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**NEW**



## The Muslim Reader is now on the App Store.

The Muslim Reader is now on the App Store. With your continued support and valuable contribution, we are excited to share this good news with you and our hopes to continue and improve our magazines and its distribution. Insha'Allah, as we progress, we will be able to share

The Muslim Reader and Teens' Crossroads magazines on more digital platforms. Besides TMR & TC, we will also upload various publications by Darul Arqam Singapore, including books that have been out-of-print. So, do check out the app regularly for any updates and free downloads.

**JOIN US @The Singapore Book Fair 2013**

Date: 05 June – 10 June 2013

Venue: Suntec City Convention Centre

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**The Association will be closed during the following public holidays:**

**Wednesday, 1 May 2013 – Labour Day**

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# .....Upcoming Events & Workshops.....

## CONVERTS' DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- **Shariah Law**  
Date: 6 Apr (Part 1), 13 Apr (Part 2)
- **Faraidh**  
Date: 20 Apr (Part 1), 27 Apr (Part 2)
- **New Converts Get Together**  
Date: 24 Apr, 29 May, 26 Jun
- **Befriending Activity**  
Date: TBA
- **Moneywise Budgeting Boardgame**  
Date: 28 Apr
- **Motivational Talk for Financial Recipients**  
Date: 26 May
- **In Law Support Program**  
Date: 18 May (Part 1), 25 May (Part 2)
- **Staying Happily Married**  
Date: 1 Jun (Part 1), 8 Jun (Part 2)



**Pls contact Sis. Azreen at 65970434/ Sis. Irwani at 65970432 for more details.**

## DA'WAH TALKS AND EVENTS

- **YODA – Youth Event Learning Journey Series**  
Date: 6 April
- **PUBLIC TALK by Yasmin Mogahed**  
Date: 13 April
- **MANDARIN TALK by Dr Fatimah Sou @ Darul Arqam Auditorium**



Topic: The Rights & Duties of Women in Islam  
Date: 19 Apr @ 8pm

Topic: Examples of the Muslimah Scholars in Islam  
Date: 20 Apr @ 8pm

Topic: The Challenges Muslim Converts' Face: Marriage, Family, Personal Relationship & At Work  
Date: 21 Apr @ 10am

- **PUBLIC TALK by Imam Suhaib Webb**  
Date: 30 May – 2 Jun
- **PUBLIC TALK by Mufti Ismail Ibn Menk**  
Date: Jun 2013
- **PUBLIC TALK by Queenie Padilla**  
Date: Jun 2013
- **Youth Forum**  
Date: June 2013



**Pls contact Bro. Junaidi at 65970417 for more details on all the above events.**

# Services

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

An application and renewal form is available at [www.darul-arqam.org.sg](http://www.darul-arqam.org.sg). Please submit the completed form together with cheque payment to:

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Alternatively, you may come personally to The English Islamic Bookshop at Darul Arqam.

## LEGAL CLINIC SERVICES

The Legal Clinic provides legal advice and assistance to persons of limited means. The appointment dates are as follows: -

**Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

**Dates:** Apr 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, Jun 1 & 15

**Time:** 10:30am to 1pm

## FACILITIES RENTAL

Type Of Room	Capacity	Block Rate	Ext. per hour
<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>115 seats</b>	<b>(per 3 hrs)</b>	
▪ Mon - Fri : 9am – 5pm		\$345	\$100
▪ Mon - Fri : 5pm – 9pm		\$450	\$150
▪ Mon - Fri : 9am – 5pm (Whole day)		\$600	
▪ Sat/ Sun : 9am - 1pm		\$450	\$150
<b>Classroom A</b>	<b>30 seats</b>	<b>(per 2hrs)</b>	
		\$80	\$40
<b>Classroom C</b>	<b>40 seats</b>	<b>(per 2hrs)</b>	
		\$100	\$50
<b>Counseling Room</b>	<b>4-6 seats</b>	<b>(per 3 hrs)</b>	
▪ Mon - Fri : 9am – 5pm		\$30	\$15
▪ Mon - Fri : 5pm – 9pm		\$40	\$20
▪ Mon - Fri : 9am – 5pm (Whole day)		\$60	
▪ Sat/ Sun : 9am - 1pm		\$50	\$25

All Room Rates except Counseling Room include the use of (1) PC & projector and (1) microphone (for Audi only). Additional microphone will be charged @ \$50 per piece.

## BURSARY

Darul Arqam would like to inspire its members to seek knowledge. Applicants are encouraged to pursue courses within our guidelines. The details are as follows:

GUIDELINE	
<b>Eligibility</b>	Muslims with financial difficulties but priority will be given to Muslim Converts'.
<b>Field of study</b>	Any course or field of study which in the discretion of the committee will be beneficial to the Association and the Muslim Community.
<b>Minimum Qualification</b>	Applicant <b>has been accepted</b> for the course or field of study applied for.
<b>Bond</b>	To serve the Association as a Volunteer for a <b>minimum of 100 hours.</b>

There are two phases in a year when the applications are open. The dates are as follows:

**Phase 1: 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan**

**Phase 2: 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**To find out more on the above matters, please contact Bro. Sameer at 65970403.**

## Classes

### KNOWING ISLAM

Set in a casual atmosphere, our Knowing Islam session serves to introduce Islam to non-Muslims in the context of multi-religious Singapore. The audience learns about the basic tenets of the faith, gets a peek at the practices of Muslims and listens to the speaker tackle controversial issues. The session strives to clarify common misconceptions about Islam.

Day: Every Sunday (except for Public Holidays)  
 Time: 10:00am - 12:30pm  
 Venue: Training Room A

Know More about *Islam*  
 at Darul Arqam Singapore

Knowing Islam Session, with open Q & A  
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# Classes

## BEGINNERS COURSE ON ISLAM 1 (BCI)

After attending the Knowing Islam Session, the participants are encouraged to attend the Beginners' Course on Islam (BCI) for a greater understanding of Islam as a way of life. The course provides a comprehensive overview of the beliefs and practices of Muslims. It is held once a week, for 90 minutes over 10 weeks in English.

Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
7-Apr	Sun	11.30 – 1pm	Auditorium
14-May	Tue	8 - 9.30pm	Training Room C
25-May	Sat	2.30 – 4pm	Training Room C
2-Jun	Sun	1.30 – 3pm	Auditorium
6-Jun	Thu	8 - 9.30pm	Training Room C
26-Jun	Wed	8 - 9.30pm	Auditorium
30-Jun	Sun	11.30 – 1pm	Auditorium

Note: The Beginners Course on Islam in **Mandarin** starts on **21 April 2013 (Sunday)** from **9.30am – 11am @ Auditorium**.

## BEGINNERS ON ISLAM II (BCI II)

This is a follow-up programme to our basic course, BCI 1. The basic idea is to ease converts in being a Muslim, help them feel them feel the 'sweetness of being a Muslim' and to make them realize and internalize the beauty of Islam. Lessons are conducted in small groups to facilitate discussions.

Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
8-Apr	Mon	8-9.30pm	Training Room A
12-May	Sun	1.30-3pm	Training Room A
8-Jun	Sat	4.30-6pm	Training Room A

## BCI EXPRESS (BCX)

Participants who are unable to attend the weekly BCI because of their irregular working hours may opt for BCI Express. The content is identical, except that BCI Express is conducted over 2 weeks. Foreigners who are here on a short stay would also find this course more conducive to their schedule.

Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
2-Apr	Tue - Fri	10am – 12pm	Training Room C
16-Apr			
30-Apr			
14-May			
28-May			

## Classes

11-Jun			
9-Apr	Tue - Fri	3pm – 5pm	Training Room C
23-Apr			
7-May			
21-May			
4-Jun			
18-Jun			
9-Apr			

### SOLAH (PRAYER) TUTORIAL I (ST 1)

Our commitment to guiding you to embrace Islam wholly and completely includes giving demonstrations on how to perform the prayers. Immediately after completing BCI, you should attend this short course because it gives you a better understanding of the lessons covered during BCI. These lessons are conducted **in separate rooms for both male and female participants**. Our focus is to help participants familiarize with the **important aspects (fardh)** of the five obligatory prayers. Classes for Brothers and Sisters will be held as follows:

Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
7-Apr	Sun	11.30am - 1pm	Sisters – Meeting Rm 1
14-May	Tue	8-9.30PM	
25-May	Sat	4.30 - 6pm	
2-Jun	Sun	1.30-3pm	Brothers – Meeting Rm 2
6-Jun	Thu	8-9.30pm	
26-Jun	Wed	8-9.30pm	
30-Jun	Sun	11.30am - 1pm	

### SOLAH (PRAYER) TUTORIAL EXPRESS (STX)

The topics covered are similar to ST1. STX covers 4 sessions per cycle and each session lasted for 2 hrs. Lessons conducted during the day and meant for those with irregular working hours and foreigners.

Classes for Brothers and Sisters will be held as follows:

Date	Day	Time	Venue
2-Apr	Tue - Fri	10am – 12pm	Sisters – Meeting Room 1
16-Apr			Brothers – Meeting Room 2
30-Apr			
14-May			

## ..... Classes .....

28-May			
11-Jun			
25-Jun			
9-Apr	Tue – Fri	3pm – 5pm	Sisters – Meeting Room 1 Brothers – Meeting Room 2
23-Apr			
7-May			
21-May			
4-Jun			
18-Jun			

### SOLAH (PRAYER) TUTORIAL 2 (ST2)

ST2 equips students with the knowledge on the *sunnah* (non-obligatory) aspects and full recitation of the *fardhu* prayers. Students would get the opportunity to have a comprehension of the *Solah* in its full spectrum during the 6 sessions. Participants need to complete *Solah* Tutorial 1 (ST1) before signing up for ST2.

Classes will be held as follows:

Date	Day	Time	Venue
7-Apr	Sun	9.30am - 11am	Sisters – Meeting Room 1 Brothers – Meeting Room 2
6-May	Mon	8pm - 9.30pm	
1-Jun	Sat	2pm - 3.30pm	
5-Jul	Fri	8pm - 9.30pm	
4-Aug	Sun	9.30am - 11am	

Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
14 May	Tue	8.00pm – 9.45pm	Masjid Al-Khair (Choa Chu Kang) Specific classroom will be assigned at a later date



## Classes

### SUPEREROGATORY PRAYERS (*Sunnah* Prayer Course (SPC) - 6 sessions

A step-by-step guide on the practice of the supererogatory (*sunnah*) prayers. Participants must have a basic knowledge of *farḍhu* prayers, in order to be eligible for this course.

Date	Day	Time	Venue
26-Apr	Fri	8pm – 9.30pm	Sisters – Meeting Rm 1
26-May	Sun	9.30am – 11am	Brothers – Meeting Rm 2
24-Jun	Mon	8pm – 9.30pm	

Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
8 Apr	Mon	8.00pm – 9.45pm	Masjid Al- Khair (Choa Chu Kang) Specific classroom will be assigned at a later date

### ENGLISH ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAMME (EISP)

#### QURAN

The modules are suitable for those who want to learn and recite the Quran in a proper and beautiful way.

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
Quran Module 1	6-Apr	Sat	11.30am - 1pm	Training Room C
	5-May	Sun	3.30pm - 5pm	Training Room C
	Jul 15	Mon	8pm - 9.30pm	Training Room C
Quran Module 2	6-May	Mon	8pm - 9.30pm	Training Room C
	2-Jun	Sun	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Training Room C
	4-Jul	Thu	8pm - 9.30pm	Training Room A
Quran in Mandarin Module 1	17-Jul		7.30pm - 9pm	Training Room A

# Classes

## TAWHID

The modules are suitable for those who want to know and understand the purpose of creation and of man's existence.

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
Tawhid Module 2	10-May	Fri	8pm – 9.30pm	Training Room C

## FIQH

The modules are suitable for those who want to understand and appreciate Islamic Laws governing our daily activities.

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
Fiqh Module 1	6-Apr	Sat	4.30pm - 6pm	Training Room A
Fiqh Module 2	15-Jun	Sat	4.30pm - 6pm	Training Room A

## SIRAH

The modules are suitable for those who want to be aware of events and lessons to be learnt from Prophet Adam's (A.S) to Prophet Muhammad's (S.A.W) lives.

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
Sirah Module 2	14-Apr	Sun	3.30pm - 5pm	Training Room A
Sirah Module 3	23-Jun	Sun	3.30pm - 5pm	Training Room A

# ENGLISH ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAMME

*"All humans are dead except those who have knowledge; and all those who have knowledge are asleep, except those who do good deeds; and those who do good deeds are deceived, except those who are sincere; and those who are sincere are always in a state of worry."*  
Imam asy-Syafi'i (may Allah be pleased with him)

- QURAN** (2 modules, 12 sessions each)
- TAWHID** (3 modules, 10 sessions each)
- FIQH** (3 modules, 8 sessions each)
- SIRAH** (3 modules, 8 sessions each)





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# Classes

## ENRICHMENT COURSES

### MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COURSE (MGC)

The course is conducted over 2 Sundays at **Madrasah Al-Ma'arif, Lor 39 Geylang.** (nearest MRT - **Paya Lebar**).

Day	Session Dates	Time	Venue	Fees
Sunday	14 & 21 Apr	9.30am – 6.00pm	Madrasah Al- Ma'arif	\$110 (Member) \$120 (N-Member)
	12 & 19 May			
	09 & 16 Jun			

### MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COURSE EXPRESS (MGCX)

To cater to those who are on short stay (foreigners) or couples with specific needs. It is a 1-day course and the fee charged is twice the normal MGC rate.

Day	Session Dates	Time	Venue	Fees
Thursday	25-Apr	9.30am – 6.00pm	Training Room A	\$200 (Member) \$210 (N-Member)
	30-May			
	27-Jun			

### OTHER ENRICHMENT COURSES

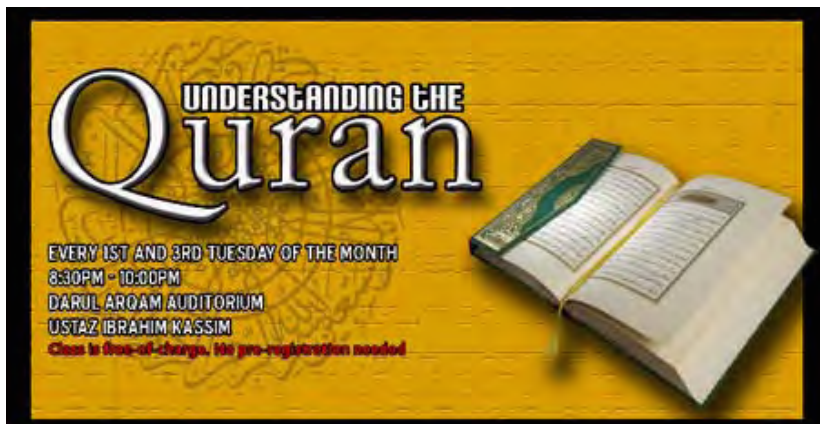
All are welcome to join these ongoing courses.

Course	Start Date	Day	Time	Venue
Islam – History of Humanity, Lesson for us	Ongoing	Mon	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Auditorium
Understanding the Quran	Ongoing	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue of the month	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Auditorium
Al-Ghazali's 99 Names of Allah	Ongoing	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Tue of the month	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Auditorium
Ma'arif Hadith	Ongoing	Wed	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Training Room A
Purification of the Heart	Ongoing	Thu	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Auditorium
Fiqh - The Reliance of the Traveller	Ongoing	Fri	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Auditorium
Imam Nawawi's 40 Hadith in Mandarin	Ongoing	Fri	8:00pm – 9:30pm	Training Room A
The Sealed Nectar	Ongoing	Sat	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Auditorium
<b>Characteristics of Nabi Muhammad (S.A.W)</b>	<b>8 May</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>8-9.45pm</b>	<b>Masjid Al- Khair (Choa Chu Kang)</b>



DETAILS OF THE ABOVE COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE  
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# Classes



**Understanding the Quran**

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
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USTAZ IBRAHIM KASSIM

**Class is free-of-charge, no pre-registration needed**

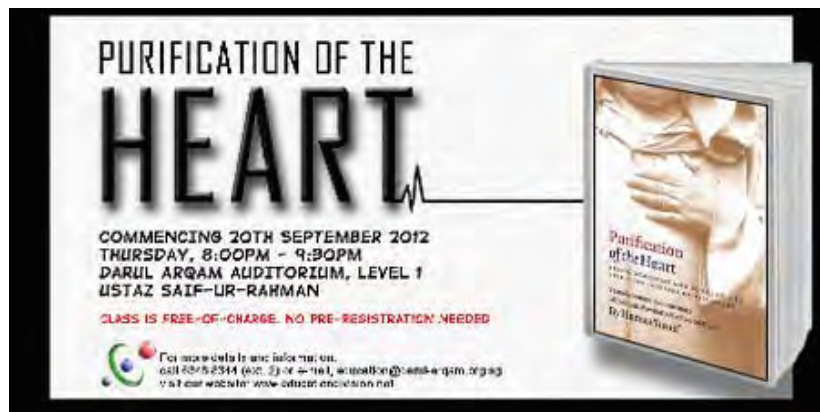


**RELIANCE OF THE TRAVELLER**  
FIQH ON-GOING

FRIDAY, 8:00PM - 9:30PM  
DARUL ARQAM AUDITORIUM, LEVEL 1  
USTAZ HANAPI KASSIM

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**PURIFICATION OF THE HEART**

COMMENCING 20TH SEPTEMBER 2012  
THURSDAY, 8:00PM - 9:30PM  
DARUL ARQAM AUDITORIUM, LEVEL 1  
USTAZ SAIF-UR-RAHMAN

**CLASS IS FREE-OF-CHARGE, NO PRE-REGISTRATION NEEDED**

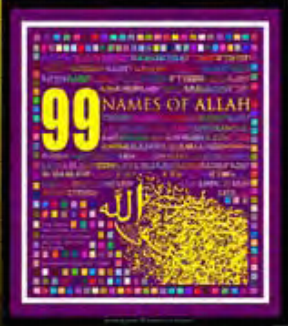
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## Classes

# 99 NAMES OF Allah

2ND, 4TH AND 5TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
8:00PM - 9:30PM  
AUDITORIUM, LEVEL 1, DARUL ARQAM SINGAPORE  
USTAZ MUHAMMAD MUBARAK

**CLASS IS FREE OF CHARGE. NO PRE-REGISTRATION NEEDED**



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# MA'ARIFUL HADITH

WEDNESDAY, 8:00PM - 9:30PM  
TRAINING ROOM A, LEVEL 1, DARUL ARQAM SINGAPORE  
USTAZ ABDUL MALIKE

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# The Sealed Nectar

biography of the noble prophet  
(*qasas wa ahlak al-nabi wa ahlak al-rasul*)

COMMENCING 10th NOVEMBER 2012  
SATURDAY, 5:00PM - 6:30PM  
AUDITORIUM, LEVEL 1, DARUL ARQAM SINGAPORE  
USTAZ MUKHTAR HABIB MOHD

**CLASS IS FREE OF CHARGE. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



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# Classes

## MONTHLY DISCUSSIONS

The monthly Discussion is an informal gathering to allow converts and members to come together to discuss, ask questions and clarify doubt or uncertainties in their daily practice of the religion. It gives ample opportunity to learn new insights and perspectives of Islam. All sessions will be held on Sundays from 3-5pm.

### BAHASA INDONESIA – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Every Month

Date	Time	Venue
7 Apr	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Auditorium
5 May	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Auditorium
2 Jun	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Auditorium

### TAMIL LANGUAGE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every Month

Date	Time	Venue
14 Apr	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Auditorium
12 May	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Auditorium
9 Jun	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Auditorium

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Every Month

Date	Time	Venue
14 Apr	3pm to 5pm	Boardroom
12 May	3pm to 5pm	Boardroom
9 Jun	3pm to 5pm	Boardroom

### MYANMAR LANGUAGE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month

Date	Time	Venue
21 Apr	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Room A
19 May	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Room A
16 Jun	3.30pm to 5.30pm	Room A

### CHINESE LANGUAGE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month

Date	Time	Venue
21 Apr	3pm to 5pm	Boardroom
19 May	3pm to 5pm	Boardroom
16 Jun	3pm to 5pm	Boardroom

### MONTHLY QURAN READING

Tahlil sessions are conducted on every last Thursday of the month after Ishak Prayer. All are welcome to join this session.




Date	Time	Venue
25 Apr	8.30pm	Musollah
30 May	8.30pm	Musollah
27 Jun	8.30pm	Musollah

Please contact Bro. Amin at 65970436 for further enquiries.



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-  **INTERACTIVE LEARNING** with dynamic and motivated teachers

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## Special Article

# Be Grateful

Luqman(A.S.) had great love for the Almighty, that it created within him high moral character and exemplary habits. This was a clear sign of his nobility and nearness to Allah swt. The details of that is described in Surah(Chapter) Luqman in the Glorious Qur'an.

Luqman(A.S.) used to be in the employment of a rich man. The nobility of Luqman(A.S.)'s character had a great effect on his master, so much so that the master considered him as a great friend and a beloved companion. Although he was the master, yet in fact the master became like a slave to his employee.

It became the practice of the master that whenever he had something special to eat, he would first feed Luqman(A.S.) of it and after Luqman(A.S.) had filled himself, he would eat the left overs.

Luqman(A.S.) would consider the love of the master and his habit, so he would eat moderately and send what was left over to the master. One day, during the melon season, the master received a melon from somewhere. At that time Luqman(A.S.) was not present. The master sent one of his slaves to go and call him.

### **At every given moment there are numerous bounties and favours of Allah swt upon mankind**

When Luqman(A.S.) arrived, the master cut the melon into slices and slice by slice started giving thereof to Luqman(A.S.) to eat. As he ate the slices, the master inwardly became pleased at the effect his

love was having upon Luqman(A.S.). Luqman(A.S.) ate the slices with great PLEASURE and all the time expressed THANKS for the favour shown to him by the master. After having eaten the slices, when just one slice remained, the master said: "Let me eat this slice and see how sweet is this melon." Saying this, he put the slice into his mouth. Immediately, such bitterness spread from the tip of his tongue down to his throat, that as a result of the extreme bitterness of the melon, he fell down unconscious and remained unconscious for a whole hour.

When he regained consciousness, he questioned Luqman(A.S.): "O Beloved one, how did you manage to, so heartily eat those slices of melon ? Just one slice of the melon had such an effect on me, then how did you manage to eat so many slices ?"

Luqman(A.S.) replied: "O Friend, from your hands I have received hundreds of gifts. The burden of thanks upon me is so great, that my back has gone crooked. Hence, I felt ashamed that the hand that had granted me so much favours, if one day some distastefulness or bitterness should come, how can I turn away from it? O Friend, the pleasure of knowing that it comes from your hands has changed the bitterness of the melon to sweetness."

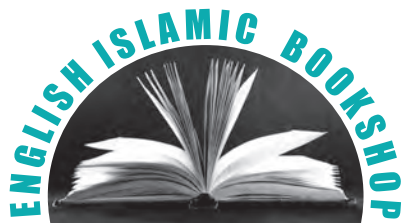
#### **LESSON:**

At every given moment there are numerous bounties and favours of Allah swt upon mankind. But if ever for a moment some such incident takes place which brings with it, a problem and outwardly causes some difficulty, man loses patience and fails to be grateful.

On the other hand, there are those who are granted understanding, so that when sorrows and difficulties touches them, they remain happy, pleased and grateful to their Lord. At such times, they draw strength from their good understanding and realise that this world is like a hospital and we are like patients in it. There are times when the doctor gives the patient "sweet" medicine and at other times "bitter" medicine. However, in both these, there are beneficial results for the patient. Similarly, Allah is the "Al Hakeem", the All-Wise and at the same time is the "Haakim"- Ruler. He is also "Ar- Raheem", the Merciful One. Hence, whether it brings out comfort or discomfort, all these are for our benefit and interest.

So be Grateful and Thankful under ALL circumstances and conditions to the Almighty.

Source: Ma'arif-e-Mathnawi (Vol.1)



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