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"This is a clear statement for men, and guidance and an admonition to those who guard themselves (against evil)."
(Ale Imran: 138)

Ugandan President, Gen. Museveni Signs Anti-Pornography Bill into Law

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IN THE FOCUS OF WISDOM

"Do not feel ashamed for giving little, because refusal is smaller than that".
"Charity is the adornment of destitution, while Gratefulness (to Allah) is the adornment of riches"

Imam Ali (a.s)

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By Shykh Adam Sebyala.

Wearing MINISKIRTS is now illegal in Uganda. It is anticipated, once fully implemented to help mould Ugandan ladies into a dress code of honour and decency, similar to that portrayed on the immaculate infallible Mary (AS), mother of Isa al Maseeh. **Who wouldn't want to look like the infallible immaculate Mary?**

Miniskirts have been short and sometimes tight, mainly worn by girls and some young women in Uganda and sub-Sahara Africa at large. Ugandans in their forties tell stories of the unlegislated prohibition of the same during the seventies. But this time it has been legis-

lated against.

The Anti-Pornography Bill, first tabled in Parliament in 2011, was passed on December 19 last year, and it creates the offence of pornography which is blamed for sexual crimes against women and children including rape, child molestation and incest.

It outlaws anything that shows sexual parts of a person such as breasts, thighs, buttocks or any behavior intended to cause sexual excitement.

In the new law, pornography has been defined as any representation, through publication, exhibition, cinematography,

indecent show, information technology or by whatever means, of a person engaged in real or stimulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a person for primarily sexual excitement.

During the passing of the Bill in December, legislators said pornography should be prohibited because of the dangers it poses to individuals, families and communities. President Yoweri Museveni has signed the Anti-pornography bill into law. The new law sets up the Pornography Control Committee,

Education in

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b) The Long-Term Solution

Creation of full time Islamic schools. This will provide the Muslim students with a morally Islamic atmosphere turning the peer pressure in favour of Islam rather than against Islam. Secondly, a full time Islamic school would integrate the secular sciences with religious sciences — science will become not only a servant of man but also a means of serving Allah, *subhana-hu wa ta'ala*.

4) Education at Advanced Level

At the present stage of our settlement on this continent, we cannot think of the same solution for the advanced level of education as we presented about the basic level of education. Maybe, our future generations may explore the means and ways of establishing an Islamic university where our students can study the so-called 'non-religious' sciences not as anti-religious but as part of their 'religious' outlook.

At the moment, however,

our efforts should be concentrated on bridging the gap between the 'ulama and the scientists on the intellectual and mental levels. This may be done in two ways:

a) Short Term

There should be regular interaction, dialogue and discussion between the ulama and scholars of secular sciences.

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By Sheikh Muhamad Mukasa

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear our readers,
Assalam Aleikum!

We congratulate all of you, and especially the parents who have managed to send our pupils and students to school.

We pray to Allah to enable all those who have not yet managed, but willing, to do the same. We hope 2014 will be a successful one.

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SAYINGS OF IMAM HUSSAIN (A.S)

Sayings of Imam Husain (A.S.)
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1. Wisdom never attains perfection except by following the truth (obeying the commandments of God).
2. One who loves you prevents you from all evils, while your enemy persuades you to commit wrong and evil.
3. Act in this world like a person who knows that he will definitely be rewarded for good deeds and punished for sin and crimes.
4. One who annoys God to please people, God leaves him to the people.
5. Some people worship God coveting his rewards. This is worship of the merchants. Some people

worship God, fearing His punishments. This is the worship of slaves. Some people worship God, thanking His blessings. This is the worship of the free superior persons.

6. a) They asked Imam Husain (A.S): What is poverty? He replied 1. Avarice 2. Despair
- b) They asked: What is richness? He replied: To be happy with what suffices you and to have few desires.
7. One who accepts your gift has really helped you in attaining generosity.
8. One who removes troubles from a believer, God expels troubles from him in this world and in the Hereafter.
9. Do not seek help from any person except one who is religious, or generous or of noble descent

(parentage)

10. One who is generous may attain greatness and he who is a miser becomes miserable and contemptible.
11. The most generous person is one who helps the despondent, who does not expect any help from others.
12. Compete for virtuous deeds and hasten to seize opportunities for good deeds by the forelock.
13. The most forgiving person is one who forgives in spite of his ability to punish. (or avenge)
14. a) If you hear some one backbiting people, try to be unfamiliar to him.
- b) Don't speak about your brother (in faith) behind his back except what you like to be spoken about you behind your back.

By Sheikh Abdul Waheed

ISLAMIC SOCIETY

Christianity and Islam

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Many Muslim women who cover are filled with dignity and self esteem; they are pleased to be identified as a Muslim woman. As a chaste, modest, pure woman, she does not want her sexuality to enter into interactions with men in the smallest degree. A woman who covers herself is concealing her sexuality but allowing her femininity to be brought out.

The question of Hijab for Muslim women has been a controversy for centuries and will probably continue for many more. Some learned people do not consider the subject open to discussion and consider that covering the face is required, while a majority are of the opinion that it is not required. A middle line position is taken by some who claim that the instructions are vague and open to individual discretion depending on the situation. The wives of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) were required to cover their faces so that men would not think of them in sexual terms since they were the "Mothers of the Believers," but this requirement was not extended to other women.

The word "Hijab" comes from the Arabic word "hajaba" meaning to hide from view or conceal. In the present time, the context of Hijab is the modest covering of a Muslim woman. The question now is what is the extent of the covering? The Quran says:

"Say to the believing man that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that will make for greater purity for them; and Allah is well acquainted with all that they do. And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; and that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof; that they should draw their veils over their bosoms and not display their beauty except to their husbands..." [Noble Quran 24:30-31] *To be continued*

By Luyimbaazi Issah Katungulu

Your Questions Answered

Qn.1 Which surah was revealed in respect of Ahlul-bait (a.s)? **Surat Dahr**

Qn.2 Which surah is its verse ending with Ru? **Surah Kawthara**

Qn.3 In which surat is the creation of human being? **Surat Hijr 26**

Qn.4 In which surah are the regulations of prisoners of war mentioned? **Surat Nesa**

Qn.5 Which surah has the laws about marriage? **Surat nesa**

Qn.6 Which prophet has his name mentioned the least in Quran? **Hazrat Uzair, only once.**

Qn.7 Which surah was revealed twice? **Al-Hamd**

Qn.8 In which surah is the backbiter is condemned? **Surat Humazah**

Qn.9 In which surah is the name of Allah repeated in each verse? **Surat Al-Mujadalah**

By Mugabi Abdul razak

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Still water which is just a Kur or more than a Kur, also, makes things clean in the same way.

These waters cannot be unclean by mere contact with Najasaat. They will be unclean if either their taste, color or smell is changed by that contact.

Still water which is less than a Kur becomes unclean by just coming into contact with a Najasaat. To cleanse with clean still water, it is necessary to wash two times after removing the Najasaat. It is better to wash three times.

The water running from the pipes in the houses is treated as river water so long as it is running.

Pots must be cleansed three times with water which is less than a Kur, and once if it is washed in Kur or running water.

If a Pig licks the pot, then it should be washed seven times whether the water is running or Kur or less than that.

The same is the rule if a rat dies in a pot.

If a Dog licks the pot, it should be rubbed with wet clean earth thoroughly; then, after washing away the earth, it should be washed twice with water which is less than a Kur, or once in Kur or running water.

If a pot becomes Najis by liquor, it must be washed three times, whatever the kind of water.

Note: A Kur is about 384 liters of water. To the next issue

By Sheikh Muhammad Mukasa Serutegga

OBSERVATION OF RAB-BIUL-AL-THANI

2nd Birth Syed Abdul Azeem Hassani 173AH

3rd Death Abu Zarri el-Ghaffari

10th Wiladat Imam Hassan Al Askari(as)

List of the main Qur'anic sciences: *I*nterpretation (*'ilm tafsir al Qur'an*), circumstances of revelation (*'ilm asbaab al nuzuul*), miracles of the Qur'an (*'ilm i'ijaz al Qur'an*), abrogating and abrogated verses in the Qur'an (*'ilm naasikh al Qur'an wa mansuukhuhu*), legal rulings in the Qur'an (*'ilm ahkaam al Qur'an*), excellence of the Qur'an (*'ilm fadhail al Qur'an*), elucidating the complex in the Qur'an (*'ilm ta'wil mushkil al Qur'an*), clear and allegorical verses in the Qur'an (*'ilm al muhkam wa al mutashshabih*), history of the writing of the Qur'an (*'ilm taarikh al Qur'an wa tadwwinuhu wa naskhihi wa kuttabihi wa rasmihi*), grammar of the Qur'an (*'ilm i'iraab al Qur'an*), and different readings of the Qur'an (*'ilm al Qira'at*). These sciences are interrelated and share the characteristic of being methodological in approach.

Sheikh Abdulwaheed Mayega

OUR LIBRARY/BOOK REVIEW

Treatise On Rights (Risaalat al huquuq): Imam Zain al Abidiin (Risaalat al huquuq).

The Right of One who does a Kindly Act

The right of him who does a kindly act (*dhu l-ma'ruf*) toward you is that you thank him and mention his kindness; you reward him with beautiful words and you supplicate for him sincerely in that which is between you and God. If you do that, you have thanked him secretly and openly. Then, if you are able to repay him one day, you repay him. *to the next issue*

By Luyimbaazi Issah Katungulu

responsible for the implementation of the law and for taking necessary measures to ensure early detection and prohibition of pornography. The Committee will also be charged with the collection and destruction of pornographic materials.

QURANIC SCIENCES:RATIONAL APPROACH

Muslims in Makka were weak and their main concern was to call others to the *din*, to preserve and strengthen their *aqidat*. Muslims in Madina were strong and were building a state. The Makkan verses are short, poetic, and powerful. They deal mostly with issues of *aqidat*. Verses revealed in Madina are longer and deal with details of societal organisation.

SCIENCES OF THE QUR'AN

Definition of sciences of the Qur'an (*uluum al Qur'an*): Qur'anic sciences deal with general matters relating to the revelation, arrangement, collection, writing, recitation, interpretation, miracles, and abrogation of the Qur'an (*al mabaahith al kulliyat al-lati tata'allaqu bi al Qur'an al karim min nahiyat nuzuulihi, wa tartibihi, wa jamuhu, wa kitaabatuhu, wa qiraatuhu, wa tafsiiuruhi, wa ijazuhu, wa nasikhuhu wa mansuukhuhu*).



10TH RABBIL AL-THANI MARKS THE DEATH OF LADY FATIMA MASUMA (A.S)

Title; Ma'suma

Mother; Najmah Khātūn

Father; Imam Mūsā al-Kādim (A.s)

Birth date; 1st Dhul Qa'dah, 173A.H in Medina

Died; 10th Rabbiul Al-thani, 201 A.H

By Sheikh Yousuf Muniir Makanga

The high status of Lady Fatima Masuma (A.s)

In the salutation (Ziyārat) of Lady Fatima Masuma (A) which has been narrated from Imam al-Ridā (A) (the salutation is quoted in the final chapter of this book), one reads:“(We ask from Allah) not to deprive us from understanding your status. Indeed, He is the Protector and has Power over everything.”

And so in this chapter we will attempt to understand something of the great status of this noble lady. Some traditions that are indicative of her status are mentioned below:

1. The authentic tradition from Imam al-Ridā (A):

“Whoever visits Masuma in Qum is like the one who has visited me.”

This tradition implies that the rewards and benefits awarded to a pilgrim are the same whether he does the pilgrimage of Lady Fatima Masuma (A) or Imam al-Ridā (A). Also, from this tradition, as discussed previously, we get the title of Masuma (infallible) that was given to this noble lady by Imam (A) himself.

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3. The authentic tradition from Imam al-Sādiq (A):**“A lady from my children, by the name of Fatima will be buried in Qum. Whoever visits her [shrine], will certainly be admitted to Heaven.”**

This narration also illustrates the high status of this noble lady, because her pilgrim is ensured entry into Heaven.

4. Another authentic tradition from Imam al-Sādiq (A): **“A lady from my children whose name will be Fatima, daughter of Mūsā, will die in Qum. On the day of Judgement this lady will intercede for all my Shi`a to enter Heaven.”**

This narration indicates the honour and position of Lady Fatima Masuma (A), who will be the means of intercession of the Shi`a of the Ahl al-Bayt (A) on the Day of Judgement.

Your supplication

Dua Before Studying

Oh Allah! Make useful for me what you have taught me and teach me knowledge that will be useful to me.

Oh Allah! I ask you for the understanding of the prophets and the memory of the messengers, and those nearest to you.

Oh Allah! Make my tongue full of your remembrance and my heart with awe of you.

Oh Allah! You do whatever you wish, and you are my availer and protector and best of aid.

By L.I.Katungulu