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# Rocket Science

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In the name of Allah,  
most Gracious, most Merciful

## Islamic New Year 1442

Islamic New Year 1442 will, insha Allah, fall in August. Muslims do not celebrate the beginning of a new year, in the sense that people celebrate a Western new year on 31 December / 1 January.

However, Islamic New Year can be taken as a time to acknowledge the passing of time, to take time to reflect on our own mortality, and to remember those who have passed away during the previous year.

Being a lunar calendar, the Islamic year consists of 12 months of 29 or 30 days. In the Quran, Allah (swt) states, "The number of months in

the sight of Allah is twelve (in a year) – so ordained by Him the day He created the heavens and the earth" (Quran 9:36) and "It is He Who made the sun to be a shining glory, and the moon to be a light of beauty, and measured out stages for it, that you might know the number of years and the count of time" (Quran 10:5). The whole lunar (moon-based) year is thus about 11 days shorter than the common solar (sun-based) Gregorian year. The Islamic calendar is the official calendar in many Muslim countries, especially Saudi Arabia.



## Envy in Islam

In Islam, we are warned in many places about the sin of envy or jealousy. Envy is one of the spiritual diseases that corrupts our relationship with Allah (swt), veils us from the Divine, and destroys our relationships.

Scholars say that envy, coupled with arrogance, was the first sin ever committed by Satan. In the Quran, Allah (swt) relates two stories about Satan: "And [mention] when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate before Adam'; so they prostrated, except for Iblis. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers" (2:24).

Then Satan whispered to him; he said, "O Adam, shall I direct you to the tree of eternity and possession that will not deteriorate?" (20:120).

Two other Quranic stories relate to envy. The first tells how the sons of Adam (as) fought out of envy, and Cain (Qabil) killed Abel (Habil): "And recite to them the story of Adam's two sons, in truth, when they both offered a sacrifice [to Allah], and it was accepted from one of them but was not accepted from the other. Said [the latter], 'I will surely kill you.' Said [the former], 'Indeed, Allah only accepts from the righteous [who fear Him]. If you should raise your hand against me to kill me, I shall not raise my hand against you to kill you. Indeed, I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds. Indeed I want you to obtain [thereby] my sin and your sin so you will be among the companions of the Fire. And that is the recompense of wrongdoers.' And his soul permitted to him the murder of his brother, so he killed him and became among the losers. Then Allah sent a crow searching in the ground to show him how to hide the disgrace of his brother. He said, "O woe to me! Have I failed to be like this crow and hide the body of my brother?" And he became of the regretful" (5:27-31).

The final story describing envy relates to Joseph (Yusuf, as): "When they [Joseph's brothers] said, 'Joseph and his brother are more beloved to our father than we, while we are a clan. Indeed, our father is in clear error. Kill Joseph or cast him out to [another] land; the countenance of your father will [then] be only for you, and you will be after that a righteous people.'"

Three habits destroy  
a man or woman:  
greed, envy,  
and pride.

~Imam Ghazzali

The Quran also talks in more general terms about the sin of envy, and not being grateful for what one has: "Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the Scripture, who believe in superstition and false objects of worship and say about the disbelievers, 'These are better guided than the believers as to the way'? Those are the ones whom Allah has cursed; and he whom Allah curses. Never will you find for him a helper. Or have they a share of dominion? Then [if that were so], they would not give the people [even as much as] the speck on a date seed. Or do they envy people for what Allah has given them of His bounty? But we had already given the family of Abraham the scripture and wisdom and conferred upon them a great kingdom. And some among them believed in it, and some among them were averse to it. And sufficient is Hell as a blaze" (4:51-55).

Islam is about dealing with real life and real relations in the most beautiful and radiant way possible, as a person should, as part of one's connection to the Divine. However, it takes effort and requires work. We owe this to Allah (swt) and it should be part and parcel of one's spiritual purification process. We must remember that everything – good or bad, plenty or little – comes from Allah (swt). The distribution of wealth, beauty, status, etc, is all at the discretion of Allah (swt), so we should not dispute it, or allow it to cause us to be jealous. "And Allah has favoured some of you over others in provision" (Quran 16:71).

### Types of envy

There are two types.

Hasad envy is wanting what a person has, disliking the fact that they have it, and also wanting it to be taken away from them. This would include envy because of material possessions. Hasad envy stems from hatred, arrogance, greed, love of status, etc. It relates directly to the low whims of base animal instincts (nafs). The nafs always says, "What about me? I want to benefit. I do not want others to benefit", etc.

Ghibt envy is wanting what another person has but not hating that they have that blessing and not wanting it to be taken away from them. This would include envy of personal characteristics like one's generosity, piety, etc.

The correct spiritual approach is to say, "You are our Lord and we are your servants. You are All-Wise and you know best whom to bestow your blessings upon."

**" Do not envy each other, do not outbid each other, do not hate each other, do not turn away from each other, and do not outsell each other. Rather, be servants of Allah as brothers."**

—Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (Muslim 2564)

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### How to cure ourselves of envy

It is important to cure yourself of envy, as it is a sin. In a hadith, Prophet Muhammad (saw) explains, "Jealousy eats away at good deeds, just as fire eats away at firewood" (Ibn Majah).

Imam al-Ghazali (ra) in his book *Ihya Ulum Al-Din* teaches two ways of curing envy.

#### Knowledge

We must know that envy harms us. It harms us spiritually, as it is a sin and veils you from the Divine. It harms you in this world, as it makes a person miserable and bitter, causing depression. It also shows a lack of gratitude, showing no appreciation for what you have.

We must also know that Allah (swt) is the most Generous, All-Wise, and he has given us so much without us deserving it.

### Action

Eradicating envy from our behaviour may be a bitter experience, but that is the way of spiritual purification. One needs to take the bitter medicine to taste the sweetness of being cured.

Try praising the person you are envious towards. Pray that Allah (swt) increases the thing you are envious of. Act humbly towards these people.

Satan will whisper many misgivings with these actions. Imam Ghazali (ra) encouraged his readers to work on it and force themselves to do those things until they become natural and their heart is cured of envy.

### Conclusion

We should understand the harm that envy can do, and trust in Allah (swt) to cure us of it. There is always someone who has more than us, or is better than us in some way.

Think of someone you envy, even a little bit. The moment you feel that, make dua for that person, that Allah (swt) may increase them. Know that when you make dua for that person the angels say "May Allah (swt) give you the same." In this way, it is a "win – win" situation: you are cured of your envy, and the angels pray for the same for you.



## Voice of Islam Islamic Awareness Week



[www.voiceofislam.me](http://www.voiceofislam.me)

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Auckland, 2013  
New Zealand

### Proposal for Islamic Awareness Week (IAW)

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Theme: Kindness · Manaakitanga**

**Why these dates:** These dates coincide with the sentencing of the terrorist Mosque shooter. We believe this is an ideal time to showcase Islam & Muslims as many local and international media will be following the sentencing and would be more likely to engage with Muslims at that time.

**Why the Theme:** In the last 6 months, COVID 19 has swept all over the whole world. We have endured something which we had never encountered before in our lifetime. There has been deaths, job losses and many other hardships which has come as a result. On the upside, we have also witnessed many people who have stepped up and helped the community. In New Zealand, our Prime Minister has often talked about the importance of kindness in these difficult times. The trials of COVID 19 was then followed by global unrest after the death of George Floyd, which highlighted the problems of racism and racial inequality. As Muslims, our Prophet Muhammad PBUH has taught us many things about kindness, charity and equality, which we can share with the whole world. Islam has the solution.

**Purpose of IAW:** To present Islam and Muslims, re-engage with the community, and share our beautiful religion and way of life with our fellow brothers and sisters in humanity. Bring attention to the teachings of Islam especially around kindness, charity, equality

**Who should participate:** Our goal is to engage with all Islamic Centres, Mosques, Trusts and other like minded groups and organisations interested in presenting Islam and building a good relationship with fellow Kiwis.

**Resources provided by VOI:** Posters specific to the theme, Islamic literature, books, flyers, leaflets, Qur'an, posters, displays and volunteers where required.

**Proposed planned programs:**

- Press releases outlining IAW
- Media announcements and possible interviews on radio and television to promote IAW and the participating centres and Mosques throughout the country.
- Local groups encouraged to arrange meetings and presentations during the week with like-minded organisations, councils, MP's, church groups, etc.
- Voice of Islam to hold 2 live streaming shows during the week with invited guests from Race Relations Commission, MP's, religious leaders, those involved in advocacy against Racism etc.
- Since the theme is kindness, we would like to encourage local organisations to organise fundraising for local charities such as St John's ambulance, KidsCan etc.. or to get involved in other charity projects.
- National Mosque Open Day for either Saturday 29th August or 30th August (depending on local area requirements). MOD is a prime event to showcase Islam & Muslims and a chance to interact with our fellow brothers and sisters in humanity and show some good Muslim hospitality. Resource materials and small exhibition materials will be useful to show and hand out to those interested.

Those interested to participate, please contact me. There is not much time, so please get back to us quickly to enable us to coordinate the event insha Allah.

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## The Hagia Sophia Mosque

The Hagia Sophia in Istanbul has had a long history. As all schoolboys should know, modern Istanbul was known as Constantinople, and before that as Byzantium, the capital of the (Christian) Byzantine Empire. The Hagia Sophia was originally built in 537 as the patriarchal cathedral of the imperial capital. As the Church of Hagia Sophia, it was the largest Christian church of the eastern Roman Empire (the Byzantine Empire). From 1204 to 1261, it became the Roman Catholic cathedral. After the Fall of Constantinople in 1453 to the (Muslim) Ottoman Empire, it was

converted into a mosque. In 1935 the secular Turkish Republic of Kemal Atatürk established it as a museum. On 24 July this year, it returned to being a mosque and welcomed worshippers for Friday prayers.

A resident of the mosque that has gained some fame is Gli, a cat. Born 16 years ago, she has been popular with visitors to Hagia Sophia. Her name was originally Gri, which means "grey" in Turkish. However, it was changed to Gli, which means "union of love". (There are many videos about her on YouTube.)



The mosque, with new carpet, and social distancing.



## The imam who stole money

A small village in Africa hired a new imam, who had graduated from an Islamic university. It is very rare to find such a knowledgeable and qualified scholar as the imam of a mosque, especially in a small village in Africa.

The people of the village decided that, for each of the 30 (or 29) days of Ramadan, each family would invite the imam in turn for the breaking of fast (iftar) meal, to show respect, honour and hospitality.

The imam was performing his duties in the mosque, giving lectures, classes, and generally educating the community. In Ramadan, he went to a different family's house each evening for iftar.

One of the families consisted of only a husband and wife, both poor. The imam was waiting in the house, sitting at a table, while the husband and wife prepared the food. The food duly came and, after the meal, the imam said "May Allah (swt) reward you" and left.

A little later, the wife was looking for some money that she kept in the room where the imam had been sitting. But she couldn't find

it. She looked everywhere but the money was nowhere to be found. She asked her husband. "Have you let anyone else into the house?"

He replied, "No. Why? What has happened?"

She replied, "I can't find the money, and the only person who has been in the house is the imam. He was sitting for some time all alone right where the money was, while we were making the food."

So they concluded that it must have been the imam who took the money, because nobody else had been inside the house. From that moment on, the husband started avoiding the imam. When he went to the mosque, he did not say salam to the imam or speak to him. Instead, he prayed in a corner, and left immediately.

A year passed, and Ramadan came around again. Again, the families decided to invite the imam in turn for iftar. Eventually it was the turn of the family who had lost the money. They had no choice but to invite the imam, but the husband was not comfortable with this. "How can I invite someone into my house, who stole money last Ramadan?"



Muslim prayer, West Africa

The wife was more forgiving, and saw both sides of the story. "Perhaps he needed the money badly. So, let us forgive and forget, and invite him again."

So, the imam came again for iftar, but he could see that the husband was not comfortable with the situation, as he remained very quiet. He asked, "Are you OK? Is there a problem?"

The husband replied, "Imam. Haven't you realised that, since last Ramadan, I have not said salam to you, not talked to you, but generally avoided you?"

The imam replied, "Yes, your behaviour seemed strange, but I am a very busy man. I did realise that you are not friendly towards me any more. Why is that?"

The husband explained, "I must be honest with you. Last Ramadan, you came to our house for iftar, and some money that was in the room went missing. But nobody apart from you had been in our house."

When he heard this, the imam's eyes turned red and he started crying. "Why didn't you talk to me?"

The husband replied, "We were embarrassed, but we were sure that nobody could have taken the money, apart from you."

The imam admitted, "Yes, I took the money." Naturally, the husband and wife were shocked. "But I am not crying because you accused me. I was sitting in your room, and the window was open. It was windy, and the money started blowing around the room. So I picked up all the money, and I saw the Quran on your shelf, and I put the money inside the Quran for safe keeping. The reason I am crying is that neither of you have opened the Quran for the whole year since last Ramadan. If only you had opened the Quran to read it, you would have seen the money inside it. So, I am sad because you have abandoned the Quran for a whole year."

It is recommended (mustahab) to read the Quran during Ramadan, and to complete the whole reading if possible. However, do we leave it on the shelf for the rest of the year, to collect dust? In the Quran (25:30), Allah (swt) says, "And the Messenger has said, 'O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Quran as [a thing] abandoned.'"

(from a talk by Mohammad Alnaqwi, khatib of the Grand Mosque of Kuwait:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a7izHPCx9s&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a7izHPCx9s&feature=youtu.be))



## 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.

### 2 August

Quran: 3:64, We worship one God.  
 Animation clip 56: Why do you want to study?  
 Islamophobia 1: 25 Domestic violence – is wife beating allowed?  
 Al Baqarah series 16: No fear of sadness in their heart. Nouman Ali Khan.  
 Clip 04: Stop living in fantasy land.  
 Quran: is it the word of God? 07: patterns of numerical values in the Quran. Shabir Ally.  
 Documentary: Gates of Heaven part 1.

### 9 August

Quran: 3:64, We worship one God.  
 Animation clip 57: Requirements for understanding Quran.  
 Islamophobia 1: 26 Is Islam against civilization?  
 Documentary: Gates of Heaven part 2.  
 Clip 11: What are the rights of Muslim women?  
 Q&A 07: Can every sin be forgiven? Shabir Ally.

### 16 August

Quran: 3:64, We worship one God.  
 Animation clip 58: Major test.  
 Islamophobia 1: 27 What is the Sunnah?  
 Quran: is it the word of God? 08: Mathematical miracles. Shabir Ally.  
 Out of context 01: Ask a Muslim.  
 Clip 10: Why should you sleep early?  
 Q&A 04: Why were we created?  
 My hijab story.

### 23 August

Quran: 3:64, We worship one God.  
 Animation clip 59: Rotating heavenly bodies.  
 Islamophobia 1: 28: Did Prophet Muhammed author the Quran?  
 Quran: is it the word of God? 09: Mathematical miracles, conclusion. Shabir Ally.  
 Lecture: Gratitude shapes our lives. Nouman Ali Khan.

### 30 August

Quran: 3:64, We worship one God.  
 Animation clip 60: Easy way to forgive people.  
 Islamophobia 1: 29: Atheism.  
 Quran: is it the word of God? 10: Miraculous treatment of science. Shabir Ally.  
 Lecture: In the eyes of Allah.  
 Clip 06: The sad reality of this world.

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

## Prayer timetable to discontinue

*Rocket Science* first began in 2011. At that time, not everybody had a mobile phone, and there were few apps available. However, in the intervening nine years, smartphone ownership has increased, and there are many apps, many of them freely downloadable.

We have therefore reconsidered our policy of including the Auckland prayer timetable in each issue of *Rocket Science*, and the one in this issue will be the last one.

In its place, we recommend that readers used one of the following.

Muslim Pro<sup>1</sup> was launched at the end of Ramadan 2010. Within three years, it had attracted nine million users<sup>2</sup>. That figure now stands at nearly 100 million worldwide. Its original purpose was to remind Muslims of the five daily prayer times. However, it is now available in many languages, and includes the qibla, audio recording, translation of the Quran in many languages, a calendar with Muslim holidays, greeting cards, and a listing of nearby halal restaurants. It is freely downloadable on the Apple App Store (iPhone), Google Play (Android) and BlackBerry World.



### Prayer Time

and multiple azans



### Holy Quran

with colored tajwid & audio recitations



### 40+ Translations

to read the Quran offline



### Qibla

Always get the right direction to Mecca



Like Muslim Pro, Islamic Finder<sup>3</sup> offers prayer times worldwide, in addition to the qibla, audio recording, translation of the Quran, a calendar with Muslim holidays, etc. As an app, it is also freely downloadable for your smartphone.

**Experience Hajj 2020 with IslamicFinder**

**Prayer Times in Auckland** 4 Dhul Hijjah, 1441  
26 July, 2020

Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand [Wrong Location?](#)

**UPCOMING PRAYER**  
**ASR 00:31:02**

Today This Week

<b>FAJR</b> 05:54 AM	<b>SUNRISE</b> 07:24 AM	<b>DHUHR</b> 12:28 PM	<b>ASR</b> 03:12 PM	<b>MAGHRIB</b> 05:32 PM	<b>ISHA</b> 06:57 PM	<b>QIYAM</b> 01:46 AM
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The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (FIANZ)<sup>4</sup>, located in Wellington, is a federation of several regional New Zealand Muslim Associations. Its website contains a daily prayer timetable for various places in New Zealand, as well as other information about FIANZ’s activities.

**The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand (Inc.)**

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Wrong Location?

**Prayer Times Today**  
26 Jul 2020 (Sunday) | 04 Dhū al-Hijjah 1441 Local Time | 2:44 PM

 <b>FAJR</b> 05:54 AM	 <b>SUNRISE</b> 07:24 AM	 <b>ZOHR</b> 12:27 PM	 <b>ASR</b> 03:10 PM	 <b>MAGHRIB</b> 05:31 PM	 <b>ISHA</b> 06:56 PM
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1 www.muslimpro.com  
 2 Aline Mayard (22 January, 2014). How the Muslim Pro app got 9 million users in three years. Wamda. www.wamda.com/2014/01/how-the-muslim-pro-app-got-9m-of-muslim-users  
 3 www.islamicfinder.org  
 4 fianz.com

## Auckland prayer timetable for August 2020

(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	Thuhr	Asr 1	Asr 2	Maghrib	Isha
1	05:50	07:19	12:28	03:16	03:57	05:36	07:01
2	05:49	07:18	12:28	03:16	03:58	05:37	07:01
3	05:48	07:17	12:28	03:17	03:59	05:38	07:02
4	05:47	07:16	12:28	03:17	04:00	05:39	07:03
5	05:47	07:15	12:27	03:18	04:00	05:39	07:03
6	05:46	07:14	12:27	03:19	04:01	05:40	07:04
7	05:45	07:13	12:27	03:19	04:02	05:41	07:05
8	05:44	07:12	12:27	03:20	04:03	05:42	07:05
9	05:43	07:11	12:27	03:21	04:04	05:43	07:06
10	05:42	07:10	12:27	03:21	04:04	05:43	07:07
11	05:41	07:08	12:27	03:22	04:05	05:44	07:07
12	05:40	07:07	12:26	03:22	04:06	05:45	07:08
13	05:39	07:06	12:26	03:23	04:07	05:46	07:09
14	05:38	07:05	12:26	03:24	04:07	05:47	07:10
15	05:37	07:04	12:26	03:24	04:08	05:48	07:10
16	05:36	07:03	12:26	03:25	04:09	05:48	07:11
17	05:34	07:01	12:26	03:25	04:10	05:49	07:12
18	05:33	07:00	12:25	03:26	04:10	05:50	07:12
19	05:32	06:59	12:25	03:26	04:11	05:51	07:13
20	05:31	06:58	12:25	03:27	04:12	05:52	07:14
21	05:30	06:56	12:25	03:27	04:13	05:52	07:14
22	05:28	06:55	12:24	03:28	04:13	05:53	07:15
23	05:27	06:54	12:24	03:29	04:14	05:54	07:16
24	05:26	06:52	12:24	03:29	04:15	05:55	07:17
25	05:25	06:51	12:24	03:30	04:15	05:56	07:17
26	05:25	06:51	12:24	03:30	04:15	05:56	07:17
27	05:22	06:48	12:23	03:31	04:17	05:57	07:19
28	05:21	06:47	12:23	03:31	04:17	05:58	07:20
29	05:19	06:46	12:22	03:32	04:18	05:59	07:20
30	05:18	06:44	12:22	03:32	04:19	06:00	07:21
31	05:17	06:43	12:22	03:32	04:19	06:00	07:22

The Prophet (saw) used to say, between the two prostrations, "O Allah, forgive me, have mercy upon me, grant me wellness, guide me, and provide for me."  
(Hadith Abu Daud)

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?

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)