



- 1- The Day of ASHURA in Iraq.
- 2- The Day of ASHURA in Shepparton.

The Iraqi and Afghani and All the Muslims Communities in Australia in mourning on the occasion of Ashura

Ashura is a holy and sad 40 days for Muslims all over the world, further mourning commences on the 10th day of Muharram, according to the Islamic calendar. Respectful practices began ten days ago, but the main days 10th-13th, in the Islamic calendar which is 18th - 20th of August. Some of our students will stay home with their families and not come to school on these days due to the mourning, Muslim students will be wearing more black on this period of mourning.

The Shia Muslim communities don't celebrate their Arabic and Islamic New Year because it is started with very sad days. The new year begins on the 10th, on the English Calendar and the 1st of Muharram on the Arabic and Islamic Calendar.

Ashura day is showing on the 18th on the English Calendar (should be the 19th) which is mark the 10th of Muharram on the Arabic Calendar.

These days are not 100% accurate on the English Calendar because it is estimated from the previous year and the announcement will come from the moon site for the exact day when we get closer to the day.

What Exactly Is Ashura?

It's called The Day of Ashura or Imam Hussain Day. This is a yearly event and it affects all our Muslim students, but the only thing is Sunni and Shia Muslim's they have two different events depending on the way they explain it. To explain I will share these explanations.

1- A very famous website among Muslim society that's promote the event every year in the whole world www.whoishussain.org

2- What the Muslim Countries post on their websites at community Centre's around the world.

The Day of Ashura is mourned and remembered by millions of people across the world as the day Imam Hussain (3rd Imam for Shia Muslims and Grandson of Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH) and his supporters were killed in The Battle of Karbala in 61H. Today, pilgrims from all across the world visit the shrine of Hussain ibn Ali in Karbala where he is buried, to pay their tribute to his courageous stand.

On the day of Ashura many Muslims partake in large peaceful gatherings where they recite poems in memory of Hussain and his sacrifice whilst lamenting and beating their chest as a cultural tradition to display their grieving. Many people use the day of Ashura as a day to perform acts of kindness and charity as a way for them keep alive the very same principles and values Hussain gave his life for.

Hussain ibn Ali's epic legacy

In our Shia Muslims-eyes, until today, any positive change in society can always be traced back to one person, or a group of people, who stood up in the face of injustice and suffered for it. In recent history, Martin Luther King and Gandhi are but two examples of people who dedicated themselves to a difficult path in the face of much opposition and oppression.

Yet on a much smaller scale, we all face daily challenges in our lives, where we need to make a stand against some form of oppression and injustice; at work, in social situations or even at home.

Like Hussain, we too have a choice: the easy way or the right way. It is our choices that determine our legacy, just as it was Hussain's choices that determined his.

Ultimately, Hussain's stand was more for the people and society in general than for himself.

He was a man of status and influence, who was unaffected by the corruption and sleaze of the government in his day-to-day life. His own interests would have been served by accepting a generous bribe, and his life would have been preserved. Society's interests, however, were best served by his stand for the rights of the voiceless, the poor and the weak; by his sacrifice. Hussain's legacy lives on.

How is Imam Hussain?

Honour and dignity of man is only in virtue and piety. If one does not have one of these five things there is no good in him: intellect, religion, etiquette, shame and good manners. Whoever seeks the satisfaction of people through disobedience of God, then God subjects him to people.

Many of our friends and colleagues constantly ask us as Muslims, "Who's Hussain? and what's the purpose of these huge events that take place every year in the month of Ashura."

That's why I decided to let his sayings and quotes Identify him to you so please read to the end.

💖 "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees." -Imam Husain (AS).

💖 If you don't believe in any religion, at least be free-spirited and honest in your actions. Imam Hussain

💖 On the Day of Ashura, he addressed his companions:

"Be patient, your noble ones. Death is only a bridge which takes you from misery and loss to the vast Paradise and the eternal graces" Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ O' people! Listen to my words and don't hasten to start a war, so that I clarify the reason behind my revolution. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ On the night of Ashura, he gathered his followers in his tent, put out the light and said:

“Beware that I give you permission to leave this place; there is no obligation on you anymore, and you can all leave.”

However, not even one of them left his side.

♡ Be steadfast and firm in the way toward what is right, even if your journey is full of pain and challenges. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ To me, death for the sake of what is right, is nothing but happiness, and living under tyrants nothing but living in a hell. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ The most generous person is the one who gives to those who do not expect his help. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ Try to compete with one another in good deeds and hurry to seize the opportunities and forget the good deeds that you haven't hastened to do. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ People are slaves of this world. Religion is just what they say. They use it as long as it provides them with their living. When they are tested, there remain only a few true religious ones. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ If you worship Allah the way He deserves to be worshipped, He will fulfil all your wishes, and bless you much more than what you deserve. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ God will help the person who cares about other people's needs, both in this world and the hereafter. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ Seeking knowledge will lead you toward wisdom and elevation. Imam Hussain (AS).

♡ Extremism is like going down in a swamp and keeping company with abject and corrupt ones will bring evil and misery for you. Imam Hussain (AS).

That is who Hussain is



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