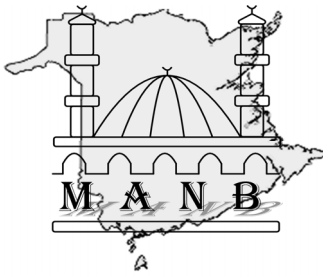


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INSIGHTS

Loving Each Other for the Sake of Allah

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Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said, Allah will ask on the Day of Judgment: "Where are those who loved each other for the sake of My glory? Today, on a day when there is no shade but Mine, I shall shade them with My shade." (Muslim)

Love is among the most exalted of human feelings. When this love revolves around Almighty Allah and forms the basis for our interpersonal relationships, many problems can be weathered and great fruits can be harvested for both the individual and society as a whole. The Qur'an and Sunnah often speak about the noble status of those whom Allah graces to possess such love. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said, "Among Allah's servants are people who are neither prophets nor martyrs, but whom the prophets and martyrs will deem fortunate because of their high status with Allah." The Companions asked, "O Messenger of Allah! Inform us of who they are." The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) told them that they are people who loved each other for Allah's sake, even without being related to one another or being tied to one another by the exchange of wealth. The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) went on to describe their great reward on the Day of Resurrection: "By Allah, their faces will be luminous and they will be upon light. They will feel no fear when the people will be feeling fear, and they will feel no grief when the people will be grieving." Then he (peace and blessings be upon him) read the verse: [Behold! verily on the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve] (Yunus 10:62). (Abu Dawud). This reminds us of another famous hadith that enumerates the seven types of people who will enjoy Allah's shade on a day when there is no shade but His. Among those mentioned are "two men who love each other for the sake of Allah, meeting for that reason, and parting with this love (still cherished by both of them)" (Al-Bukhari and Muslim).

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President's Message

Assalamu Alaikum. I would like to thank the members of the community for entrusting me and the members of my team to serve this wonderful community for a year. I have lived in many major cities in Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Canada before moving to Saint John. I have established my home here few years ago because of the warmth and love with which the members of this Muslim community welcomed me and my family. I now consider this an honor and a privilege to be asked by this community to serve it, and I guarantee you that I shall do my best to meet and exceed your expectations. I am fortunate to have committed and competent members on my team. In addition, a large number of MANB members have already offered to assist my team in whatever capacity they can help the community. As I mentioned in the last general body meeting, my primary goal is to increase the participation rate in all activities of our association. We have already undertaken an enrolment drive to increase the membership and our goal is to reach each and every eligible member of the community. We shall find ways and means to increase participation in Jumma prayers, Eid prayers, Islamic School, and all the other activities of the association. We shall also work closely with the Muslim associations in Fredericton, Moncton and Muslim Students Associations in the Tri-city area. We are forming several committees to spread the burden of all the activities and I am thankful to those experienced members of the community who have agreed to lead the projects and initiatives that we are undertaking. I am also thankful to the younger members of the community who have agreed to participate in these activities so that the community can benefit from the energy and enthusiasm of the youths of our community. Please do not hesitate to share your comments and criticisms with me or other members of the team. You may email me or drop your written comments in the donation box in the Masjid. Please also be generous and support the activities of the association and the center with whatever amount of funds that you can afford. I look forward to serving and working with you. May Allah help and reward us all! Ameen!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ Alhamdulillah this is our first issue of MANB Newsletter. We are planning to add a new classified column to provide the community with a spot to buy and sell their goods. Please feel free to send us your ad to info@manb.ca.
- ❑ Please do not hesitate to fill out the MANB membership forms, those who have already paid the membership fee are only required to fill out the forms. Those who have not yet paid their membership fees are required to fill out the forms, and deposit the membership fee in the donation box at their earliest convenience.
- ❑ Your generosity is ALWAYS needed. Without your support we can achieve nothing. We have a full list of items we have to accomplish this year including major maintenance of house of Allah plus the operating budget and social activities budget. PLEASE keep donating for the sake of Allah in order to keep the house of Allah tidy, warm, and comfortable to all community.
- ❑ Soon we will start organizing a series of seminars that will be held biweekly at Mosque. These seminars are designed to educate our community in different life-related topics, e.g. health care, tax filing, university education, Islamic morals, and more. They will be carried out by professionals. All community are encouraged to attend these seminars. Refreshments will be served.

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Love for Allah's sake transcends the limits of our worldly existence, enduring into the life to come. Allah says, [Close friends on that Day will be foes to one another—except for the righteous.] (Az-Zukhruf 43:67)

Loving one another for the sake of Allah, and brotherhood in faith, are among the most excellent acts of worship. This sublime love entails some conditions and duties that must be fulfilled so that the relationship remains pure and free of base undercurrents. Upholding these duties brings a servant nearer to Allah and to His pleasure and, over time, it can bring about a greater nobility of person.



Prayer Times May 02, 2008



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| MAY 05 | 4:27 | 6:05 | 1:21 | 5:20 | 8:36 | 10:14 |
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| MAY 07 | 4:23 | 6:02 | 1:20 | 5:21 | 8:39 | 10:18 |
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KIDS' CORNER

Dear Children, assalamu alaikum. This is your corner to take part of our contest. Please answer the question, write your name, cut the sheet and place it inside the designated box before next Friday prayer. On Sunday after Dhuh prayer we will announce the winner who will receive a decent prize!

What are the five Pillars of Islam? 1. 2.
3. 4. 5.

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