



Summarised Friday Sermon

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APPRECIATING ISLAMIC HISTORY

- Today is the second day of the new Hijriyah year 1429. In celebrating the new Hijriyah year, it is important for us to grab this opportunity to increase our knowledge in Islamic History.
- In conjunction with this new Hijriyah year 1429, we should grab this chance to learn more about the history of how and when the Islamic calendar was introduced. Upon Rasulullah's arrival at the city of Medina after his hijrah from Mecca, his companions named the year as the First Year.
- In learning about Islamic history, we need to follow a few guidelines. The sermon today will share three important guidelines in learning about Islamic history, or any history at all.
- Firstly: We must be creative in learning about history. If the old ways of learning are through reading articles, poetry, the more creative way now is to use electronic gadgets not to present words only, but pictures and diagrams, in a creative way.
- Secondly: When we learn about history, we don't remember dates, names and events only. But more importantly is to remember the lessons to be learnt from the events.
- Thirdly: When we read about history, we must read it with a critical mind. Not everything that is written is true.
- Hopefully, with these three guidelines, it will help us to be more learned in reading and analyzing history, especially Islamic history, insya Allah.



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