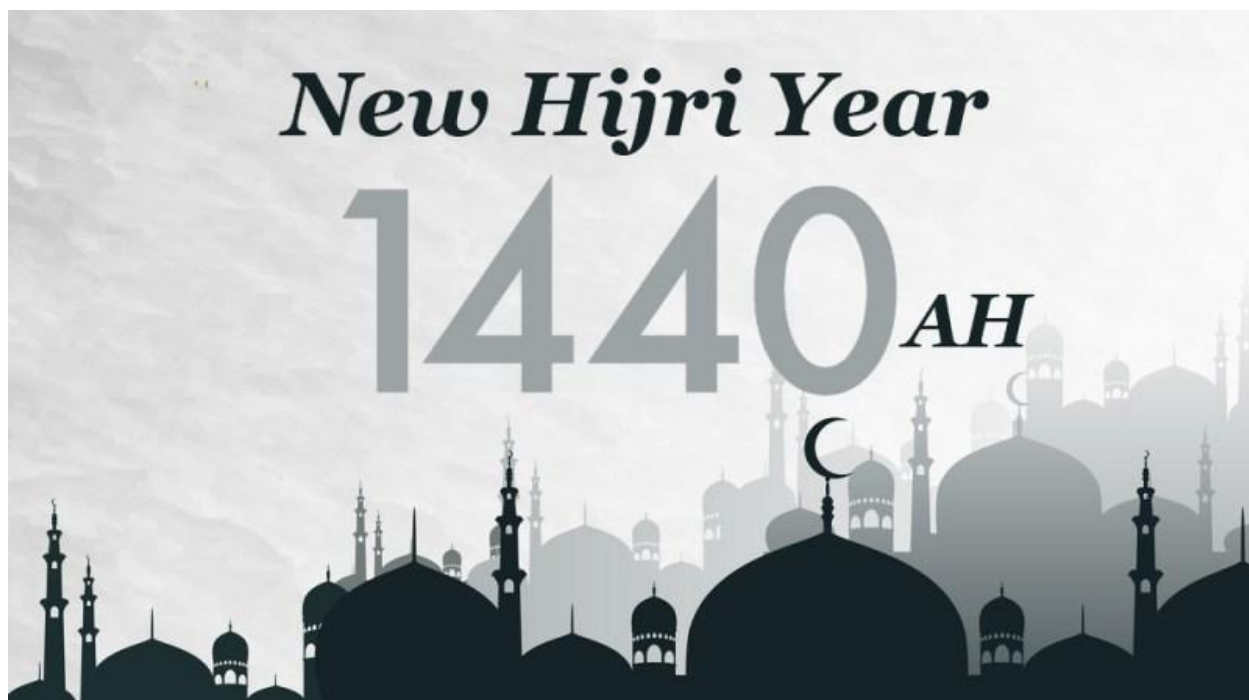


MUHARRAM 1440 AH /2018 - The First Month of The Islamic Year



1st of Muharram - Tues. Sept. 11th 2018

9th of Muharram - Wed. Sept.19th 2018

10th of Muharram □ - Day of Aashooraa - Thurs. Sept. 20th 2018

11th of Muharram - Fri. Sept. 21st 2018

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The month of Dhul Hijjah has ended in the UK and will be coming shortly in USA and Canada, In Shaa Allah, thus beginning the Islaamic New Year and welcoming the month of Muharram.

Muharram is one of the four sacred months in which we should be extra conscious of ourselves and our families. Allah. (عليه وآله) says:

Surah At-Taubah, Verse 36:

اَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَبِيحُ فَلَا تَنْزِعُوا عَنْهُ لُحُومًا وَلَا دَمًا وَلَا عِظًا مِمَّا حَلَلَتْهُ الْآيَاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ
*مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ تَطَلَّمُوا فِيهِمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَقَاتِلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ كَافَّةً كَمَا يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ كَافَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ

Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve months (in a year), so was it ordained by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are Sacred, (i.e. the Muharram, the Rajab, Dhul Qa'da and the Dhul Hijjah). That is the right religion, so wrong not yourselves therein..... "

Qatadah said about Allah's statement,

(*مُكْسِفًا نَهْيًا أَوْلَاطًا لَّا فَرِ) *

(so wrong not yourselves therein), "Injustice during the Sacred Months is worse and graver than injustice in other months. Verily, injustice is always wrong, but Allah makes things graver than others as He will."

He also said, "Allah has chosen some of His creation above others. He chose Messengers from angels and from men. He also chose His Speech above all speech, the Masjid above other areas of the earth, Ramadan and the Sacred Months above all months, Friday above the other days and Laylatul-Qadr (The Night of Decree) above all nights.

Therefore, sanctify what Allah has sanctified, for doing so is the practice of people of understanding and comprehension."

[Tafseer Ibn Kathir, Soorat at-Tawbah 9:36, Dar-us-salam english Publications]

Abu Qatadah narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

"Fast the Day of Ashura, for indeed I anticipate that Allah will forgive (the sins of) the year before it."*

'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas, said:

"When the Messenger of Allah ﷺ fasted on 'Ashura and commanded the Muslims to fast as well, they said, 'O Messenger of Allah, it is a day that is venerated by the Jews and Christians.'

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: 'If I live to see the next year, In Shaa Allaah, we will fast on the **ninth day** too.'*

But it so happened that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ passed away before the next year came."

[Reported by Muslim, 1916]

Take full advantage of this month and remind your brothers and sisters of its great virtue.

May Allah accept all of our good deeds in this month, Aameen!