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Interest:

- MCNA Halala—Every Friday after Maghrib prayer we have interesting presentations by our youth, come and participate—don't forget your prize!!
- Quiz Competition— This year's winner was Arshad Shauib !!!

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## Isra'a Wal Meraj By Fatimah Mansuri

One day when the Prophet Muhammad (S) was sleeping angel Jibreel came to his house and took out his heart and cleaned it with Zamzam water. He then woke up the Prophet and told him that he will go to Jerusalem and the heavens with him. This was called the Isra Miraj. Isra was the journey when the prophet went to Jerusalem and Miraj was the journey when the prophet went to the heavens. This event took place in 1 B.H. It was nighttime and the Prophet Muhammad (S) and angel Jibreel crept to the gates of Mecca. There awaited an animal, it was white and had wings on its back legs. It

was called the Buraq. The Prophet (S) sat on the Buraq and they headed to the north. In no time they reached Jerusalem.

The Prophet (S) went into Masjid Al- Aqsa. The first thing he did was he prayed sunnah. He saw another group of prophets praying and among them he saw Prophet Musa, Prophet Isa, and Prophet Ibrahim. Then Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was told to lead all the Prophets in salah. Then Angel Jibreel brought two vessels. One was filled with milk and the other was filled with wine. He then asked the prophet

to drink from one of the vessels; the prophet chose the vessel with the milk in it and drank it. Then Angel Jibreel said, "You have been guided to fitrah."

Then the Prophet and Angel Jibreel continued on their journey. At immense speed they reached the heavens.

The prophet and Angel Jibreel came to the lowest heaven. There they saw a man sitting with a small group of people. When the man would look to the people on his right he would laugh and when he would look at the people on his left he would cry. Angel Jibreel said this is Adam he is crying because the people on his left will  
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## Ali's Justice By: Inam Sakinah

To do justice is to treat people fairly. The Qura'an teaches us a lot about justice. In chapter 4, Verse 58 Allah (SWT) says:

God commands us to repay pledges to people due to; and to judge with justice when you judge between people. Excellent is what God instructs you; for God is the all-knowing and all-seeing.

Ali was raised in the prophets household and he was the first boy to accept Islam at only 10

years of age. He developed some of the Prophet's (S) fin character traits and all this was going to be put into effect much later.

Once when Ali was the caliph he lost his armor. One day he found the armor with a Jew. The Jew said that the armor was his. Ali could have easily gotten his armor back but he took the case to the judge. The judge said Ali needed a witness. The only witness Ali

had was his son and his son could not be a witness. The Jew was about to go with the armor but he stopped and said to Ali. "I saw an amazing matter . Ali is the caliph and is the leader of the land, yet he still took me to the judge, this is truly the law of Allah and I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah. I confess that I stole this armor from Ali during a battle." Ali said that because he was a Muslim he could keep the armor!

Lesson: A leader must be fair to all.

# Muhammad's (S) Childhood

By - Rayan Alnajjar

In the year of 571 in the land of Arabia Prophet Muhammad was born. Muhammad's father died even before he was born. Muhammad's mother Aminah was left alone to take care of the baby.

The custom at that time was for city children to be sent to the desert to learn to be strong and healthy. After Muhammad was born some nurse maids came to Mecca

to bring back some children. None of the women went to Aminah's house because they thought she was too poor to pay them. At the same time a woman named Halimah couldn't find a baby to take home because she seemed weak. So Abdul Muttalib, Muhammad's grandfather, brought the two women together. Muhammad stayed with Halimah and when he went back to his mother they

decided to visit Yathrib. Now known as Madinah. Sadly on his return home Muhammad's mother died. Now Muhammad was completely an orphan. Abdul Muttalib decided to take care of Muhammad. After two years Abdul Muttalib died too. So Muhammad went to live with his uncle who took care of him.

Prophet Muhammad had a very sad childhood.

"Sadly on his return home Muhammad's mother died. Now Muhammad was completely an orphan"

## The Battles In Medina

By: Arshad Shauib

The Battle of Badr took place in 2 A.H. between the Muslims and the Quraysh. This battle happened because the Muslims wanted to take over the Quraysh caravan. The Quraysh had 950 men and the Muslims had 300 men. The battle started with a triple combat. The Muslims chose Hamza, Ali,

and Abu Ubaidah (R). The Quraysh sent Shaybah, Walid and Utbah. Then the battle began. The Muslims won this battle.

The battle of Uhud took place because the Quraysh wanted revenge. The Quraysh had 3000 men, the Muslims had 700 men. The Quraysh beat the Muslims because some archers dis-

obeyed Prophet's (S) commands.

The battle of Trench happened in 5 A.H. Salman al-Farsi (R) had the idea to build a trench. The Quraysh tried to cross the trench but a big sandstorm came and blew them away.

## Cave of Hira

By Hudhayfah Ilyas

Cave Hira is on a mountain of Noor (light) where Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) used to meditate and reflect upon life before his time of prophethood. There were times when his wife, Khadijah, used to accompany him.

At the age of 40, it was here, in the cave of Hira, when he

(PBUH) received the first revelations from God through the angel Gabriel (Jibraeel).



The Mountain of Light.



Cave Hira



Entrance—cave of hira

## Truthful & Trustworthy By: Misbah Gilani

Prophet Muhammad (S) grew up in Mecca, but he was different from other Meccans. Even before he became a prophet, he was a good man and he had so many good qualities. Muhammad (S) did not worship idols. He never lied that is why he was called as-sadiq People trusted him so much that is why he was called al-amin .

Muhammad (S) became a good and honest business man. Khadijah

hired Muhammad (S) for a business trip. She liked his honest dealings. After this she proposed Muhammad (S) for marriage .

When he was thirty five years old a flood destroyed the Kabah. The people of Mecca rebuilt the building but when it was time to put the black stone they started fighting, then they said whoever entered the kabah first would be the judge. Muhammad (S) was the first person to enter the

Kabah people were pleased to see him.

Prophet Muhammad (S) put the stone in to the center of a sheet and asked the leaders of the tribes to hold the corners of the sheet. Then he put the black stone on the wall. This proves the wisdom of Prophet Muhammad (S).

## Migration of the Prophet (S) By: Isra'a Ilyas

The Prophet's (S) message was spreading far and wide and his followers were growing. The Quraysh planned to murder the prophet (s), when he is sleeping the night before he migrated to Medina. They wanted to take him by surprise, so he would not be able to protect himself. Allah sent Angel Jibrael to warn the prophet from the Quraysh's evil plan. When the Prophet (s) heard the Quraysh plan. Ali volunteered to take his place; he laid in the prophet's bed while Muhammad (S) and Abu Bakr escaped mecca they hid in the cave of thour. The Quraysh found the cave but did not enter because there was an unbroken spiders web and an undisturbed pigeons nest. Allah ordered the spider to make the web. When

the prophet and Abu Bakr thought it was safe to escape from the cave of Thour , a man from the Quraysh named Suraqah ibn Malik went out to capture the prophet (S) When he saw the prophet and his companion Abu Bakr, he became very happy. He became excited with the thought that he would easily capture the prophet. He started to run towards the prophet. Suddenly, Allah made his horse's feet sink into the sand. Suraqah fell down, but he tried again. This time he came very close to the prophet .Again, the horses feet sink deeper into the sand and Suraqah fell down again. He realized that something powerful was stopping him from getting to the prophet and his compan-

ion as he had fallen. Suraqah asked to see the prophet (S). the prophet said "go back where you came from, and do not tell anyone about me." Suarqa agreed. He wanted to get back to Mecca alive. In mecca he kept his word and said he did not find the Prophet (S). A few days later, Abu Bakr and the prophet arrived at a small town named Quba, just a few miles from Medina. The people of Quba were overjoyed at the arrival of the prophet and came out cheering and waving. They build the first public Masjid of Islam there. When he reached Medina the Ansar sang a welcoming song. Then they build the prophets house which is now called Masjid-an-nabi.



**"Allah Sent Angel Jibrael to warn the prophet of the Quraysh's evil plan"**

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go to hell and the people on his right will go to Jannah.

On the second heaven they met prophet Isa and Yahya. On the third heaven they met prophet Yousuf, on the fourth level they met prophet Idris, on the fifth they met prophet Harun, on the sixth they saw prophet Musa, and on the seventh they saw prophet Ibrahim

Angel Jibreel then led Prophet Muhammad to the lote tree. It was a place which Angel Jibreel was not allowed to pass. Allah told the him to go past this mark and then revealed the last two verses of surah Al Baqarah and said that his followers major sins would be forgiven if they did not do shirk. Allah made salah compulsory fifty times a day. When Prophet Muhammad (S) was going back he passed prophet Musa who asked him what Allah had said. Prophet Muhammad replied, "He made salah compulsory fifty times for my people." Musa said, "Your people are not capable of doing fifty daily prayers. I swear by Allah that I have tested men before your time and tried my best with the Israel-

ites, so go back to your Lord and ask Him to make things lighter for your people." So the Prophet (S) went back to Allah and asked him if he could make the salah less. Allah reduced it by ten. But Musa said go back and ask Allah again. So the Prophet (S) went back and forth between prophet Musa and Allah until Allah made salah compulsory five times a day. Prophet Musa again said to go back and ask Allah to make it fewer but Prophet Muhammad (S) said, " I feel ashamed to face him." Allah then told Prophet Muhammad (S) that each salah would equal ten rewards. The Prophet (peace be upon him) returned to Jerusalem and he sat on the Buraq and went back to Mecca.

The next morning the prophet went to the Kabah and started telling the story of his journey to Abu Jahal. Abu Jahal started telling other people and they said the prophet was crazy. Some weak Muslims got out of Islam because they didn't believe the Prophet (S). They said he could not get to Jerusalem in one night on an animal that could fly. Some people went to tell Abu Bakr that Mu-

hammad is saying he traveled to Jerusalem and back in one night. Abu Bakr said that they were lying because their story seemed false. They told him what the Prophet (S) was telling people. Abu Bakr replied, "If he actually said that, he has told the truth. There really is nothing to be amazed about, for he has told me that information comes to him from Allah, from the sky to the earth, and I believe him and that is even more strange." The Prophet (S) gave Abu Bakr the title of "The Truthful"

At the Kabah people were demanding how Jerusalem looked but the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was afraid he wouldn't remember, but Allah gave him a vision of how it was and he described every little detail. The Prophet (peace be upon him) even told about the caravan that was in Jerusalem and that he drank the water from the jug. The caravan was at the city gates of Mekkah and everyone rushed to see if a jug in it was empty. The people in the caravan saw that a drinking jug was empty! Everyone was astonished!



## Last Sermon For Humanity By Maria Ilyas

The last sermon of the prophet briefly summarized whatever he had taught in Islam.

He said, "No black is superior to a white and no white is superior to a black except in piety."

He also said to perform

Salah, fast in Ramadan, give Zakah, and do Hajj if you are able to.

Muhammad (S) also reminded everyone that one day all mankind will be answerable for their deeds so do not go astray from the right path.

He finished by saying, " Be

my witness O Allah that I have conveyed your message to your people.

Prophet Muhammad (S) delivered his sermon at Arafa.



## Muhammad's Childhood

By: Naimmah

The prophet Muhammad was born in 570 A.D., in the land of Arabia. Much of Arabia is a desert. There are 3 major towns Medina, Mecca, and Taif. It was in Mecca that Muhammad was born. The prophet Muhammad's father, Abdullah, died two months before his birth, and his mother Amina was very sad. She still felt strong and waited for the baby to come. When he was born she told Abdul Muttalib. He was happy to hear

the news and began to think of a name for the boy and decided upon Muhammad, meaning "worthy of praise". It was normal in Makkah for mothers to send their babies to the desert to be cared for by foster mothers. Aminah, did this too, and Muhammad spent the first few years with a woman named Halima and her family. Muhammad grew well while staying with Halima and her family. When Muhammad returned to Aminah he was a healthy three year old.

When Muhammad was six, Aminah decided to take him with her to visit Medina. But on the way back to Mecca, Aminah was sick and died, when Muhammad went home Abdul Muttalib adopted Muhammad he loved him dearly. Abdul Muttalib was sick two years later and died then Muhammad was adopted by his uncle and was part of his family now. Which wraps up his childhood.

## Young Muslim Quiz 2007

Our Quiz Competition was a huge success. We had great fun and learned a lot too! Arshad Shauib was this year's grand prize winner, taking home a laptop. We hope that next year we will have even more contestants to add to the competition!



This year's quiz competition contestants.



First place winners (from right): Hisham Bilal, Arshad Shauib, Ayaz Khan, and Mariyam Shaheen.

## Mini Summer Understanding Qur'an Course

The Understanding Qur'an mini summer course had everyone improving their Qur'anic Arabic and taking home valuable knowledge for the rest of their lives. With more than 25 participants we had great fun this summer! Our teacher Sr. Mona was a great teacher and she helped us

learn a lot. We learned Arabic grammar, meanings of some short surahs, duas and some ahadith. The course covered approximately half of the vocabulary in the Qur'an. The main goal was that whenever we read the Qur'an we should be able to understand what we are reading.

Thanks to Sr. Mona for being here in Jacksonville to teach us how to understand the book of Allah, the Qur'an.

## Muslim Children of North America (MCNA)

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### A brief intro to MCNA

Muslims Children of North America is a pioneering national children organization in North America. We have established a well organized network of local children groups across the United States. Each unit is a dynamic children group which attempts to build a solid understanding of the principles of Islam amongst its members by helping them put these principles into practice. By providing the children with an Islamic atmosphere where they can form bonds of brotherhood with their peers, they become comfortable with Islam and its teachings. We stress the importance of knowing, understanding, and fulfilling our individual and collective obligations as Muslims.

We are the Future

## Editor's Column

Asalamu-Alaikum,  
Welcome to our first issue of Companion! This issue will focus on Prophet Muhammad's (S) life and how he helps us even today.

Prophet Muhammad (S) gave to us the best gift anyone could give us, he gave us the gift of Islam! Not only that he also showed us how to practice Islam and become good Muslims so

we could win in this life and in the one to come in the hereafter.

The main difference between Prophet Muhammad (S) and the earlier prophets is that he was the only prophet who was sent to the whole world, earlier prophets were only sent to only one nation. So everyone would hear the message of Islam!

We should be thankful

to Allah (SWT) for giving us the opportunity to learn about this great Prophet and final messenger of Allah (SWT).

I hope you enjoy this issue of Companion.

Jazakallah-khair.

The Editor