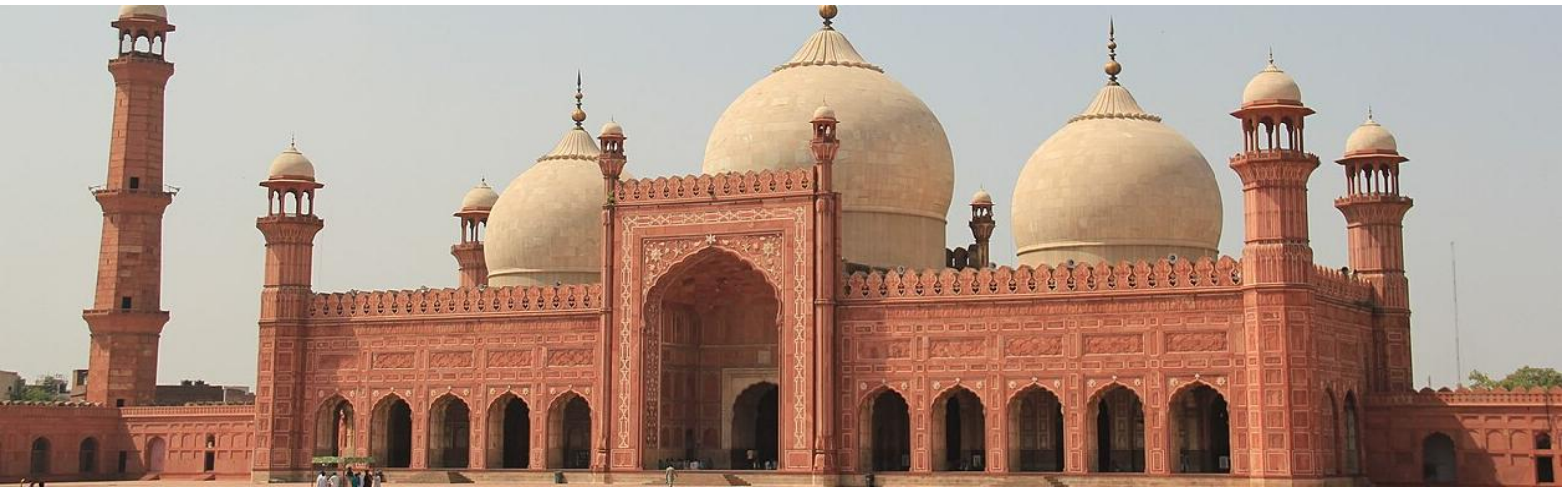
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The Prophet ﷺ said: "Should I not tell you something that is better than fasting, Salah and charity?' The Sahabah said: 'Yes.' He ﷺ said: 'Reconciling and making peace between people, for spoiling relations is the shaver (it destroys Din)! *(Al Adab Al Mufrad)*



Navigating the Algorithmic Age: An Islamic Framework for AI Ethics

We live in a shared reality where Artificial Intelligence (AI) has quietly taken over our daily lives, jobs, and schools. Algorithms actively shape what we see, think, and believe. As this high-tech revolution accelerates, we face a profound ethical crisis. However, the tradition of Islamic jurisprudence (*fiqh*) possesses the exact tools needed to navigate this world, providing a practical blueprint for the age of automation.

Maqasid al-Shariah: Protecting the Soul

At the heart of Islamic law lies *Maqasid al-Shariah*, the higher objectives of divine law, which protects five essential pillars: life, mind, wealth, faith, and family.
Consider the protection of the **Mind (*Aql*)**. Using AI to learn, brainstorm, or cure diseases elevates the intellect. But if children use AI to cheat on school essays, or if we let algorithms feed us non-stop "AI slop" and fake news, we destroy our critical thinking. The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ warned: *"Every intoxicant is prohibited"* (Sahih Muslim).

This principle applies flawlessly today to addictive algorithms and doom-scrolling. An app isn't good just because it is fast or profitable; it is only good if it makes us better human beings.

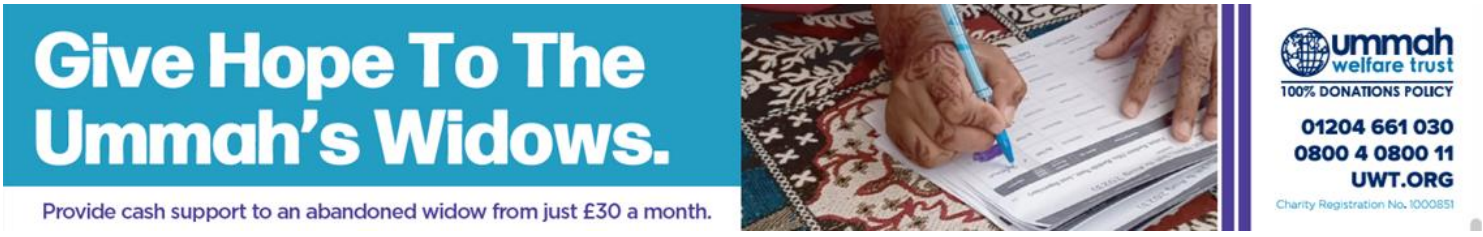
Human Liability: You Can't Blame the Algorithm

An AI algorithm does not go to heaven or hell. Humans hold the accountability. Allah reminds us: *"Indeed, it is We who bring the dead to life and record what they have put forth and what they left behind..."* (Quran 36:12).
If an algorithm generates a deepfake or spreads a rumour that ruins a reputation, the developer who built it with bias and the user who clicked "share" carry the sin. The Prophet ﷺ described a liar punished in the afterlife whose lies *"reached the horizons"* (Sahih al-Bukhari). Today, a digital lie reaches the global horizon instantly. We cannot stand before Allah and say, *"The algorithm recommended it!"* By the principle of ***Mubashir*** (the direct cause), if your thumb presses "send" on a harmful AI post, you are accountable for the damage to that person's honour.

Sadd al-Dhara'i: Proactive Prevention

Islamic law utilizes the legal maxim of *Sadd al-Dhara'i*: closing an innocent-looking door that leads straight to sin.
Think of smart-home or workplace tracking software. It seems useful, but if it creeps into absolute surveillance – spying on your family or employees – it crosses a line. We must proactively regulate or delete technologies before they ruin our privacy and mental health. In Islam, avoiding a harm always takes priority over gaining a small convenience.
If we abandon religious ethics, we do not get a neutral AI. Instead, we default to dangerous values: unchecked corporate greed, survival of the fittest, and data-driven chaos. Technology always mirrors its makers.

*Ethics in the age of AI requires action. Perform a **"Tech Audit"** and ask yourself: "Is the technology in your pocket serving your soul, or is it slowly governing you?"*
Let our tech workers, students, and parents lead with ethics. Allah sees every line of code we write and every prompt we type. Let us ensure our tools bring us closer to our Creator!



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Date			Beginning Times					Jama'ah Times			
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Dhuhr Jama`ah

1:30

1:00 (from 25th)



- *Islamic dates are subject to moon sighting reports.*
- *Jama'ah times may be adjusted if a need arises.*
- *Pray Asr no later than 5 min before Maghrib time.*

Sisters Connect – Session 2

SubhanAllah, what an incredible morning at Sisters Connect! Alhamdulillah, the room was filled with such a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere – laughter, friendship, sisterhood and beautiful moments! From breakfast and fun games to meaningful conversations, it was so heartwarming to see everyone connecting and building friendships.

Jazakumullahu khayran to every sister who joined us and helped make the morning so special. And to all those who couldn't make it this time – you were dearly missed! We hope to see you, insha'Allah, at our next sessions.

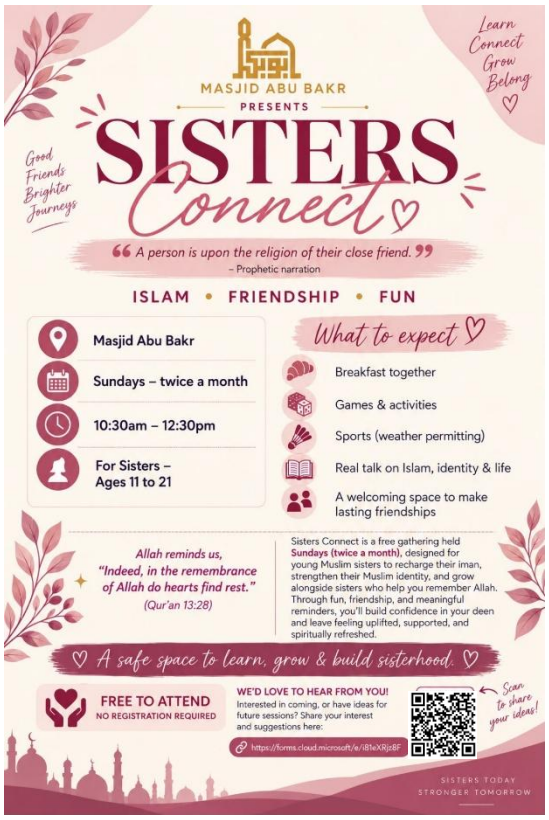
Save the dates:

Sunday 4th October – Sisters' Connect (11-21)
Sunday 18th October – Sisters' Connect (11-21)
Sunday 25th October – Sisters' Coffee Morning (all ages)

Reflective Question of the Session:

Allah ﷻ sent our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as the finest example for humanity. But what does Muhammad ﷺ mean to you? Not simply as the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, but as the person you turn to for guidance, comfort, strength and inspiration. What aspect of his ﷺ character speaks to your heart most deeply? How can we bring more of his ﷺ beautiful example into our everyday lives?

May Allah ﷻ allow us to know, love and follow the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, and make his beautiful character a source of guidance in our own lives. Ameen.



Shadows in the Autumn Light:

An Islamic Perspective on Halloween

As October draws to a close, neighbourhoods undergo a dramatic visual transformation. Streets are decorated with artificial cobwebs, eerie lighting, and carved pumpkins, while children dress up as ghosts, witches, and monsters. While modern society views Halloween as innocent fun, examining its symbols through an Islamic lens reveals a stark contrast between whimsical cultural traditions and the profound reality of the unseen world (Ghaib). Islam teaches us to evaluate our actions, celebrations, and beliefs through the standard of Divine truth.

Upon Whom Do the Devils Descend?

The Noble Quran provides absolute clarity regarding the types of people and environments that attract dark spiritual forces. Allah states explicitly in Surah Ash-Shu'ara: "Shall I inform you upon whom the devils descend? They descend upon every sinful liar." (Quran 26:221-222).

Shaytan and his legions of helpers do not wander aimlessly, nor are they truly bound by seasonal calendar dates like October 31st. Instead, they actively seek out hearts compromised by deceit, persistent major sins, and spiritual negligence (Ghaflah). When a society normalizes the glorification of witchcraft, sorcery, and demonic imagery – even under the playful guise of festival entertainment – it flirts with the very elements that invite misguidance. Participating in rituals that mimic pagan history or glorify the occult can weaken a believer's spiritual sensitivity, opening doors to the subtle whispers (Waswas) of the devil.

The Illusion of the Jack-O'-Lantern

A central symbol of this season is the pumpkin, carved into a glowing, menacing face known as the Jack-o'-lantern. Rooted in ancient Celtic folklore, these items were originally carved from turnips and placed in windows to ward off wandering, malevolent spirits. From an Islamic standpoint, attributing protective or defensive power to any physical object is a fundamental theological error.

Pumpkins possess absolutely no ability to protect, harm, or alter spiritual realities. Relying on carved vegetables, or superstitious rituals to keep evil away directly contradicts the core of Tawheed. To believe that a plant can shield a home from unseen harms borders on Shirk (associating partners with Allah). A temporary earthly creation cannot guard against the master of deception; true safety belongs solely to the sovereign Creator of the universe.

The Ultimate Shield: Divine Protection

Islam does not leave believers defenceless against evil; rather, it provides a comprehensive, proactive shield rooted deeply in faith, prayer, and consistent remembrance (Dhikr). We are taught to look past seasonal decorations and build an authentic spiritual fortress:

The Power of Ayat al-Kursi: Reciting this magnificent verse before sleeping provides a divine guardian from Allah, keeping Shaytan completely at bay until the morning light.

The Mu'awidhatayn: Regular recitation of Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Nas serves as a specific, powerful remedy for seeking refuge from the darkness of the night and the hidden whispers of creation.

Daily Adhkar: Consistently reciting the prescribed morning and evening remembrances maintains an active spiritual armour around the mind, heart, and home.

Spiritual Vigilance: Actively avoiding environments that celebrate, normalize, or mimic pagan rituals (Tashabbuh) preserves our unique Islamic identity and shields our children from confusion.

True protection lies in aligning our actions with the pleasure of Allah. This autumn, let us look past the glowing, powerless pumpkins and instead illuminate our hearts and homes with the enduring light of the Quran, ensuring our souls remain fortresses against the shadows.

Activity

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