

The Day of Aashura

Muharram is here with its Rahmah and Blessings. And in this auspicious month the greatest of days is the day of Aashura, the 10th of Muharram. **(6th December 2011 = 10th Muharram 1433)**

Rasoolullah ﷺ greatly emphasised the importance of fasting on this day. The Hadith states,

“The fast of Aashura wipes out the sins of a year.” (Muslim)

Rasoolullah ﷺ further advised the Ummah to keep an additional fast a day before or after the tenth. The reason being, the Jews also fasted on the tenth. It was necessary that the Muslims be distinct and apart from the practices of the non-Muslims.

This leaves a powerful lesson for his Ummah. Muslims will, at any given time or place, be distinct and different from the practices, norms and culture of the non-Muslims.

**Aashura Fast: 9,10 Muharram = 5,6 Dec. (Mon/Tues) or
10,11 Muharram = 6,7 Dec. (Tues/Wed)**

Additionally, the day of Aashura is an excellent opportunity to spend on one's family. Rasoolullah ﷺ has stated,

“Whoever is generous to his family on the Day of Aashura, Allah will be generous to him for the rest of the year.” (Targheeb, classified Authentic)

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