

# MUHARRAM

## A NEW BEGINNING

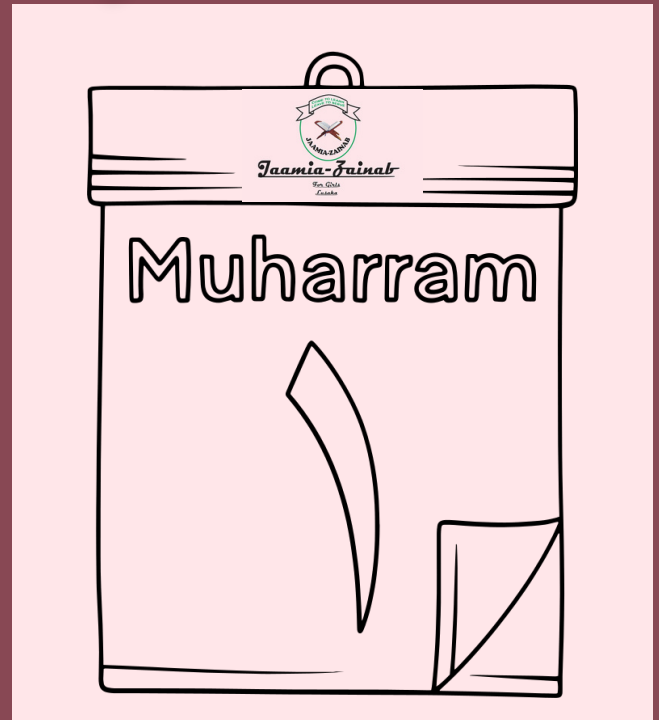
The advent of a new year is very exciting.

There is something about the new year that causes one's spirits to be rejuvenated. The winds that bring about the new year smell of hope and aspirations. It is a rejuvenating feeling.

It is an opportunity to truly leave behind what doesn't serve you in any way and to look forward to things that actually matter.

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic lunar calendar. It is one of the 4 sacred months of the Islamic year.

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"Indeed the number of months with Allah is twelve [lunar] months in the register of Allah [from] the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred..."(Quran 9:36)

Muharram is derived from the root letters \_haa\_ \_raa\_ and \_meem\_ (harama) and its meaning is to be forbidden or sacred.

This is because it is one of the 4 months in which Muslims are not allowed to initiate any form of warfare. The other 3 sacred months are Zul Qa'da, Zul Hijja and Rajab.

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam has also referred to Muharram as "the month of Allah".



A man came to the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and said: "Which fasting is better after the month of Ramadan?" He said: "The month of Allah which is called Muharram." (Ibn Majah)

Taking into account the meaning of Muharram and the fact that it is also called the month of Allah, one can understand the importance and sacredness of this month.

A mu'min should therefore behave accordingly, more so in this month.

Due to the sacredness of certain months and days, the rewards for good deeds also increase. On the flip side, the magnanimity of sin also increases in these moments.

A mu'min should therefore make a very firm intention to stay away from all that is haraam and sinful and should make greater efforts to increase one's good deeds.

## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

"New year resolutions" is a common phrase that is heard at the beginning of each year. Social media is awash with hashtags and the concepts related to New Year.

#NewYear

#NewMe

#NewBeginnings

#NewMindset

#NewGoals

For a mu'min, each second of his life should be filled with this slogan:

“

*New Second,*

*New Me*

”



This is because a mu'min's aim 24/7/365 is to become closer to Allah SWT and for a mu'min, there is no end to how close he can become to Allah SWT.

This Qurbah (proximity) to Allah SWT should be the goal of every mu'min. Every second of a mu'min's life is an opportunity for him to get even closer to Allah SWT.

For a mu'min, the advent of Muharram should be a time of great joy and sorrow.

Joy because Allah swt has given us a new year where we can start afresh. Sorrow at how we didn't manage to take full advantage of the previous year.

Let this Muharram indeed be a new beginning for us.

A month in which we make a true tawbah.

A month in which we stay away from haraam.

A month in which we actively try to follow the sunan of Nabi Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam.

A month in which we strive to do good deeds.

A month in which we introspect and make amends.

Let this Muharram and new year be the one where our spirituality increases.

Let it be the month in which we try to gain maximum Qurbah.

Let this Muharram be a New Beginning for us.

