



In The Name of Allah, The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful

# The Moon Sighting

## THE MONTHLY



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### Announcement

Eid-ul-Duha will be celebrated on Friday 10th Dhul-Hajj 1430H i.e. 27th November 2009 as 1st Moon of Dhul-Hajj 1430H sighted on the eve of 17th November 2009.

### (Fatwa-7) Darul Ifta

#### Jaami'ah Nazeeriyah Kaakosi, Palanpoor

According to Shari'ah it is not permissible to accept the Jewish or Christian Lunar calendar (which is based on calculations of astronomy). It is also not permissible to use it as a guide if it results in rejecting of the statutory texts of Shari'ah (Nass). Mufti Rashid Ahmad Ludhyanwi Saahib رحمه الله has written in one of his Fatawa: 'According to Shari'ah it is not permissible to use the calculations of astronomy to determine the new moon. The whole Muslim Ummah is unanimous on this matter.' (Fathul Baari commentary on Saheeh Bukhari Vol.4/Pg.109 and Umdatul Qaari Vol.10/Pg.287) Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم has instructed that the beginning and end of Ramadhan should be based on the physical sighting of the moon:

صوموا لرؤيته وافطروا لرؤيته  
Begin and end your Fasting with the sighting of the moon  
If there was scope to adopt the calculations of astronomy he would have instructed us to seek the opinion of astronomers rather than tell us to sight the moon physically especially considering the fact that such calculations entail many aspects of convenience such as:

1. It saves us from the efforts and difficulties of physically searching for the moon.
2. It would save us from differences and disputes.
3. It would make it easy to fix the dates of future events etc.

Despite all these apparent benefits Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم made it conditional that the moon must be physically sighted. The wisdom behind this is that rather than the activities and worship of the general masses of Muslims being subject to the opinions and decisions of only a few individuals it will be based on the sighting of the general Muslim public.

This will result in their acts of worship being offered with proper insight rather than based on the blind following of certain individuals or becoming mentally enslaved to them since they will now not have the notion of their acts of worship and other affairs being at the mercy of such people. (Ahsanul Fatawa Vol.4/Pg.482)

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And Allah Ta'aala Knows Best

(Mufti) Aadam Palanpuri

Madrasah Nazeeriyah Kaakosi | 29 Muharram 1430 AH

The Jeudo Christian Lunar Calendar,  
Islam and the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم

When the era of the final Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم commenced in 610 CE we find that he expressed that he has come to do away with all the previous practices based on ignorance such that by the command of Allah, Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم did away with most of the laws that were found in the previous scriptures. In one Hadith Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم is reported to have mentioned: لتبين سنن الذين من قبلكم شيرا ابشیر و ذرا عابذرا حتى لو دخلوا حجر ضرب لاتبعتهم هم، قيل يا رسول الله اليهود والنصارى قال فمن؟ (رواه البخارى و مسلم)

You will definitely follow the practices of those who passed before you to the finest detail so much so that if they entered the hole of a lizard you will do likewise. It was asked, 'O Rasoolullah صلى الله عليه وسلم are you referring to the Jews and Christians?' and he replied saying, 'Who else!' (Bukhari and Muslim) This means that the Muslims will break the laws of Islam by adopting the way of the religious calendar of the Jews and the Christians.



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یہودیونصاری کے قمری کیلنڈر (جو فلکی حسابات پر مبنی ہوتے ہیں ان حسابات) کا شریعت میں اثبات ہلال کے لئے اعتبار کرنا جائز نہیں ہے، اور اس سے اعانت لینا بھی جائز نہیں جبکہ وہ اعانت نصوص کی تردید پر منتج ہو۔

مفتی رشید احمد لدھیانوی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ ایک فتویٰ میں لکھتے ہیں ”اثبات ہلال کے لئے حسابی طریقہ استعمال کرنا شرعاً جائز نہیں، اور اس پر پوری امت مسلمہ کا اجماع ہے، (ملاحظہ ہو صحیح بخاری کے شرح فتح الباری: ص ۱۰۹ ج ۴ اور عمدۃ القاری: ص ۲۸ ج ۱)

حضور اکرم ﷺ کا ارشاد ہے کہ صوم و افطار کا مدار عینی رویت پر رکھو ”صوموا لرؤیتہ و افطروا لرؤیتہ“ اگر حسابی طریقہ کی گنجائش ہوتی تو رویت کے حکم کی بجائے اہل حساب سے دریافت کرنے کا حکم فرماتے، بالخصوص جبکہ حسابی فیصلے میں کئی سہولتیں بھی ہیں،

(۱) رویت کے لئے جدوجہد اور مشقت سے نجات (۲) اختلاف و انتشار سے حفاظت (۳) آئندہ معاملات کیلئے تعین تاریخ میں سہولت وغیرہ! مع ہذا حضور اکرم ﷺ نے رویت ہی کو شرط قرار دیا اس میں حکمت یہ ہے کہ عامۃ المسلمین کے معاملات اور عبادات کسی ایک یا چندے معدود لوگوں کی رائے اور فیصلہ پر موقوف ہونے کی بجائے عام مسلمانوں کے مشاہدہ سے متعلق رہیں تاکہ وہ اندھی تقلید کی بجائے علی وجہ البصیرۃ عبادات ادا کریں، اور اپنے معاملات و عبادات کو چند انسانوں کے قبضہ میں اور ان کے رحم و کرم پر موقوف نہ سمجھیں،۔۔۔ شریعت مطہرہ نے ثبوت ہلال کے لئے رویت کو شرط قرار دیکر انسان کو کسی دوسرے انسان کی کو رائے تقلید اور ذہنی غلامی اور عبادات کو غیر کے قبضہ میں دینے سے محفوظ فرمایا ہے، (احسن الفتاویٰ ج ۴

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### Dhul Hajj 1430h: Duration: November-December 2009

THE MONTH OF Dhul-Qad HAD 29 DAYS (The Islamic week starts every Friday)

First of Dhul Hajj 1430h Starts from eve of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
					1 18 <sup>th</sup> November '09	2 19
3 20	4 21	5 22	6 23	7 24	8 25	9 26
10 27 Eid-ul-Duha	11 28	12 29	13 30	14 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. '09	15 2	16 3
17 4	18 5	19 6	20 7	21 8	22 9	23 10
24 11	25 12	26 13	27 14	28 15	29 16	30* 17

\* Subject to the new moon **not** being seen at the end of the 29 day Sunnah acts (Sunnah: the practice of Prophet Muhammad SAW, emulation of which attains great reward)

1. To fast on the days of Yaum-e-Beadh these are the 13, 14 & 15 except during Ramadhan where fasting is obligatory for the whole month

2. To look for the new moon crescent at the end of the 29<sup>th</sup> day, please contact us to report a sighting

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\* It is not a secret in Islam that only those practices of the People of the Scriptures can be adopted which were upheld by Islam. Whichever practices were not upheld by Islam will be rejected and from among the rejected practices is the new-moon theory of astronomy and the calculations. Since the advent of Islam up to this present age the Muslims have maintained this practice as well as issued their verdicts on the fact that the new-moon theory cannot be used to establish the sighting of the new moon nor can it be used to cross-examine any witnesses to the sighting of the moon (readers can see more about it, specifically from the Deobandi and Bareilvi Scholars in our web site).