

## HIJRI NEW YEAR

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāhi. A'ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shayļāni r-rajīm. Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu 'alá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn. Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Naẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

A'ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shaytāni r-rajīm. Bismi Llāhi r-Rahmāni r-Rahīm.

وَآيَةٌ لَّهُمْ أَنَّا حَمَلْنا ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ فِي الْفُلْكِ الْمَشْحُونِ وَخَلَقْنا لَهُم مِّن مِّثْلِهِ مَا يَرْكَبُونَ

It is said in the Qur'ān, "*Wa āyatun lahum annā* ḥ*amalnā dhurriyatuhum fī l-fulki l-mashūn*. *Wa khalaqnā lahum min mithlihi mā yarkabūn*." (36:41-42) "*Mashūn*" means, the globe we live in. Allah 'azza wa jalla used the metaphor of a boat. The globe we live in. We got on a sign, moving along towards the end day. This is a true word.

Tomorrow and onward are the last days of the year. The blessed year is the hijri year, not the other year. The hijri year is the one that is looked at and the twelve months are determined accordingly. It is [nearly] 1440, with the permission of Allah. Since the migration of the Prophet (SAW) it has been 1440 years. Our Prophet extended his two fingers and said, "I am sent this close to the Last Day by Allah"—which means the last day is very close. Before the End Day there are hadith to happen. For the world of Muslims, insha'Allah, this will happen in a way that is safe and good while we keep our faith.

Now, why do we say "tomorrow"? Because whoever fasts the last day of the year and the new day of the year is assumed, with the permission of Allah, to have fasted the whole year. The hijri year is unlike the other. The other "new year" is entered with sin, disgracefully, and with every type of shame. Into the hijrî year we enter with dignity, best manners, prayers, and worship. This is the difference between the two. One takes a man out of straight path, causes him to be unhappy, [whereas] the other is full of bounty, takes a man to paradise.

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The hijri year has blessed days and months. They are beneficial for those who respect them. Indeed real benefits—not temporary but eternal. May Allah bless the year for us all, insha'Allah. May the new year be the year of Islam. May Islam be victorious, may unbelief (*kufr*) be defeated, insha'Allah. May it be blessed for you all.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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