

NEWS VIEWS AND QUERIES

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Please Top Silence

It is a red letter day in the history of modern medicine in our country. This announcement should come from the Head of the State.

The good news is there and it warms our hearts.

We are proud of helping needy humanity.

At long last it has happened.

“Test tube baby in Lahore”

Thanks to the infertility centre at Lahore and its team of Dr. Rashid Latif, Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman and Dr. Fakhr-uz-Zaman.

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Male Pregnancy

Some scientists believe that men are capable of giving birth and such cases may be possible within next five years. Of course there will be ethical and social problems which can be overcome in due course of time.

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Music and Medicine

Music helps baby's growth. Music may be used to calm down a foetal heart. Music is the only art that can be taught before birth, claims a British Research Psychologist, Clifford Olds.

(Pharmagraph fortnightly Vol. 1, Issue 22 Sept. 1-14, 1987)

Enjoy Poison

Self induced poisoning for refreshment and entertainment. Between 1970-1980 consumption of manufactured cigarettes increased by 40% in India and 62.5% in Pakistan. (Could we be blaming the lavish advertising of cigarettes in Pakistan!!).

(Medifocus Vol-III, Sept. 1987)

Doctors to Think

Honey is still considered a good diet and medicine. Research in various countries including Pakistan is on to prove its benefits. Various authors have proved its benefits in Respiratory Infections, diarrhoea, intestinal disturbances. It was also used in injection form for arthritis till 1970. It's use in Diabetes-Mellitis to replace sugar needs more clarification.

وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنِ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ
ثُمَّ كُلِي مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ فَاسْلُكِي سُبُلَ رَبِّكِ ذُلَالًا يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بَطُونِهَا
شَرَابٌ مُّخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِلنَّاسِ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ○

And thy Lord taught the Bee to build its cells in hills, on trees, and in (men's) habitations; then to eat of all the produce (of the earth), and find with skill the spacious paths of its Lord: there issues from within their bodies a drink of varying colours, wherein is healing for men: Verily in this is a sign for those who give thought. (Quran 16: 68-69)

Do not go to the Grave if you Die

Donate your body to a society in California to be frozen in a capsule and kept till the treatment of your disease is discovered. After that you will be treated, get cured and walk tall again.

Be Careful with Sex

More than 30,000 cases of AIDS in the United States reported to the Centres for Disease control by February 1987.

AID Virus has been isolated from blood, semen, vaginal secretions saliva, breast milk, tears, urine, serum, cerebrospinal fluid and alveolar fluid. In most of the cases sexual behaviour has been blamed. Even kissing is dangerous.

(The new England Journal of Medicine Vol. 317 Oct. 1987)

قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَٰلِكَ أَزْكَىٰ لَّهُمْ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ○

وَقُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَغْضُضْنَ مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِنَّ وَيَحْفَظْنَ فُرُوجَهُنَّ وَلَا يُبْدِينَ زِينَتَهُنَّ إِلَّا مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَلْيَضْرِبْنَ

Say to the believing men that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty: that will make for greater purity for them: And God is well acquainted with all that they do.

And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty; that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what (must ordinarily) appear thereof; that they should.

(Quran 24: 30-31).

Acupuncture

A pinprick in the fingers could slow down the function of kidneys thereby reducing the urine out put. Though it is true that like many other scientific truths we don't have an exact explanation of how acupuncture relieves pain, yet the fact remains that you can't argue its success.

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Dr. Saleem P. 187)

A Kilo Iron Nails Swallowed

A mentally retarded person of age 30 was brought to Dr. Professor Syed Sultan, Surgeon of Ayub Medical College with a severe pain in the abdomen. He was opened and iron nails, 170, weighing $\frac{3}{4}$ kg, length ranging from 4 cm to 12 cm were taken out from his Gastro intestinal tract (GIT). All of the nail except one were lying in the stomach. Only one nail perforated the ileocecal junction and produced peritonitis which compelled the man to seek relief. Most of the nails were 12 cm in length. While undressing him for anaesthesia a few nails fell down from his pocket suggesting his perverted appetite. The operation was successful, and the patient is living healthy thereafter. According to history he has been swallowing the nails through a sufficient length of time. This happened in 1983 in Civil Teaching Hospital, Abbottabad.

Medicos to answer please. with a Unanimous Opinion

1. Are addicts criminals or patients? Should they be kept in jails or hospitals?

2. Do illegitimate children need sympathy or hatred?
3. Is theory of "survival of the fittest" medically and religiously correct?
4. Should Euthanasia be recognised by medical profession as part of terminal care or should it be declared as medical murder?

Submission

We are extremely grateful to ALLAH Almighty who had bestowed upon us the trust to look after human lives in the womb of mother, under the sea, on the earth, in the air, and in the space. We pray to ALLAH Almighty to keep us blessed with the new developments and changes taking place in the universe.