

RAMADAN REFLECTIONS DAY 26

It is now time for us to re-evaluate our Imaan. Question yourselves, and in process improve yourselves. We claim to be Muslims, we claim to believe in Allah, but do we really believe in it with a firm heart, or is it just something we say? We claim to "believe" in the Unseen God, but we see the harmful effects of drinking, clubbing and smoking, yet we don't avoid them. Ask yourselves that if we don't even believe in what can be seen, do we really believe in the Unseen? Just "believing" in the existence of Allah does not make us Muslims, Shaitaan also, by the way, "believes" in Allah. We must act like Muslims also.

We must also do in actions that what we say in words and that what we know in thoughts. We say we're Muslims, but are we really? He is not a true Muslim whose hands and tongue are violent. Several of us stopped cursing and backbiting and lying during the month of Ramadan, but now what? Since Ramadan is over, should we return to those faults? **Are we Muslims only in Ramadan???**

Every Muslim is to pray 5 times a day, every day, no exceptions. Several of us did that very promptly during Ramadan. Now that Ramadan is over, now what? Should we give up those prayers just because Ramadan is over? **Are we Muslims only in Ramadan???**

We made duas because we understood that indeed it is Allah who listens and grants. We sought forgiveness from Allah because we realized our faults and felt guilty. We improved our conducts and lowered our voices and controlled our tempers because we realized that a Muslim is he whose actions represent peace and nobility. Now that Ramadan is over, will we go back to our same old self? **Are we Muslims only in Ramadan???**

We tried our best to close our ears to that which was not permissible to hear, we tried our best to stop our tongues at times when we were about to say something which we are not allowed to say, we tried our best to lower our gazes at sights which we are not allowed to see. Now that Ramadan is over, do those things become permissible to us? **Are we Muslims only in Ramadan???**

We refrained from going to clubs and watching movies and listening to songs during Ramadan because we realized these attributes do not represent Muslims. Now that Ramadan is over, should we return to our previous lifestyle? **Are we Muslims only in Ramadan???**

We were awake at nights, not spending time in clubs or with friends, but instead we were awake at nights to do ibaadat for the Will and Pleasure of Allah. Now that Ramadan is over, are we relieved of our responsibilities? **Are we Muslims only in Ramadan???**

We refrained from dawn to dusk, not only from the Haraam, but also the Halaal. The purpose of this abstinence was to create patience and virtue, and realize that if you want you can even stay away from the Halaal, so why can you not avoid the Haraam? Sure you can. You just need the will. Now that Ramadan is over, can we go back to eating, talking, watching, doing, and thinking Haraam? **Are we Are we Muslims only in Ramadan?????**

