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RENAISSANCE MONTHLY

Your monthly update on The Renaissance Project



LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Mohamed Al Qadi



Friends,

It is hard to believe that only three months have passed since the renaissance project was initially launched. In this short period of time, we have made giant leaps towards achieving our objectives, conquering our challenges with resounding success.

On the publishing front, seven chapters have been released since August. Feedback has been overwhelmingly great and hundreds of readers have downloaded the available chapters on our website.

On the event side of things, we have supported Maison Sucre's very successful blood donation drive, contributing half of the total donors. As for education and scholarship, I am pleased to finally reveal our huge announcement; the link to which can be found on the website by visiting <http://www.the-renaissance-project.com/#!scholarships/c59q>

In the following months, we look to continue building momentum by releasing more chapters, organizing bigger events, and officially launching the scholarship program.

I hope you enjoy reading the renaissance project's newsletter, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tala Ramahi, our wonderful editor, for making this possible.

God Bless
Mohamed Al Qadi

MONTHLY UPDATES

What We've Been Up To

At the Renaissance Project, we believe that it is our responsibility to give back to the community, whether it be by volunteering our time, donating our money, or even giving blood. On August 3rd, we supported a **Blood Donation campaign**, run by **Maison Sucre**. We are proud to say it was a success!



WHAT'S NEW

November Updates



Competition – Win A Dinner for Two!

Write an article of your choice and submit it by November 15th. The winner will win a dinner for two and will have his article published on our website. Check <http://www.the-renaissance-project.com/#!competition/cjxn> for more details!

AI KITAB Part 2: "Earth"

Chapter 8, entitled "Air" is up on our website!. Download the new chapter at <http://www.the-renaissance-project.com/#!al-kitab/c199t>. Chapters 9 and 10 will be released over the next two weeks

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MUSLIM OF THE MONTH Mohamed Al Khwarizmi

In our first newsletter addition, we honor the mathematical genius known as Mohamed Al Khwarizmi. Born in 780 AD in the town of Khiva, Mohamed would be the first scholar to recognize the importance of the number zero, placing it in the center of his universe. Through this approach, he would revolutionize mathematics in ways no one thought was possible.

His most celebrated work "al Jabr wa al Muqabala" created Algebra, which provided the key to unlocking the Universe's secrets. This will have profound consequences, as Micheal Morgan states "his numbers and calculations will enable the building of 100 story towers and mile long bridges, the reaction of nuclear physics, the cellular process of biotechnology and pharmaceutical marketing and research, the calculus of the global economy, the language and intelligence of software, and the confidentiality of a mobile phone conversation".

Let us join together and honor the memory of this great thinker who saw the world in numbers and believed that the complexity of God's creation can be seen through them. To this I leave you with another extract from lost history:

"The zero he realizes must be accepted on pure faith. It cannot be proven. And in a terrible irony, he sees that the ultimate value of rationalist mathematics is pure revelation, just as God was revealed, not quantified.... In another way, the fact that mathematics is based on a revealed un-provable quantity means revelation and reason are the same thing. They begin at the same point. And everything form the Universe spins out of that"

WHO WE'RE THANKFUL FOR Ameera Akkila: Web Designer Extraordinaire



In this segment, we recognize the work of individuals who have contributed to the success of the project. It is only befitting that we start by thanking our most active and advocate supporter; Ameera Akkila. Ameera has been critical to this project's success.; she was responsible for creating the official website, developing student

scholarship criteria, and providing feedback and ideas towards the overall direction of the Project. In recognition of her hard work, Ameera has been given the additional responsibility of developing and promoting the project's events in Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi Event Manager). We wish her the best of luck!

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