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# Selected verses from the Holy Qur'an,

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds,

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

The Gracious, the Merciful,

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Master of the Day of Judgment.

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help.

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

Guide us in the right path.

إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings, those who have not incurred Thy displeasure, and those who have not gone astray.

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

(Chapter 1:1-7)

## Hadith

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah (May Allah be Pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) said,

**“Any work started without saying Bismillah Ar-Rehman Ar-Raheem (i.e. I begin in the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful), is devoid of blessings and is defective”.**

(Al-Jāmay Al-Sagheer lil Sayyiti).

## Saying of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him)

All praise be unto Him Who is the Everlasting,  
None is His equal, nor is anything like unto Him.

He remains forever, the rest is transient,  
To love others than Him is a mere fantasy.

He alone is my heart's desire, I know none other,  
My heart exclaims: Holy is He Who keeps me in sight.

He provides for all, His Grace is manifest,  
In Him alone lies our comfort; He alone is dear to us.

Without Him we cannot live, all else is false,  
Blessed be this day, Holy is He Who keeps me in sight.

(Mahmood Ki Ameen: Roohani Khaza'in, Vol. 12, p. 319)

# Editorial

Assalam-o-Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatahu,

We hope this reaches you in the best of health. Ameen. *Alhamdulillah*, this is the first issue of the very first magazine of Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Australia which our beloved Huzur e Anwar (May Allah be his helper) has named it as “Mahmood”.

The purpose of this magazine is to share knowledge, wisdom and to keep up to date of all the activities taking place around Australia. Most of all, we hope that this magazine will encourage everyone to spreading the true message of Islam throughout this country, in serving mankind to the best of our abilities to earn the pleasure of God.

The articles, reports, stories, pictures, jokes and puzzles in this magazine are collected by Atfal, published by Atfal for Atfal. Therefore everyone is kindly requested to contribute in making this magazine a great success. This is a great platform to polish your writing and reporting skills.

Remember, you can write anything from articles of religion to topics of interest to recipes of delicious dishes, step-by-step instructions for creative craft, artworks that you may have created, achievements and accomplishments, poetry, stories that are a good read, jokes, puzzles, interesting facts etc.

Likewise, any suggestions or recommendations to improve this magazine are absolutely welcomed. Please use email [mahmoodmagazine@Atfal.org.au](mailto:mahmoodmagazine@Atfal.org.au) for any correspondence in relation to this magazine. So pick-up those pens, pencils, mobiles, tablets, laptops or jump to computer to contribute to this blessed initiative.

Please remember the Mahmood Magazine team in your prayers that may God make this task easy for us and may we be able to serve to best of our abilities. Aamin.

Wasalam-o-Alaikum

Mahmood Magazine Team



## Approval letter of Magazine from our beloved Huzur e Anwar



نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ وَ عَلَى عَشِيرَةِ الْمَسِيحِ الْمَوْعُودَةِ  
خدا کے فضل اور رحم کے ساتھ  
هو الناصر



مکرم مہتمم صاحب اطفال الاحمدیہ آسٹریلیا  
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آپ کا خط موصول ہوا جس میں آپ نے مجلس اطفال الاحمدیہ آسٹریلیا کا اپنا میگزین شائع کرنے  
کی اجازت چاہی ہے۔ ٹھیک ہے اطفال اپنا میگزین جاری کر لیں اور اس کا نام ”محمود“ رکھ لیں۔ اللہ تعالیٰ  
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## Approval letter of Magazine from our beloved Huzur e Anwar (May Allah be his Helper)

Respected Mohtamim Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya  
Australia

Assalam-o-Alaikum Warahmatullahe  
Wabarakatahu.

I have received your letter in which you have requested permission for Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Australia to publish its own magazine. It is permitted. Atfal can start their own magazine and name it “**Mahmood**”.

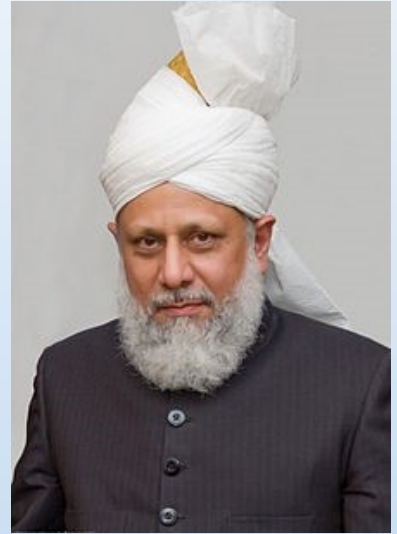
May Allah enable all Atfal to fulfil their responsibilities to the best of their abilities and enhance them in Knowledge and Bless their Actions. Ameen

Wasalam

Khaksar

Mirza Masroor Ahmad

Khalifat-ul-Masih V (May Allah be his Helper)



# Message from Respected Sadr Sahib Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya Australia



Dear members of Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia,

Assalam o Alaekum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu

Alhumdolillah, it is such a wonderful day and we have been very fortunate to witness and be a part of the first dedicated Magazine of Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia. We are so blessed that the name of this magazine

‘Mahmood’ has been graciously approved by our beloved Imam, Hazrat Mirza

Masroor Ahmad (May Allah be His Helper).

My dear Atfal, you are the blessed children of such a Jamaat who has accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) at a time when the whole world including Jews, Christians, Hindus are still waiting for him. Our parents and their parents saw and accepted the truth in Promised Messiah (peace be upon Him) and we are simply following in their footsteps. However it is very important for us to learn and understand why our parents chose this path so that we can confidently say that this path is our own.

To help us stay strong on this journey we must stay firm on our pledge i.e. ready to serve our faith Islam, our Jamaat, our nation and country. We live in a time where information is readily available at our fingertips however often we choose to take in worldly information instead of spiritual information. We should make our daily routine in order of priority of our pledge which is to ensure we are first the best Muslims, then the best Ahmadis and then the best Australians.

The founder of Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Hazrat Mirza Bashirudin Mahmood Ahmad, Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said, “Children should be taught the habits of hard work, telling the truth and offering five daily prayers on time. Should they learn these three habits they will prove to be very successful and important assets of Jamaat”.

My dear Atfal, I pray that this Magazine becomes a source of guidance for you all. May Allah bless the efforts of Mohtamim sahib Atfal and the Ishaat (Publication) department in publishing this magazine. May Allah enable Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia to become to true servants of Islam Ahmadiyyat, Amin.

Wasalam

Humble servant

Waqas Ahmed

Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia



## Message from Respected Mohtamim Sahib Atfal



*Aasalamualikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,*

I pray from Almighty Allah for Majlis Atfal ul Ahmadiyya Australia; May Allah Bless all of you with healthy, wealthy, long and happy life under the divine guidance of our beloved Imam, Khalifah of Islam Ahmadiyyat. Ameen.

My dear Atfal! you are the children of Islam Ahmadiyyat. You are “The Future” and it's your responsibility to lead and play an important role in the future of Islam Ahmadiyyat. Remember, you are Servants of Islam Ahmadiyyat. Therefore always be obedient to Khilafat and be ready to sacrifice everything for the sake of Pleasure of Almighty Allah.

For us, the key things of success are:

1. Prayers
2. Sadqa
3. Letter to Huzoor-e-Anwar (May Allah be his Helper)
4. Plan well and work hard to achieve your goals

You will never fail *Insb'Allah*. I hope you take my advice.

I would also like to congratulate you on the inception of your magazine “Mahmood”. May Allah Bless all team members who have worked very hard to prepare this magazine. I would like to encourage you to contribute in this magazine. May Allah make this Magazine a source of Knowledge for all of us and enable us to serve Islam Ahmadiyyat to the best of our abilities. Ameen.

Wasalam

Khaksar

Waqar Ahmad Nasir

Mohtamim Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Australia

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## Pledge of a TIFAL

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

I BEAR WITNESS THAT THERE IS NONE WORTHY  
OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH, HE IS ONE AND HAS  
NO PARTNER, AND I ALSO BEAR WITNESS THAT  
MUHAMMAD ﷺ IS HIS SERVANT AND HIS MESSENGER.

I sincerely promise that I shall always be ready to  
serve my faith Islam, Jamaat e Ahmadiyya Muslima,  
my nation and country. I shall always tell the truth,  
will not insult and abuse anybody and I will try my  
best to obey all instructions given by  
Hazrat Khalifat-ul-Masih, (Insha'Allah).



# MAJALIS ACTIVITIES

## Majlis Logan Report

*, Report by: Respected Zeshan Arif Sahib*

### Clean up Australia day 06/03/2016

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 15 Atfal from Majlis Logan participating for clean-up Australia day. Preparations began 1 week before with all Atfal being registered at the mosque. The Atfal

By the grace of Allah the day was very great and all Atfal enjoyed it.

### First aid training 12/03/2016

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 15 Atfal from Majlis Logan participated in a first aid course. All Atfal were registered on the day and were given certificates at the end. During this course the children were taught how to do CPR,



were allocated Crest road and in the end the road was clean and spotless.



bandaging and how to respond in dangerous issues. The children enjoyed the time and are much more confident.



## Aamla meeting 12/03/2016

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 10 Atfal attended the Aamla meeting at the mosque. During this meeting all Atfal were explained their roles and what



their duties are. The Atfal clarified what they have to do and are doing a



great job now. The Atfal have taken responsibility and are doing great job now.

## Aftari and Tabligh class 17/03/2016 & 24/03/2016

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 10 Atfal helped with serving aftari and attending the Tabligh class. All Atfal arrived on time and attended the Tabligh class in

which they are learning the life of Hzrat Abu Bakar (May Allah be pleased with him). The Atfal then served dinner and helped clean up. The Atfal are learning hospitality skills and are also learning about Islam.

## Masih-e-Maud day 12/03/2016

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 19 Atfal attended the Masih-e-Maud day at the mosque. The program started at 1:00pm with recitation of Holy Quran. The Jalsa proceeded with poems and speeches which really engaged Atfal. By the grace of Allah the day was very well and the Atfal



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## Red Cross Appeal 24/03/2016

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, 3 members of Atfal done a 5 hour shift at Westfield to raise money for Red Cross. Atfal really enjoyed the time and had a lot of fun. Atfal interacted with others and a lot of people donated.



## Waqar-e-Amal 24/03/2016

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 5 Atfal attended a Waqar e Amal where they cleaned the mosque. The Atfal vacuumed the carpet and cleaned the bathrooms. The Atfal done a great job and had fun cleaning the mosque.



## Weekly sports at Masroor Academy

Masroor Academy is on every Sunday with 100% attendance. During this month Atfal have had sports every week. The attendance is around 15 Atfal for Majlis Logan. After all classes are finished Atfal play soccer, cricket, basketball, football and handball. By the grace of Allah every week there are regular sports that help keep Atfal active.





# Majlis Langwarrin Report

*Report by: Respected Wajabat Ahmad Sahib*

*Alhamdulillah*, Majlis Atfal ul Ahmadiyya Langwarrin got the opportunity to organize different programs to raise spiritual and moral levels among our Atfal.

## Namaz competition:

Our Majlis organized a Namaz competition for two months (Jan to March). In which 8 Atfal stood First by offering 5 daily prayers continuously for 2 months.

We invited Respected Sadr Majlis Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya for the prize ceremony of this competition.

*Alhamdulillah*, He gave prizes to the winning Atfal. *Alhamdulillah*, our Majlis had its Parents day of the

Parents and discussed the situation of



their Sons. And also had a Tarbiyati session with Respected Mohtamim sahib Atfal.



month. In which, I personally met all

## Atfal Camp

Alhamdollah, 100% Atfal attended the 3-day Tarbiyyati Camp.



## Sports

Majlis Atfal ul Ahmadiyya

Langwarrin is organizing different sports events to get all Atfal involved with their majlis and to build a strong brotherhood among them.

## Australia Clean-up Day

Majlis Langwarrin Atfal love their Country, and they are keen to devote their lives for the betterment of Australia. In this regard they went out to clean the Roads and Sites of Victoria on Australia day.



## RedCross Charity collection & Door knock

Atfal Participated	9
Time Spent	3 Hours
Collection	\$400 approx.

Atfal Participated	7
Time Spent	6 Hours
Collection	\$419.35

Atfal participated	11
Time Spent	3 Hours

First of all, we did Red Cross Door Knock Appeal on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Secondly, we booked a Stall in Cranbourne Shopping Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016. We again did, Red Cross Door Knock Appeal on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.



## Amla Refresher Course

Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya Langwarrin is continuously organizing a refresher course of its Amla members every month.

## Monthly Parents Day

Our Majlis is organizing Monthly parents day, to discuss and improve the Spiritual levels of Atfal with their parents.





# Majlis Endeavour Hills Report

*Report by: Respected Adeeb Ahmad Sahib (Nazim Endeavour Hills)*

## Ijlas e Aam (at Atfal Camp)

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 Atfal ul Ahmadiyya Victoria had their 1<sup>st</sup> Camp of the year which was very successful. The camp began with an Ijlas e Aam in which regional Nazim Atfal Sahab introduced himself and Nazimeen to them and Atfal also got to meet their brothers from other Majalis. Some common Tarbiyyati manners were taught by Regional Nazim Sahab in Ijlas e Aam.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 in the Atfal Summer Camp our Majlis performed the wind up duty for the lunch, dinner and next day's breakfast and lunch. Atfal were divided into a few

groups to do different tasks such as cleaning bin, collecting rubbish, cleaning tables etc. On 13<sup>th</sup> and

14<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 Region Victoria's Summer Camp was all about sports and activities and Atfal enjoyed a lot playing Badminton, Football, Cricket, and Indoor Soccer with other Atfal and had a one-dish party together.



# Atfal-ul-Ahmediyya

## Essay competition – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Topic: Rights of Women in Islam

Written by: **Hazeem Ahmad**

Majlis: **Penrith, NSW**

Women in Islam are thought to be dominated, corrupted, worried – but are they really? Are millions of Muslims simply that cruel or are these errors fake by a biased media?

Over fourteen hundred years ago, Islam gave women rights that women in the West have only recently began to enjoy. In the 1930's, Annie Besant observed, "It is only in the last twenty

وَالْمُطَلَّقَاتُ يَتَرَبَّصْنَ بِأَنْفُسِهِنَّ ثَلَاثَةَ قُرُوءٍ وَلَا يَحِلُّ لَهُنَّ أَنْ يَكْتُمْنَ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ فِي  
أَرْحَامِهِنَّ إِنْ كُنَّ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَبُعُولَتُهُنَّ أَحَقُّ بِرَدِّهِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ إِنْ أَرَادُوا إِصْلَاحًا  
وَهُنَّ مِثْلُ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلِلرِّجَالِ عَلَيْهِنَّ دَرَجَةٌ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٢٨﴾

*Divorced women remain in waiting for three periods, and it is not lawful for them to conceal what Allah has created in their wombs if they believe in Allah and the Last Day. And their husbands have more right to take them back in this [period] if they want reconciliation. And due to the wives is similar to what is expected of them, according to what is reasonable. But the men have a degree over them [in responsibility and authority]. And Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise.*

The Holy Qur'an 2:228

years that Christian England has recognized the right of woman to property, while Islam has allowed this right from all times. It is a slander to say that Islam preaches that women have no souls. Men and women all descended from a single person – the Prophet Adam (peace be upon him). Islam does not accept for either of them anything but justice and kind treatment.

Men and women worship Allah (God) in the same way. Meaning they worship the same God (Allah), emphasises the just treatment and reward due to both men and women in many verses of the Qur'an: perform the same acts of worship, follow the same scripture, and hold the same beliefs. Allah (the Arabic word for the One True God of all creation), judges all human beings fairly and honestly.

*“Allah has promised to the believers, men and women, gardens under which rivers flow, to do well there in, and beautiful mansions in gardens of everlasting happiness.”*

The Holy Qur'an 9:72.

*“Never will I allow the loss of the work of any worker amongst you, male or female; you are of one another.”*

The Holy Qur'an 3:195.

These verses show that reward is dependent upon one's actions and not one's gender. Gender does not play any part in how a person is rewarded and judged.

If we compare Islam to other religions, we see that it offers justice between the genders. For example, Islam dismisses the idea that Eve is more to blame than Adam for eating from the forbidden tree. According to

Islam, Adam and Eve both sinned, they both repented and God forgave them both.

Islam has honoured women by giving them the right to choose a spouse and keep their original family name once married. Additionally, many have the impression that parents force their daughters into marriage. This is a cultural practice, and has no basis in Islam. In fact, it is prohibited.

God created men and women to be different, with unique roles, skills and responsibilities. These differences are not viewed as evidences of superiority or inferiority, but of specialization. In Islam, the family is of central importance. The man is responsible for the financial wellbeing of the family while the woman contributes to the family's physical, educational and emotional wellbeing. This encourages cooperation rather than competition. By fulfilling their mutual responsibilities, strong families are created and hence strong societies.

While men and women have equal rights as a general principle, the specific rights and responsibilities granted to them are not identical. Men and women have complementary rights and responsibilities. In those days before Islam, women were



treated like slaves or property. Their personal consent concerning anything related to their well-being was considered unimportant, to such a degree that they were never even treated as a party to a marriage contract.

Women were used for one purpose, and then discarded. They had no independence, could own no property and were not allowed to inherit. In times of war, women were treated as part of the prize. Simply put, their condition was unspeakable.

In addition, the birth of a daughter in a family was not an occasion for rejoicing, but was regarded with humiliation. The practice of killing female children was uncontrolled.

Muslim woman is not permitted to change her family name to her husband's name upon marriage. She is always known by her father's name, as a mark of her own identity. In choosing a marriage partner, her consent to accept or reject any prospective suitor for marriage must be respected. A Muslim woman has the right to seek divorce, if necessary within the laws of Islam.

In the West, women may be doing the

same job that men do, but their wages are often less. The rights of Western women in modern times were not created voluntarily, or out of kindness to the female. The modern Western woman reached her present position by force, and not through natural processes or mutual consent of Divine teachings. She had to force her way, and various circumstances aided her. Shortage of manpower during wars, pressure of economic needs and requirement of industry forced women to leave their homes to work, struggling for their livelihood, to appear equal to men. Whether all women are sincerely pleased with these circumstances, and whether they are happy and satisfied with the results, is a different matter. But the fact remains that whatever rights modern Western women have, they fall short of those of her Muslim counterpart! Islam has given woman what duties her female nature. It gives her full security and protects her against becoming what Western modern women themselves complain against: a "mere gender object."

May Allah bless us with the teachings of women in Islam.

# Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya

## Essay competition – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### Topic: Rights of Women in Islam

Written by: **Faizaan Ahmad**

Majlis: **Penrith, NSW**

The divine scheme of regulation of relationship between males and females, Islam has assigned a position of dignity and honour to woman. This regulation is essential for peace, comfort, happiness and continuation of the species. The Holy Quran emphasizes that God the almighty created all species in pairs as He said in Holy Quran:- ‘

*‘He created you from a single being; then of the same kind made its mate’ (39:7).*

Over fourteen hundred years ago, Islam gave women the rights which western women are now getting some of it and still struggling for others. Now we look into the rights which women have in Islam.

#### **Worship and its reward**

In Islam, women worship in the same way as men does, they worship the same God, perform the same acts in worship, follow and read the same

scripture and have the same beliefs. Allah says in Holy Quran:-

*“And the believers, men and women, are friends one of other. They enjoin good and forbid evil and observe prayer and pay Zakat and obey Allah and His Messenger. It is these on whom Allah will have mercy. Surely, Allah is Mighty, Wise.”(9:71).*

Also the Holy Quran has made it absolutely clear that reward in the life after death and nearness to God, not depend upon gender but upon their faith and deeds. As mention in Quran: -

*“Allah has promised to believers, men and women, Gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide, and delightful dwelling places in Gardens of Eternity. And the pleasure of Allah is the greatest of all. That is the supreme triumph.”(9:72)*

Hazrat Maryam (Mother of Jesus<sup>as</sup>) was a pious woman in history. The Quran says that she had attained such

an elevated spiritual degree that the angel used to visit her in her prayer and converse with her. She had attained a high position of Divine.

**Education** Islam are encouraged to seek knowledge to both male and female and there is no limitation to gender or age. Allah encourages women to read and keep up the learning process. He also bestows His mercy upon all who seek knowledge, and gives them high status. As mention in Quran:-

*“Exalted then is Allah, the True King! And be not impatient for the Quran ere its revelation is completed unto thee, but only say, Ó my Lord, increase me in knowledge.”* (20:115). The Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) said: *“To seek knowledge is compulsory on every Muslim.”*

## Marriage

Islam also gave woman the right to choose her partner. She has a right to say yes or reject the proposal and guardian should respect her opinion. Also a Muslim woman has a right to seek divorce, if it is necessary. At the time of the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) a woman came up to him and said *“My father married me to my cousin to raise his social standings and I was*

*forced into it.”* The Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) sent for the girl’s father and then in his presence gave the girl option of remaining married or nullifying the marriage. She responded, *“O Messenger of Allah, I have accepted what my father did, but I wanted to show other women.”*

## Inheritance

Islam gave women a share in the inheritance over fourteen hundred years ago, hence in western society it is recognised in 1930’s. Allah says in the Holy Quran: *“For men is a share of that which parents and near relations leave; and for women is a share of that which parents and near relations leave. Whether it be little or much—a determined share.”* (4:8) However women have equal rights in as a general principal but they are assigned different roles and duties in daily life because they are different to each other in their strength and abilities.

A socio-biology expert, Edward O. Wilson of Harvard University, said that females tend to be higher than males in verbal skills, empathy and social skills, among other things, while men tend to be higher in independence, dominance and mathematical skills. So it would be

foolish to treat both of them same.

Islam teaches us that men and women have complementary, yet different roles. Allah says it beautifully in Holy Quran:-

*"They are a garment for you and you are a garment for them."* (2:188)

In Islam, woman has very honoured and respectful status as a mother and daughter. A mother has the greatest influence on a child especially in the earlier years through her affection, care and love. Allah says in the holy Quran:

*- "And we have enjoined on man to be good to his parents. His mother bears him with pain, and brings him forth with pain. And the bearing of him and his weaning takes thirty months, till when he attains his full maturity and reaches the age of forty years, he says 'My Lord, grant me the power that I may be grateful for thy flavour which thou hast bestowed upon me and upon my parents.'" (46:15).*

The Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) was once asked,

*"O Messenger of Allah, who among people is most deserving of my good treatment?" He said, your mother the man asked twice more, then who and was given the same response your mother. Only until the fourth time did the Prophet(Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him)*

*respond your father.*

Islam is not only reward the good and kind treatment towards mother but also has designated a special reward for raising daughters. The Prophet(Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) said *"Whoever Allah has given two daughters and is kind towards them, they will be a reason for him entering paradise."*

Before Islam, women were considered shameful, female children were buried alive and treated like a slave. Islam came and abolished these practices and granted women honour, respect and dignity. Islam regards a woman as precious and valuable person. Allah says:-

*"Surely, men who submit themselves to God and women who submit themselves to him, and believing men and believing women, and obedient men and obedient women and truthful men and truthful women, and men steadfast in their faith and steadfast women, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him – Allah has prepared for all of them forgiveness and a great reward."* (33:36).

# Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya

## Essay competition– 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Topic: Rights of Women in Islam

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Women in Islam are honoured, given great importance and respect. This rule is very important for peace, happiness and progress of the human race. The Holy Quran has highlighted that Allah has created every species in pairs. This shows that men and women in Islam are equal and have the same rights as one another.

At the time of the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) women were greatly disrespected and dishonoured. Women had no rights and no laws to protect themselves from the doings of immoral men. Some examples that clearly show that women were regarded merely as an object are the following: they were not allowed any share of their father's or husband's property. Their husband's owned them and were given their wives as property. A woman had no right over her children. Women were deprived

of love and affection from their parents, meaning that parents showed love more to boys than to girls. Woman in the time of the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) was disrespected so much, that some families even buried their newly born daughters alive at birth. These examples of the disregard towards women clearly show that a woman was merely looked upon as an object.

Women and men in Islam are both spiritually equal and will be given the same great reward by Allah if they perform the qualities which he has asked of them. This means that both men and women are asked of the same things by Allah, and by doing these they both gain the same great reward. Evidence of this is shown in the Holy Quran as following: *“For men who submit themselves wholly to Allah, and women who submit themselves wholly to Him and men who believe and women who believe,*

*and men who obey Allah and women who obey Him, and men who are truthful and women who are truthful, and men who are steadfast and women who are steadfast, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their chastity and women who guard their chastity, and men who remember Allah much and women who remember Him,*

*women who remember Him, Allah has prepared forgiveness and a great reward"* (33:36). This proves that on the topic of spiritual equality, men and women both have the same rights.

Men and women are also equal in Islam in intellect. This means that both men and women are told to acquire as much knowledge as they can, and Islam stresses the need for an education for both genders. This is shown through a saying of the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him), *"It is the duty of every Muslim man and every Muslim woman to acquire knowledge"*. This saying is very easy to understand and tells us to try our hardest to gain knowledge. Another example that shows us the importance of knowledge is in the Holy Quran where it says: *"He grants wisdom to whom*

*He pleases, and whoever is granted wisdom has indeed been granted abundant good; and none would take heed except those endowed with understanding"* (2:270). These two examples are clear evidence to support that Islam teaches both men and women to acquire knowledge and in this sense, they are equal.

Mother's in Islam are given great honour and status. Obedience and love to parents is repeatedly stressed in the Holy Quran, for example in this verse: *"Worship Allah and associate naught with Him, and be benevolent towards parents"* (4:37). Another verse of the Holy Quran relating to obedience to parents, especially the mother is the following: *"We have enjoined upon man to act benevolently towards his parents. His mother bears him in pain and brings him forth in pain; and the bearing of him and his weaning extends over thirty months. When he attains his full maturity at forty years, he supplicates: Lord, grant me the favour that I may be grateful to Thee for the bounty that Thou hast bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and that I may act righteously so as to please Thee, and make my progeny righteous also. I do turn to Thee and truly I am of Thy obedient servants."* (46:16). Further evidence is given through the sayings of the Holy Prophet (Peace &

Blessings of Allah be upon him) or Ahadith. The following saying proves the great status of mothers in Islam: “*Paradise lies at the feet of your mothers.*” These examples from the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him) clearly prove that the mother has an incredibly high status in Islam.

In Islam men and women are equal and have the same rights. Though at the time of the Holy Prophet (Peace & Blessings of Allah be upon him), women were disrespected, Islam teaches to respect and honour women. Women and men are spiritually and intellectually equal, and women’s positions as a mother has an incredibly high status. There are also examples and evidence in the form of quranic verses sayings of the Holy Prophet (saw). All this can lead to only one conclusion, that men and women are equal in Islam.

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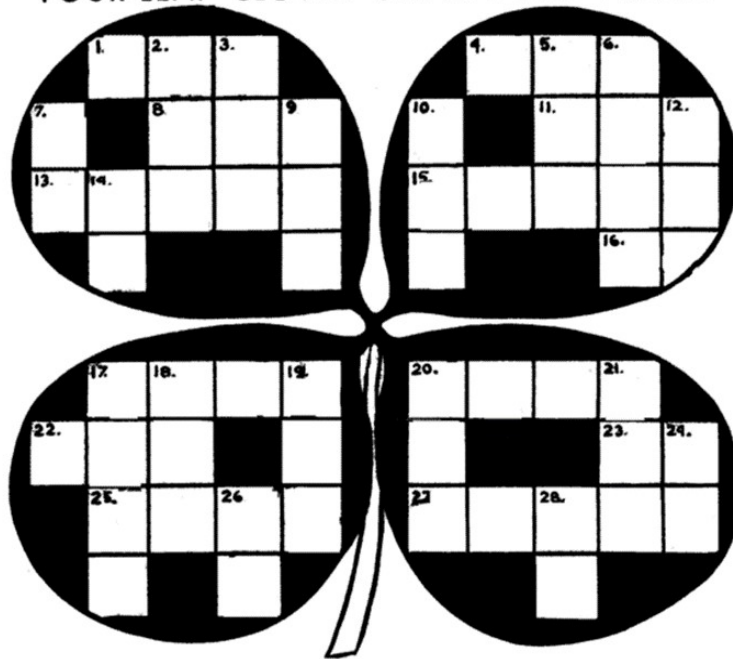
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# Puzzle Power

## FOUR-LEAF CLOVER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. This animal purrs
  4. Evil spirit
  8. Jump on one foot
  11. A grain — singular
  13. Form
  15. She laid the golden egg
  16. South America — abbr
  17. Young sheep
  20. Makes dogs scratch
  22. Young dog
  23. Opposite of yes
  25. One penny
  27. What you chew with
- DOWN**
2. Exclamation of surprise

3. You can spin this one
5. Noise made by a cow
6. Go by
7. Like
9. Used when you write with ink
10. In the past
12. Something to drink
14. Opposite of she
17. Brought by a four-leaf clover
18. Big monkey
19. A little piece
20. To be of the right size
21. Insect
24. Exclamation of surprise
26. North America — abbr.
28. Boy's nickname

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# Jumping Jokes

1. What do you call a fake noodle?  
An impasta
2. What did tomato say to cucumber?  
Lettuce get together
3. What do you say when you lose a Wii game?  
I want a Wii-match
4. What do you call security guards in front of Samsung shops?  
Guardians of the galaxy
5. What do you call an alligator in a vest?  
An Investigator
6. What is it called when a cat wins a dog show?  
A CAT-HAS-TROPHY!
7. Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?  
Because she will Let it go.
8. Why did the picture go to jail?  
Because it was framed.
9. Why did the computer go to the doctor?  
Because it had a virus!

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1. What gets wetter as it dries?
2. What goes up and doesn't come down?
3. What belongs to you but used by others?
4. What has a thumb and 4 fingers but is not alive?
5. What tastes better than it smells?
6. What are two things you cannot have for breakfast?
7. What is brown and sticky?
8. What can you catch but not throw?
9. One day a bunny went golfing, he wore two pairs of pants?
10. What kind of room has no windows or doors?

