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**AHMA Boys Camp
March 2020**
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The Qualities of a Great Leader

Mohammed SAW: 11 Leadership Qualities that Changed the World by Nabeel Al-Azami is a fantastic book looking at the leadership qualities of the Prophet.

Recognising that the world needs leaders with integrity, character, competence and the ability to galvanise communities with vision and purpose; this book highlights what good leaders look like.

Effective leaders are able to move themselves and others towards common goals. The Quran refers to mankind being Khalifa/vicegerents on Earth; with responsibility towards themselves, others and the environment. It is clear from this verse that we all play a role in doing good and bringing harmony around us.

Many Prophets are praised for their leadership qualities in the Quran, including:

Yusuf AS whose position of political leadership meant he was responsible for food storage and distribution- almost like a treasurer.

Musa AS -described as al-Qawi and al- Amin -strong and trustworthy

The Queen of Sheba- a competent and admired leader.

These are the Prophetic lead-

ership qualities that are highlighted in this book:

1. Integrity

Leadership is an Amana and hence linked to the qualities of truthfulness, honesty and transparency. Notably, when trust breaks down, leadership breaks down too.

Integral to this is the development of good intention. "Maybe a small action is made great by its intention and maybe a great action is made small by its intention."

Muhammad SAW was known for his integrity, honesty and trustworthiness such that those in Makkah who persecuted him still trusted him with their investments.

2. Competence.

'An organised, focused, timely and driven leader who has a reputation for delivering.' Such a leader can make difficult decisions.

It is notable that Khadijah RA proposed to the Prophet as a consequence of being impressed by his skill and his competence. He was also not only an able leader himself but was able to pick the right people for the right job around him.

Bilal was chosen for his beautiful voice

Khalid bin Walid was chosen as a capable military leader

Jafer was chosen for strong diplomacy and communication skills

Mus'ab Ibn Umayr was chosen as a good teacher.

3. Vision.

This is an aspirational idea of what an individual/organisation wants to achieve in the long term. The Prophet's vision was a Tawhidic vision; to better mankind, end oppression and promote human rights.

Nelson Mandela said "Action without vision is only passing time. Vision without action is daydreaming. Vision with action can change the world!"

In one sentence, we should be able to highlight our visions; the vision of our family, our business, our mosque.....our organisations. How do we envisage the future?

4. Pragmatic Decisiveness.

This is the ability to make decisions confidently as the situation requires and may require the process of consultation/shura mentioned in the Qur'an. This beautiful verse was revealed to remind the believers to forgive, even under the most challenging of situations,

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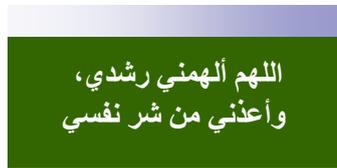
Dua of the Month

'Imran bin Husain (May Allah be pleased with them) reported:

The Prophet (ﷺ) taught my

father two statements to recite in his Du'a. These are: "Allahumma al-himni rushdi, wa a'idhni min sharri nafsi (O

Allah! Inspire in me guidance and deliver me from the evils within myself)." [At-Tirmidhi].





Upcoming Events

AHMA BOYS CAMP 13-15 MARCH

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience a weekend trip away with children from the AHMA community, as well as supervision from trained PGL staff we will have members of the AHMA attending.

With everything on site needed to keep your child busy, with plenty of adventure activities on land and water, a purpose-built sports hall, all the study space you need, what more could you want?

We will have a wide range of fun activities planned, as well as Salah pray and Islamic workshops. **Contact Br Amjad on 07796 607231 for an application form.**



Community News

The AHMA Schools Project aims to work with schools in the local area to help enhance their Religious Studies curriculums and to promote Islam awareness. By forging links with the community in this way, we hope to show our commitment towards community respect and diversity. The project has had a very busy year, for example in October 2019 we invited school headteachers and RS leaders for an afternoon tea, presenting the work that the project does and promoting opportunities for the schools to get involved with. Since then we have hosted numerous school visits to the mosque and the team have also visited many schools from Primary to Sixth Form. Many topics and issues have been raised and discussed, common values shared, and misconceptions clarified. The project has received positive feedback from teachers and students alike. Here is some feedback we received from one of the school heads: "Thank you for hosting our school this morning. We were so impressed at the way you explained your faith but more importantly your focus on the things that connect us together. We hope we can build a deep and meaningful link with you in the future."

Islamic Society at AGGS: On Friday 1st February, members of The Islamic Society at Altrincham Grammar School for Girls gave out cakes around school. The cakes had beautiful messages and statements to spread positivity and kindness. The project was very well received!



Pearls of Wisdom

Thanks giving and gratitude....

To be grateful means you are thankful for and appreciate of what you have and where you are right now.

Gratitude fills your heart with the joyful feeling of being blessed with many gifts and allows you to fully appreciate everything that arises on your path.

As you strive to keep your focus on the present moment, you can experience full wonder of "here". Gratitude is a lesson that needs to be reinforced often.

It is too easy to overlook the gifts you have when you focus on those that you hope to obtain, and you diminish the value of where you currently are on your path if you do not pause often to appreciate it.

There are many ways to cultivate gratitude: Imagine what your life would be like if you lost all that you had, this will most surely remind you of how much you do appreciate it.

Make a list of all that you are grateful for, so that you can stay conscious daily of your blessings. Or spend a few minutes before you go to

sleep giving thanks for all that you have.

Spend time offering assistance to those who are less fortunate than you, so that you may gain perspective. Look for the gift in each challenging incident.

However you choose to learn gratitude is irrelevant. What really matters is that you create a space in your consciousness for appreciation for all that you have right now, so that you may live joyously in your present moment.

[Scott, If Life is a Game, These are the Rules]

Boys Camp Activities



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to pray for one another and to consult together.

3:159 "It was by the mercy of Allah that you were lenient with them, but if you had been stern and fierce of heart they would have dispersed from around you. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them and consult with them upon the conduct of affairs..."

For consultation to be effective, freedom of thought and conscience as well as a space to speak honestly are needed and were exemplified by the companions choosing Mount Uhud from which to defend Medina as well as Salman al Farsi's genius idea of digging a Trench.

5. Justice.

Martin Luther King said "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."

A Jewish man was accused of theft at the time of the Prophet. The stolen item was found on him but revelation intervened declaring his innocence. The Prophet was therefore able to pass judgement in his favour.

Justice/Adl is a critical value in Islam; such that we must be just even if against ourselves. However Ihsan is more than simple justice; it stands for magnanimity/deep spirituality and sometimes involves the foregoing of your own rights. At one point the Prophet SAW was straightening the row at Badr by gently using his arrow to prod people into position. As he did so, one of his companions cried "You've hurt me, Oh Messenger of God. God has sent you to teach us about right and justice-please allow me to retali-

ate."

"Take your retaliation, replied the Prophet whilst the companion kissed him and hugged him remarking, "I may not survive the battle and as this may be the last time with you, I want the honour of my skin touching yours."

6. Courage.

Courage is to accept responsibility; sometimes going against the grain and initiating positive change. We have ample stories of the courage of our Rasool.

On Mount Safa he called the Makkans to worship one God whilst his own Uncle mocked him.

In the cave with Abu Bakr RA, he reminded Abu Bakr that they were indeed 3; Allah was with them.

7. Practical wisdom.

This is having experience, knowledge, good judgement, balance and moderation.

A good leader is able to foresee consequences, give the right people the right tasks and make things easy for people.

8. Resilience.

Al Halim/The Forbearing is one of Allah's names. "God is with the patient ones."

Islam encourages an active patience where one faces challenges but uses these as steps for further growth. When facing setbacks we follow the many examples of the Prophet SAW such as during the back breaking boycott years, his mission to Taif, the loss of his loved ones etc... and carry on for ourselves and for others.

9. Compassion.

This is a measure of how

much empathy/warmth a leader has.

The Prophet SAW said "Facilitate things for people. Do not make it hard for them and give them good tidings and do not make them run away."

A good leader should be able to express affection, appreciation and build warmth into relationships.

10. Servant leadership

This is a skill that is so needed today. It is a mark of leaders to be able to serve those they lead.

The Prophet SAW worked with his people; building his mosque with his own hands when he reached Madina.

He was with his people through their happiness, their trials and their pain.

Anas RA, his assistant and servant said "He served me more than I served him. He was never angry with me and he never treated me harshly."

As Martin Luther King said "Not everyone can be famous for ever nor be great as greatness comes from serving others."

With higher leadership comes responsibility for those under our care and less demand for rights. In fact Prophetic leadership assumes more responsibility=more care towards others- the very opposite of self serving leadership!

11. Spiritual intelligence.

Spiritual intelligence and the ability to behave with wisdom and compassion means a leader inspires purpose, longing, meaning and vision in others. By this method, teams can be mobilised to achieve amazing results together.

In the Prophet Muhammad

(SAW) we see so many examples of spiritual intelligence; where he was able to harness the hearts and minds of his followers to be able to connect with their Creator and as a community strive for purpose and longing.

A leader who can connect minds and hearts and infuse positive purpose and meaning can effect immense change; for everyone. Imagine a leader connecting communities with a common vision, understanding how to join hearts and utilise strengths- then combine that with imparting a deep meaning and purpose to the team; one that benefits all. The power of such a group is great indeed.

That is the leadership that we learn from Muhammad SAW; whether we practice it in our homes, mosques, workplaces, community centres and/ or organisations these skills will, by the Grace of Allah, bear barakah and results.

Boys Camp 2020



Day	Date	Fajr	Jama'at	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Jama'at	Asr	Jama'at	Maghrib	Isha	Jama'at
Sun	1	5:30	6:30	6:56	12:22	2:00	3:10	4:00	5:48	7:13	8:00
Mon	2	5:27	6:00	6:53	12:22	1:30	3:12	4:00	5:50	7:15	8:00
Tue	3	5:25	6:00	6:51	12:22	1:30	3:13	4:00	5:52	7:17	8:00
Wed	4	5:23	6:00	6:49	12:21	1:30	3:14	4:00	5:54	7:19	8:00
Thu	5	5:20	6:00	6:46	12:21	1:30	3:16	4:00	5:56	7:21	8:00
Fri	6	5:20	6:00	6:46	12:21	1:40	3:16	4:00	5:56	7:21	8:00
Sat	7	5:16	6:00	6:42	12:21	2:00	3:18	4:00	6:00	7:25	8:00
Sun	8	5:13	6:00	6:39	12:20	2:00	3:20	4:00	6:02	7:27	8:00
Mon	9	5:11	5:30	6:37	12:20	1:30	3:21	4:00	6:04	7:29	8:00
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