because they habitually used to lie."

How can we have a pure and sound heart?

The first requirement is repentance from our sins. Sins include extreme love of this world, envy, hatred, anger, arrogance, etc. These are very bad qualities that affect the condition of our hearts.

Once a man passed the Prophet (saw) and the Prophet said, "That man is one of the people of Paradise." The companions went and told the man what the Prophet had said and asked him if he did anything special. He replied, "The only thing that I can think of, other than what everybody else does, is that I make sure that I never sleep with any hatred in my heart towards another."

Hate is the opposite of love. And love is more powerful. "The loving" is one of the attributes of Allah (swt) contained in the 99 names: Al-Wadud.





The Prophet (saw) said, "None of you has achieved faith until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself." So sincere repentance, with the intention of starting a spiritual quest, will be a good start for us.

The Prophet (saw) said, "Indeed, when the servant commits a sin, a black spot appears upon his heart. If he abandons the sin, seeks forgiveness, and repents, then his heart will be polished. If he returns to the sin, the blackness will be increased until it overcomes his heart. It is the covering that Allah has mentioned: No, but on their hearts is a covering because of what they have earned [Quran 83:14]." May Allah (swt) keep us all away from this. Constant repentance and forgiveness with sincere intention is a great start. There is another famous hadith of the Prophet that states that all our actions are assessed by our intentions.

Another thing that can help us is having a daily routine: the five daily prayers, reading the Quran, making dhikr, making dua to avoid sins, and even things like controlling our diet. Bad eating habits affect our hearts and spirituality. They can make us lazy for worship, harden the hearts and block our consciousness, as can any bad habit.

Purification of the heart is one of the crucial aspects in our Muslim community. As we know, Islam is not just about the rituals or only about spirituality. They both go together. We pray, fast and do all the rituals as a principle for us to remember Allah (swt) and purify our hearts and souls.

In the Prophet's time, they had few soldiers, few weapons, etc, but what helped them succeed most was their love of Allah, their character and the condition of their hearts towards Allah and other people.

Islam as a major civilisation arose from the desert, a place where there was not much development in economy, agriculture, and so on. This development was because the message of Islam was based on the purification of the heart, first and foremost. So if we want to make a difference and change the world and our community, we must start with ourselves, through purification of our hearts.

Allah says in the Quran (8:53), "Allah never changes the condition of someone unless they change what is in themselves." Therefore, we must change ourselves, rather than judge and be negative. When our hearts are purified, we start to think and ponder in an enlightened way and gain positive energy which we can pass on to others. Therefore, when we purify ourselves, we can bring positive changes to our society. We can contribute and give something. This will also help our community unite and show a positive image to non-Muslims.

Allah (swt) always wants us to turn to Him. He sends us time, a chance to turn our hearts and purify ourselves before it is too late. May Allah make us people who have a sound heart.

Muhammad (saw): the greatest human being

Allah (swt) has chosen our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) above all creation. In the Quran (94:4), Allah (swt) says, "And [We] raised high for you your repute. Allah (swt) has raised his mentioning and remembrance. Elsewhere (33:56), Allah (swt) says, "Lo! Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O you who believe! Ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation." He is the greatest human being for all time. He is our beloved Prophet (saw).

He is the leader of all of humanity. In the Quran (33:21), Allah (swt) says, "There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often."

Our Prophet (saw) says, "I am the master of mankind on the Day of Judgement" (Bukhari). In another narration, he says "I am the master of the children of Adam on the Day of Judgement, the first from whom the grave will split, the first interceder, and the first to be granted intercession" (Muslim).

Let us look at some of his extraordinary characteristics that make him the greatest human being.

1 Declaration of faith

We cannot become a Muslim until we have declared the shahada. The very foundation of our faith relies on us saying ""Ashadu al-la ilaha illa Allah, wa ashadu anna Muhammadur rasul Allah" ("There is no God but Allah and Muhammed (saw) is his messenger.") Allah

(swt) has placed our beloved Messenger (saw) next to him in the declaration of faith, to accept Allah as our Lord Almighty and our beloved Prophet as his messenger. No other person can take this special place in Islam; for every believer until the end of time, this will be our declaration of faith.

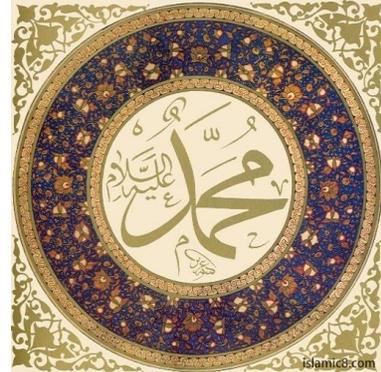
2 Remembered before and during every prayer by all Muslims

Our daily acts of prayer commence with the remembrance of our beloved Prophet (saw). Before even commencing our salah, our he is mentioned in the adhan and iqama (first and second calls to prayer). Just like in the shahada, we bear witness there is no God but Allah and we bear witness that Muhammad (saw) is the Messenger of Allah, before each of the five daily prayers, in the call to prayer.

During the prayers, we again praise him, as the shahada is a compulsory part of every second rakaat. No prayer is complete without the mention of our beloved Prophet (saw). Salawat (asking Allah to bless Muhammad) is a highly recommended, optional part of prayers. As Allah has promised, indeed his remembrance and mention has been raised high.

3 Allah (swt) declared that our dear prophet is a mercy to the world

In the Quran (21:107), Allah (swt) says, "And we have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds.



Our beloved Prophet (saw) is a mercy to the whole world. He is the embodiment of mercy (rahma). Allah (swt) has sent him so that we may receive mercy. We receive mercy through him and he is the direct link for us to obtain the mercy of Allah (swt).

How beloved is the Prophet (saw) and his message? Everything about him is rahma, a mercy for us. Everything that we link with mercy can be seen through him, his life and all that he has taught us. We cannot do justice to him, as his mercy is so great that we could barely touch the surface of all that he encompasses.

4 First human to be resurrected on the Day of Judgement

The messenger of Allah (saw) will be the first human to be resurrected on the Day of Judgement. He said, "I am the first that the earth will open up for and it is no boast" (Al-Tirmidhi). As explained in Sahih Bukhari, two trumpets will be blown, and when the second trumpet is blown, the graves will open up. The grave of the Prophet (saw) will crack open first. He will also be the first human on the Day of Judgement to be clothed.



Mosque of Prophet Muhammad (saw), Madinah

5 First to cross the siraat and enter Jannah

The Messenger of Allah (saw) will be the first to cross over the sirat (bridge to Jannah, Paradise). He will be the one guiding his entire ummah to Jannah. He will be the first to knock on the doors of Paradise after Adam (as) left it. His will be the first name for which Jannah will open.

It is reported from Anas (ra) that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said, "I will come to the gates of Paradise and ask for them to be opened. The gatekeeper will ask, 'Who are you?' I will say, 'Muhammad'. The gatekeeper will say, 'I was ordered not to open the gate for anyone else before you'" (Sahih Muslim).

The angels have been commanded to open the gates of Jannah only when our beloved Prophet (sal) arrives. Without his name, even the angels cannot open the gates of Jannah.

It is due to his mercy that we as an ummah (community of followers) will also be entering Jannah along with him as we are his ummah, even though we were the last ummah to come from the lines of the prophets.

In Bukhari, Muslim and an-Nasa'i, it is reported from Abu Hurayrah (ra) that the Prophet (saw) said, "We are the last, but we will be the first on the Day of Resurrection. We will be the first of mankind to enter Paradise."

There are endless attributes that make our beloved Prophet (saw) the greatest human being. His entire life and biography (sirah) teach us his special qualities. May we all aim to learn, reflect on, and apply his characteristics.

When enmity backfires

Many people have pointed out that when you point at someone else, three of your fingers point back at you. Indeed, in many cultures, such as SE Asia, people point with the thumb rather than the index finger, and then four fingers point back at you. (This is not the "thumbs up" "good" gesture.)

It is always worth remembering that, if you show enmity towards other people, or single them out, as if pointing at them, this may backfire if it turns out that you are just the same as what you are criticising.

In Islam, Prophet Muhammad (saw) warns us against this kind of behaviour:

"Refrain from holding bad opinions of people."

"Those who unduly pursue the shortcomings of others will have their own faults exposed."

Ali (ra) said, "The worst of people is the person who searches for faults in others while being blind to his own faults."

In the Bible (Matthew 7:10), Prophet Jesus (Isa, as) is reported to have said, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

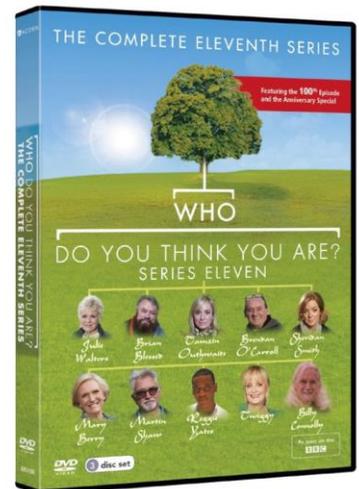
The problem of enmity against, or finding fault with, other people has been highlighted recently with the increase in xenophobia in many places. Xenophobia is defined as the dislike of, or discrimination

against, foreigners. This is often extended to apply to dislike of those who are considered of a different race or a different religion. Some people would like to "ethnically cleanse" their country of migrants. The problem is that this ignores the fact that the country often has a history of welcoming migrants, and that the people making the accusation are sometimes themselves the descendants of migrants.

Tracing own's ancestors is a popular hobby for some people. Ancestry.com¹ is the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world. While it is based in the USA, it operates a network of genealogical and historical record websites in the USA and other countries, including New Zealand.

Unexpected roots are often uncovered in the British TV programme *Who Do You Think You Are?*², now in its 13th series, in which celebrities trace their genealogy through historical records. A similar New Zealand programme, entitled *Here To Stay*³ ran for two series in 2008-9. We all know that all New Zealanders' ancestors migrated here from somewhere, at one time or another. The two series uncovered Chinese, Dalmatian, Danish, Dutch, English, Fijian Indian, French, German, Irish, Italian, Niuean and Scottish connections.

Three episodes of xenophobia backfiring are given below.



Donald Trump

In the February 2016 issue of *Rocket Science*, it was reported that Donald Trump declared that he wanted to ban Muslims (and Mexicans) from entering the USA. This is ironic as Muslims and Mexicans have a longer history in the USA than Trump's own family. His paternal grandfather Friedrich Trump and his grandfather's wife Elizabeth Christ were both born in Germany, and migrated to the USA. Two of Donald Trump's three wives were born outside the USA and migrated. His first wife, Ivana Marie Zelníčková, was born in the Moravian town of Gottwaldov (now known as Zlín) in Czechoslovakia (today in the Czech Republic). His current, third wife, Melanija Knavs, was born in Sevnica, in Slovenia's Lower Sava Valley (then part of Yugoslavia).

So, Donald Trump's own family, and his wives, are testimony to the fact that the USA has always accepted migrants.

Jayda Fransen

You may not have heard of Jayda Fransen. She is the deputy leader of the far-right group Britain First, whose policies are anti-foreigner, especially anti-Muslim, including

the wearing of hijab. She was recently in the news⁴ because she was found guilty in court of "religiously aggravated harassment" after hurling abuse at a Muslim woman wearing hijab, in front of the woman's four young children. The episode was captured on camera by members of Britain First. Fransen, described by Britain First as a "devout Christian", was fined £1,000 for the religiously aggravated harassment, £200 for wearing a political uniform, £620 in costs, and a £100 surcharge, and issued with a two-year restraining order.

So far, so good ... or rather so bad. However, it then occurred to some readers of newspaper reports of this that Fransen did not sound like an English name. One in particular⁵ did some further research, and eventually included his findings in an open letter to Fransen, which is reprinted here verbatim.

Dear Jayda

You don't deserve this. You don't deserve my time, my energy or this gift. But I am going to give this to you anyway because as the adage goes; you don't always get what you deserve.

I am a family history enthusiast. I am an amateur but after 10 years enjoying this hobby, I'm pretty good at it. I started following Exposing Britain First about a year ago and something struck me. Your surname. I've been studying family history now for long enough to suspect that you aren't completely British. Fransen is not a British name. So I decided to have a little dig around. All the records I researched are in the public domain. You can look for yourself if you like.



Your family history is rich and I have to confess I am jealous. So far in my ancestry I have found no-one (and my "tree" is over one thousand people strong) who isn't English. I am the product of an endless stream of Agricultural Labourers. I remember finding a shop-keeper once – and dancing round the room in delight. I am unremittingly English, through ten generations. Your family history on the other hand is exciting and shows tremendous courage and vibrancy. It is rooted in the East End of London. As now, the East End has always been a melting pot of cultures, religions and immigrants. It's where people new to this country often start their lives.

Let's start with your paternal grandparents; John Joseph Fransen, or rather Jan Jozef Wynand Fransen. Born in the Netherlands in 1927, Jan came to England with the Dutch Naval fleet. 26710 Leading writer Fransen was in the Royal Netherlands Navy and based in London during the Second World War, fighting the Nazis when most of the Netherlands was occupied or destroyed. The name Jan Jozef would have been a difficult one to live with during and after the Second World War; anything the least bit Germanic sounding was not something to be flaunted or advertised. So he changed it to John Joseph, the name you probably knew him by when he died in 1999.

Whilst here, he met and married your grandmother, Elizabeth Mary Cotter. They married in the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady in Lisson Grove [London]. I can find no record of Elizabeth being born in the UK. Most likely, both she and her father, John William Cotter were born in Ireland.

John William Cotter joined the Royal Leinster [Irish] Regiment in

1913, intending perhaps to have a career in the Army. He was discharged before the beginning of the First World War for misconduct. From the records it appears that he was incessantly drunk and insubordinate. I can't find out how he made it to London but there are records that appear to show him in the Fulham Road Workhouse in 1922. The workhouse was the somewhat barbaric "benefits" system of the day; where those too sick or without work were forced to go in order to survive. Your ancestor was not alone; throughout your family history there are frequent examples of your family receiving support in this most degrading and undignified fashion.

On your maternal grandparent's side of the family, the history is equally fascinating. Your great-grandfather is recorded in prison in the 1901 census. His crime isn't mentioned and the records are currently sealed but wait a few years and you'll be able to find out. And then there's his surname; Silver. The Silver family were highly skilled workers, polishers and cabinet-makers. Why would they marry "beneath" their skill or financial status continually throughout the 19th Century. Speculating, the Silvers had Jewish ancestry and even in the 19th Century, even though they were surrounded by other immigrants and those struggling with poverty, being Jewish or of Jewish ancestry wasn't considered to be an asset. Silver is an extremely common anglicised surname, usually from Silber [a German surname, meaning "silver"]. I'll keep searching, not for your benefit but for mine. You have no idea how exciting and interesting from an intellectual perspective it is to research such a diverse family history.



Jay

I imagine you would rather this was not your family history. I would give my "eye-teeth" to swap your ancestry for mine; endless farm workers get a little boring after a while. I am very, very English. You, on the other hand, are not. You are a melting pot of Dutch, Irish and Jewish roots. So I wonder, not "Who do you think you are?" but "What on earth do you think you are doing?" Your grandfather John (Jan Jozef) came to this country to fight for freedom and settled here. Your great-grandfather, an Irish immigrant was supported by the English "benefits" system, harsh though it was despite being an immigrant. And the Silvers? The highly skilled workers who married beneath them, integrated into English society so that their children and their children's children, leading right to you could be part of this country and its culture; what would they say to you if they could? Probably much the same as the good, decent people of Exposing Britain First do now.

I'm sorry if this has upset you and I am sure you will want to deny it. But stop. It's time to grow up and start representing your incredible family, your diverse, culturally rich ancestry like most British people do. With pride. This is who you are.

In short, Jayda Fransen, who wants to rid Britain of non-Brits, is herself the product of Dutch, Irish and Jewish ancestors who migrated to Britain.

It's all in your DNA

A third example, although it is not specifically about Muslims, also

makes the point. Momondo, an online flight and hotel booking service, asked some scientists to carry out tests on people's genealogy, that is, their heritage, who their ancestors were. One such volunteer was Jay from London⁶. The scientists asked him to describe himself.

Jay (J): "I'm proud to be English. My family have served and defended this country, and have been to war for this country. So I know I'm English; my parents and grandparents have told me I'm English. So I don't see there being any option for me to be anything other than English."

Scientist (S): "Think about other countries and other nationalities in the world. Are there any you don't feel you get on with well, or you won't like particularly?"

J: "The Germans. Germany. Yeah, I'm not a fan of the Germans."

S: "Why is that?"

J: "Well, probably, if you ask me, through my parents and grandparents, who probably date back to the War."

S: "How would you feel about going on a journey based on your DNA?"

J: "What could you possibly tell me that I don't know?"

The scientists then asked him to spit into a test tube.

S: "The story of you is in that tube. What is it going to tell me?"

J: "It's going to tell me that I'm English, like I've told you."

O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. (Quran, 49:13)

Of course, the results are surprising to Jay, in that they tell a rather different story:

- Ireland 55%
- Great Britain 30% (including "English")
- France/Germany 5%
- Spain/Portugal 3%
- Italy/Greece 3%
- Scandinavia 3%
- Turkey 1%

Jay has to come to the reality of whose his ancestors were, and thus who he is.

J: "I told you I wouldn't want to be German or Turkish, and I'm both of them. It's just a bit of a shock really to find out how many different places I come from."

S: "You're more than just Jay from England."

J: "Yeah, I'm Jay from everywhere, by the look of this."

S: "So would you like to travel to all of these places?" (Remember that this experiment was organised by Momondo, an online travel agency.)

J: "Turkey and Germany, yeah."

There are other, similar Momondo clips on YouTube, with various nationalities.

Conclusion

Everyone has two parents, four grandparents, eight great grandparents, and so on. Our genealogy therefore comprises a large number of people, if we go back far enough. While we may consider ourselves to be a certain

race, or a certain nationality, that may not mean that everyone in our family tree was that race or nationality too. Most countries are multiracial and multinational, and have a history of immigration. In the September 2016 issue of *Rocket Science*, it was shown that Queen Elizabeth II is a descendant of Prophet Muhammad (saw). In the January 2014 issue, Boris Johnson, the current UK Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and former mayor of London, was shown to have Turkish Muslim ancestors, in addition to Russian Christian and Russian Jewish forebears⁷ (his full name is Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson). He was born in New York City, and has both UK and US citizenship.

This article has really been about xenophobia, rather than Islam. However, the xenophobia that we see in the media nowadays is very often aimed towards Muslims. That is certainly true of Donald Trump and Jayda Fransen; Jay sounds as though he might travel to Muslim-majority Turkey. As this article has shown, perhaps people ought to check the skeletons in their own genealogical closet first before ranting against foreigners.

"O people! Your Lord is one Lord, and you all share the same father. There is no preference for Arabs over non-Arabs, nor for non-Arabs over Arabs. Neither is their preference for white people over black people, nor for black people over white people. Preference is only through righteousness."

The Farewell Sermon of Prophet Muhammad (saw)

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Success from new teaching methods

Al-Madinah School is enjoying success with a new method of tutoring hafiz (memorisers of the Quran).

About a year ago, members of the management team visited Islamic schools overseas, including Australia, to see how they taught students to memorise the Quran.

They then incorporated the most effective methods into their own classes at Al-Madinah School.

The results speak for themselves. Al-Madinah School was founded in 1992 and in all the years prior to using the new methods had produced just seven hafiz.

However, in a relatively short period of time using the new methods, the school has added two more boys to this number, with several more students soon to join their ranks.

The oral tradition is very strong in Islam and in the Arabic language so the school held a celebration recently to mark the boys' highly significant achievement.

The two boys are brothers – Alson Sohel Khan and his younger brother Alson Musaib Khan.

With strong home support, they were instructed by brother Hanif, himself a hafiz whose own beautiful recitals could be heard during Ramadan at Avondale Islamic Centre.

Their formal completion of the Quran memorisation took place at the celebration itself, when both brothers recited the last few surah before receiving their certificates.



Alson Sohel Khan



Alson Musaib Khan



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3 & 4 December

Quran 43: 81-84 God is 1 and has no son.
Islamophobia series E26 – Islam is against civilization by Fadel Suleiman.
Documentary: Maryam – the mother of Jesus part 1.
Feature: The Quran neglected by Yusuf Estes.

10 & 11 December

Quran 43: 81-84 God is 1 and has no son.
Islamophobia series E27 – The Sunnah of the Prophet by Fadel Suleiman.
Documentary: Maryam – the mother of Jesus part 2.
My path to Islam by Sister Minna Zhou

17 & 18 December

Quran 43: 81-84 God is 1 and has no son.
Islamophobia series E28 – Did Prophet Muhammad invent Islam? by Fadel Suleiman.
Lecture: Muhammad as a leader by Tawfique Chowdhury.
Feature: Come back to Allah before it's too late.

24 & 25 December

Quran 43: 81-84 God is 1 and has no son.
Islamophobia series E29 – Atheism by Fadel Suleiman.
Documentary: Prophet Jesus part 1

31 December & 1 January

Quran 43: 81-84 God is 1 and has no son.
Lecture: In pursuit of the middle path by Yasir Qadhi
Feature: Allah is all I need.
My path to Islam by sister Marissa.

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Auckland prayer timetable for December 2016

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

Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr 1	Asr 2	Maghrib	Isha
1	4:07	5:55	1:10	5:02	6:14	8:25	10:07
2	4:06	5:55	1:11	5:02	6:15	8:26	10:08
3	4:06	5:55	1:11	5:02	6:16	8:27	10:09
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5	4:05	5:54	1:12	5:03	6:17	8:29	10:11
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27	4:10	6:01	1:22	5:14	6:29	8:43	10:27
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Asr 1: Maliki, Shafii and Hanbali schools (single shadow length)

Asr 2: Hanafi school (double shadow length)

"Truly, to a happy state shall attain the believers: those who humble themselves in their prayer, and who turn away from all that is frivolous, and who are intent on inner purity."
(Quran 23:1-4)

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- ✓ 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)