

Here we come!

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Al-Hajj (pilgrimage) is the final pillar and one of the finest institutions of Islam. Performance of Al-Hajj is obligatory at least once in a life time for every Muslim, male or female, who is mentally, financially, and physically fit. The course of Al-Hajj is a unique characteristic of Islam. It is enjoined by Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformat to serve many purposes.

"And proclaim the pilgrimage among Men: they will come to you on foot and (mounted) on every kind of camel; lean on account of journeys through deep and distant mountain highways; * That they may witness the benefits (provided) for them, and celebrate the name of Allah, through the days appointed, over the cattle which He has provided for them (for sacrifice): then eat you thereof and feed the distressed ones in want."

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With this command Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformat revealed to prophet Muhammad ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\PBUH.TIF * mergeformat the most remarkable religious and human assembly in this world. Al-Hajj is a remembrance of the divine wisdom of Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformat, who selected the dry region of Mecca, which is stripped of all vegetation, purely as a focus of faith for Muslims. It is also a commemoration of the divine rituals observed by prophets Ibraheem (Abraham) and Ismael (may the peace and blessings of Allah be on both of them), who are known to have been the first pilgrims to the first house (place of worship) of Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformat on earth. It is also a remembrance of obedience and patience of both Ibraheem's son, Ismael, and his wife Hager who were left in the desert for survival.

Al-Hajj is a spiritual direct contact with the Creator on the Mountain of Mercy (Arafat), and a flash-back in history, when Muhammad ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\PBUH.TIF * mergeformat stood on the top of Arafat and uttered the final revelation from Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformat to the Muslims, during his farewell speech:

"This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion"

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For Muslims, what can be better remembrance than re-entering and reliving the experience of Al-Hajj as performed by Ibraheem, Ismael, and Muhammad (peace be upon all of them), and be in direct contact with Allah ﷻ import D:\\NL\\NLGRAPHS\\SWT.TIF * mergeformat on the holiest spot on earth!

Al-Hajj is the largest and greatest annual and regular (for 1400 years!) convention of faith in the world, where Muslims meet to get acquainted, study, discuss, promote ideas and seek the general welfare of humanity. In Islam, the dominant theme of Al-Hajj is peace; peace with Allah ﷻ import

D:\NL\NLGRAPHS\SWT.TIF * mergeformat; peace within one's soul; peace with one's brother and sister Muslims; and finally peace with all of Allah's creation!

Moreover, Al-Hajj is a sign of the oneness of Allah, the universality of Islam, and the brotherhood and equality of Muslims before the Creator.

Muslims from all walks of life, from all classes and tribes, meet at a prescribed time in response to the Creator's command. All Muslims, regardless of their status, life style, race or mother tongue, dress in the same simple way, observe the same regulations, and utter the same supplication at the same time. There is no royalty, but rather loyalty to Allah and only Allah. There is no aristocracy, but humility and devotion; all Muslims are the same before Allah; all that separates them is the piety and righteousness within their hearts, known to Allah alone. This, indeed, is true unity, not a theory!

The assembly of Al-Hajj is a sign of obedience, of confirmation of faith, and of the commitment and readiness of Muslims to forsake the illusion of materialism for the sake of Allah.

Finally, the assembly of Al-Hajj is a reminder of the final assembly of The Day of Judgement, when all mankind will be assembled before Almighty Allah, awaiting their final destiny!

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