

# 2021

CALENDAR

## *ARTWORK BY TAYBA STUDENTS*



Tayba Foundation  
Freedom Through Education

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EDUCATION | LIFE SKILLS | RE-ENTRY  
TAYBAFOUNDATION.ORG

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT

# HELPS PRISONERS

### Teaching The Basics Of Islamic Belief, Worship And Character

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- Clarifies and strengthens the faith of new Muslims. Protects proselytizing by other religious groups.
- Teaches the basics of prayer, fasting, Zakat & Hajj to new Muslims.
- Addresses prison-specific questions, such as how to pray if one's entire cell is affected by filth and what direction to face when in solitary confinement with no way to tell direction.
- Help students repair relations with family that have been damaged by their criminal activity, incarceration, and or conversion to Islam.
- Help students identify and remove bad character traits, especially those that pose a danger in prison (cursing, insults, mockery, and more).

### Helping Students Overcome Addictions, Mental Health Problems And More

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Many personal problems go undiagnosed and untreated during incarceration. This means that many students face relapses of drug use, mental health problems, and more upon re-entry into free society. Through our Life Skills program, we provide life skills courses on a variety of topics, using materials that are evidence based for this purpose. We also mentor students to assess needs, monitor their progress, and give feedback.

### Helping Successful Reintegration Into Free Society After Release

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75% of parolees are back in prison within 5 years. Our students are among the 25% that do not return to prison. We help our students prepare for the world before release, by offering peer-mentoring, coaching, resume-building, housing, and job training.

Support Tayba Foundation with your zakat-eligible and tax-deductible donations to help lessen the suffering of our brothers and sisters behind bars.

## Seven steps to how you can use your zakat to

# CHANGE LIVES

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### It starts with you...

A community of supporters, like you, want to help Muslim brothers and sisters in need by giving their Zakat to those eligible.

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### Tayba acts as the students' agent

In their application, students are given the option of covering the cost of their course, or appointing Tayba as their agent (wakil). Allowing us to receive and distribute zakat on their behalf.

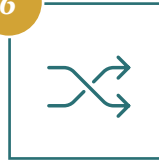
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### ...and extends to those in need

Prisoners, the poor, and the needy, are each categories of Muslims eligible to receive zakat.

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### Their lives are changed

The education and support that prisoners get from Tayba's teaching staff enables them to turn their lives around.

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### But there's a problem

The consensus of all four schools of Islamic Law does not allow zakat to be used for activities such as running programs to support prisoners, providing them teachers, or mailing them books.

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### Tayba continues its work, and you get the reward!

Through your support, Tayba continues to create healing and change for deserving Muslims. We pray that your donations, payers, are rewarded beyond measure!

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### So we found a solution

Tayba developed internal zakat guidelines that follow the accepted opinions of the four schools of Sunni Islam, and have been reviewed and approved by a number of scholars.

For more information visit our website:

[taybafoundation.org](http://taybafoundation.org)

## THE TESTIMONY OF FAITH DEPICTED AS A MUSLIM IN PRAYER

*Hand-drawing sent by Brother Calvin*



The name of the brother who gave me this drawing is Augustin. He is a Muslim that I met 11 years ago and I love him fi sabilillah. He had the drawing and when I asked for it, he gave it to me without hesitation.



# JANUARY

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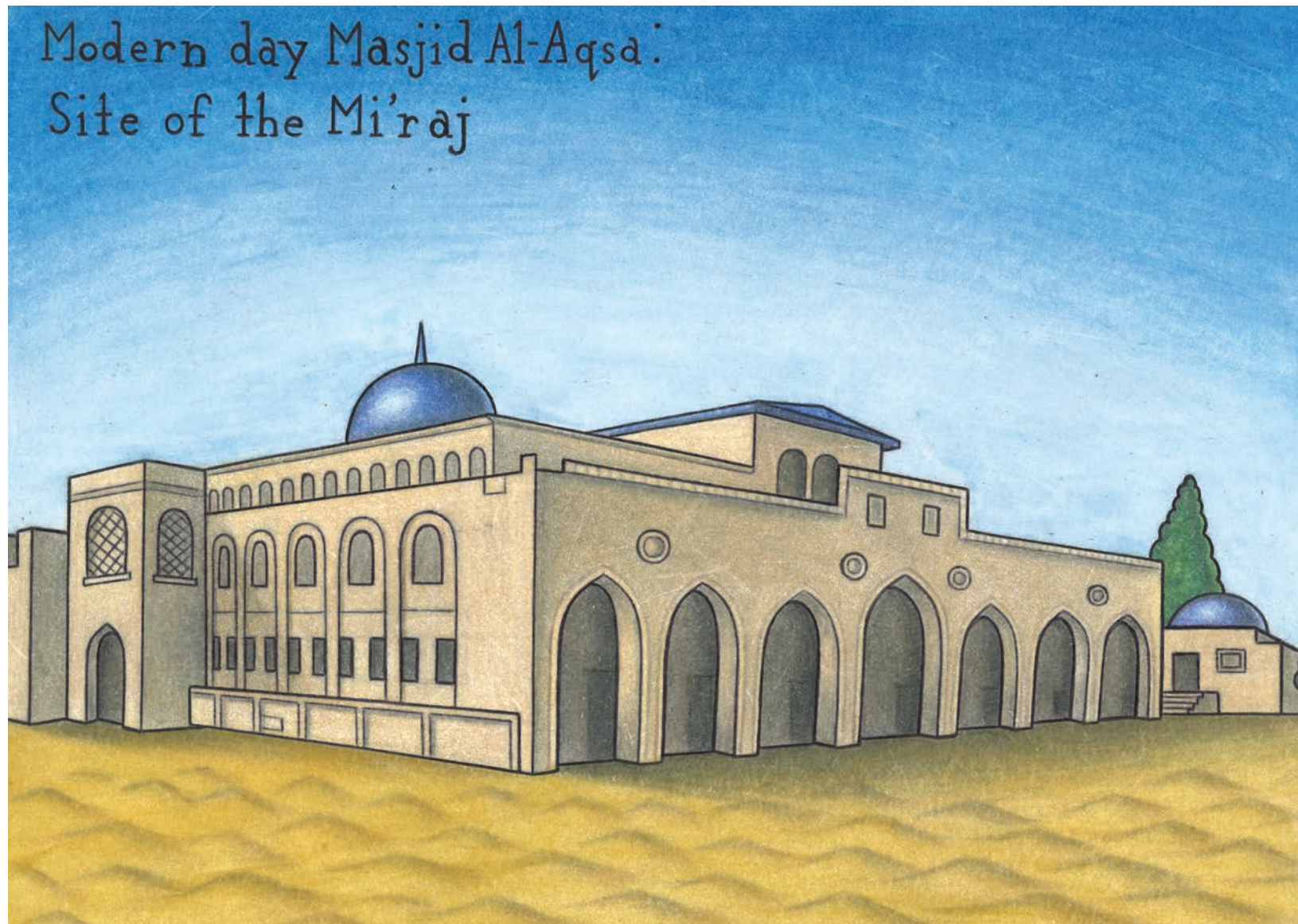
## JUMADA I - JUMADA II 1442

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 (12)	28 (13)	29 (14)	30 (15)	31 (16) New Year's Eve	1 (17) New Year's Day	2 (18)
3 (19)	4 (20)	5 (21)	6 (22)	7 (23)	8 (24)	9 (25)
10 (26)	11 (27)	12 (28)	13 (29)	14 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening	15 (1) JUMADA II STARTS*	16 (2)
17 (3)	18 (4) MLK Jr. Day	19 (5)	20 (6)	21 (7)	22 (8)	23 (9)
24 (10)	25 (11)	26 (12)	27 (13)	28 (14)	29 (15)	30 (16)
31 (18)	1 (19)	2 (20)	3 (21)	4 (22)	5 (23)	6 (24)

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# MASJID AL-AQSA, SITE OF THE MI'RAJ

*Hand-drawing sent by Brother Malcolm*



Brother Malcolm is an artist by trade and a pillar in his community in San Diego. He drew this piece after learning that the golden dome of the Dome of the Rock is not Masjid al-Aqsa, which is a common misconception.

# FEBRUARY

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## JUMADA II - RAJAB 1442

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 (18)	1 (18) The crescent may be seen this evening	2 (19) Tayba's Spring Semester Begins	3 (20)	4 (21) Rosa Parks Day	5 (22)	6 (23)
7 (24) Super Bowl	8 (25)	9 (26)	10 (27)	11 (28)	12 (29) The crescent may be seen this evening	13 (1) RAJAB STARTS*
14 (2) Valentine's Day	15 (3) Presidents' Day	16 (4)	17 (5)	18 (6)	19 (7)	20 (8)
21 (9)	22 (10)	23 (11)	24 (12)	25 (13)	26 (14)	27 (15)
28 (16)	1 (17)	2 (18)	3 (19)	4 (20)	5 (21)	6 (22)
7 (23)	8 (24)	9 (25)	10 (26)	11 (27)	12 (28)	13 (29)

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## “SO WHICH OF THE FAVORS OF YOUR LORD WOULD YOU DENY?” (SURA AL-RAHMAN)

*Colored pencil and ink on card stock,  
sent by Brother David*



I have always been inclined toward art, but when I learned about the prohibition of drawing animate things, I felt restricted artistically, as a great deal of my art did that. Then to my great delight I discovered the rich artistic legacy of Arabic calligraphy, filigree, and embossment. It is one of my goals to one day acquire some classical instruction in the art of Quranic calligraphy. I chose the verses from Ar-Rahman because it is one of my favorite suras. It leaves a tremor in my soul and reminds me to recall the endless favors that Allah has bestowed upon His creation.





# MARCH

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## RAJAB - SHA'BAN 1442

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 (16)	1 (17) First Day of Women's History Month	2 (18)	3 (19)	4 (20)	5 (21) Employee Appreciation Day	6 (22)
7 (23)	8 (24)	9 (25)	10 (26)	11 (27)	12 (28)	13 (29)
14 (1) Daylight Saving Time starts / The crescent may be seen this evening	15 (2) SHA'BAN STARTS*	16 (3)	17 (4) St. Patrick's Day	18 (5)	19 (6)	20 (7) Spring Starts
21 (8)	22 (9)	23 (10)	24 (11)	25 (12)	26 (13)	27 (14)
28 (15)	29 (16) NISF SHA'BAN*	30 (17)	31 (18) César Chávez Day	1 (19)	2 (20)	3 (21)
4 (22)	5 (23)	6 (24)	7 (25)	8 (26)	9 (27)	10 (28)

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## THE MONTH OF THE QUR'AN

*Artwork sent by Brother Malcolm*

Just like Brother Malcolm,  
the Tayba team wishes you a blessed  
Ramadan full of Qur'anic recitation  
and wisdom.

Ameen.

It is the month  
of the Qur'an,  
so be wise & read it.



Ramadan Mubarik!

# APRIL

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## SHA'BAN - RAMADAN 1442

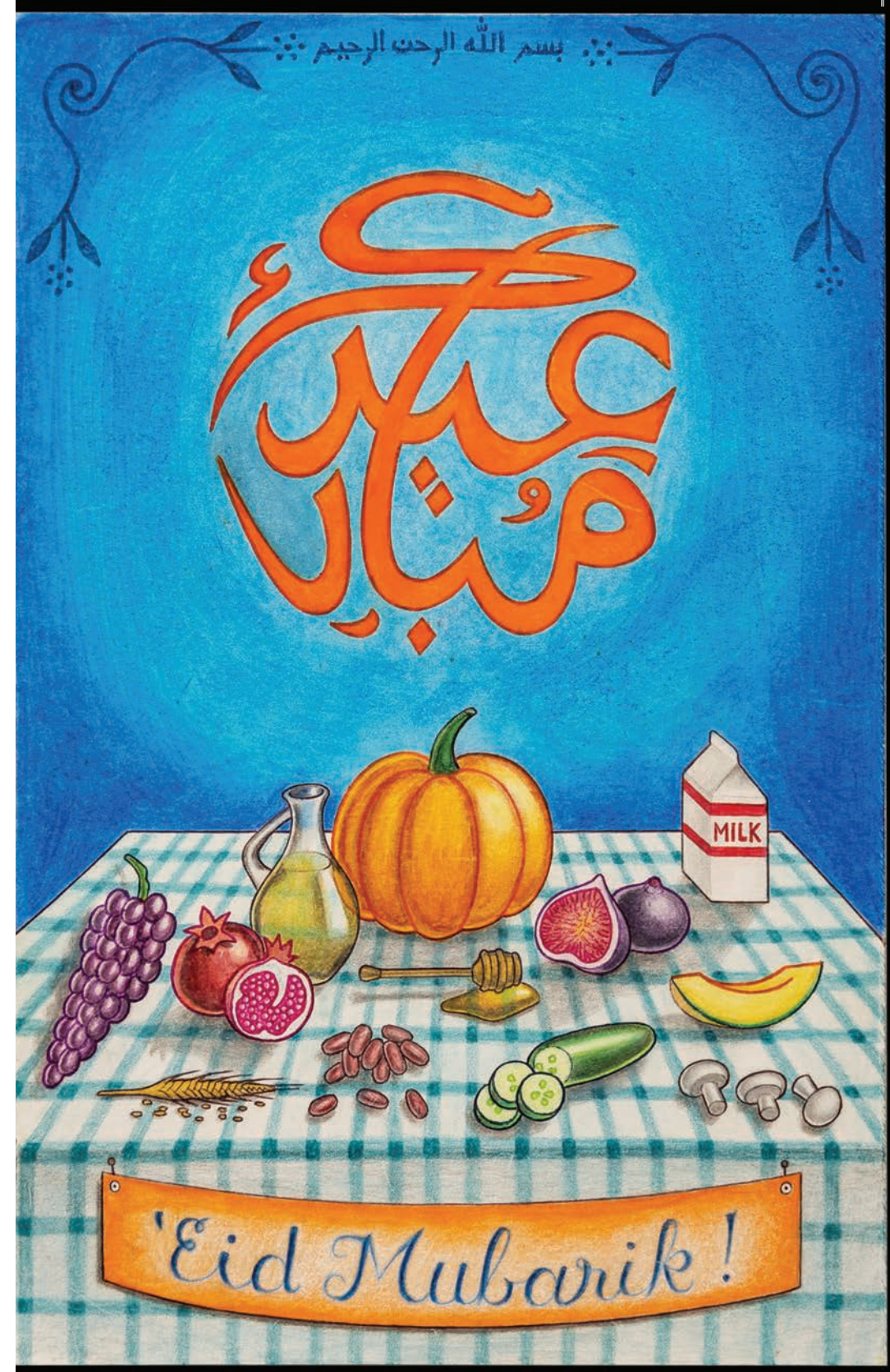
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 (15)	29 (16)	30 (17)	31 (18)	1 (19)	2 (20)	3 (21)
4 (22)	5 (23)	6 (24)	7 (25)	8 (26)	9 (27)	10 (28)
11 (29)	12 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening	13 (1) RAMADAN STARTS / First Day of Fasting*	14 (2)	15 (3)	16 (4)	17 (5)
18 (6)	19 (7)	20 (8)	21 (9)	22 (10)	23 (11)	24 (12)
25 (13)	26 (14)	27 (15)	28 (16)	29 (17) Battle of Badr*	30 (18)	1 (19)
2 (20)	3 (21)	4 (22)	5 (23)	6 (24)	7 (25)	8 (26)

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## AN EID TABLE SPREAD OF SUNNA FOODS

*Card sent by Brothers Malcolm and Hightower*

The Tayba family would like to wish you a blessed Eid. This card was made and sent to us by two Tayba students in a California prison. They drew a spread with all foods the Prophet ﷺ ate and encouraged others to eat. Did you know that the Prophet ﷺ ate mushrooms?



## RAMADAN - SHAWWAL 1442

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 (13)	26 (14)	27 (15)	28 (16)	29 (17)	30 (18)	1 (19)
2 (20)	3 (21)	4 (22)	5 (23)	6 (24)	7 (25)	8 (26) LAILAT UL-QADR*
9 (27) Mother's Day	10 (28)	11 (29)	12 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening	13 (1) SHAWWAL STARTS / EID UL-FITR*	14 (2)	15 (3)
16 (4)	17 (5)	18 (6)	19 (7) el-Hajj Malik el-Shabazz Day	20 (8)	21 (9)	22 (10)
23 (11)	24 (12)	25 (13)	26 (14)	27 (15) Passover Eve	28 (16)	29 (17)
30 (18) Tayba's Spring Semester Ends (Exams Are Due)	31 (19) Memorial Day	1 (20)	2 (21)	3 (22)	4 (23)	5 (24)

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## “ALLAH IS THE LIGHT OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH” (AL-NUR, 35)

*Ink on bedcloth, sent by Brother Fernandez*



In the absence of a canvas, it's a common practice for prisoners to use cloth from their bed drape to express their artistic talents. Brother Fernandez told us:



This piece represents how Allah used Tayba to shine His Light on me. I'm still in solitary confinement and rarely see sunlight. But the Qur'an, seera, prayer, and correspondence with Tayba allow me to feel Allah's light even in this dark lonely place. No matter where you are, even down in a dark cave, He provides Light to all the heavens and earth and that light illuminates the heart.



# JUNE

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## SHAWWAL - DHU'L-QI'DAH 1442

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 (18)	31 (19)	1 (20)	2 (21)	3 (22)	4 (23)	5 (24)
6 (25)	7 (26)	8 (27)	9 (28)	10 (29) The crescent may be seen this evening	11 (1) DHU'L-QI'DAH STARTS*	12 (2)
13 (3)	14 (4)	15 (5)	16 (6)	17 (7)	18 (8)	19 (9) Juneteenth
20 (10) Father's Day / Summer Starts	21 (11)	22 (12)	23 (13)	24 (14)	25 (15)	26 (16)
27 (17)	28 (18)	29 (19)	30 (20)	1 (21)	2 (22)	3 (23)
4 (24)	5 (25)	6 (26)	7 (27)	8 (28)	9 (29)	10 (30)

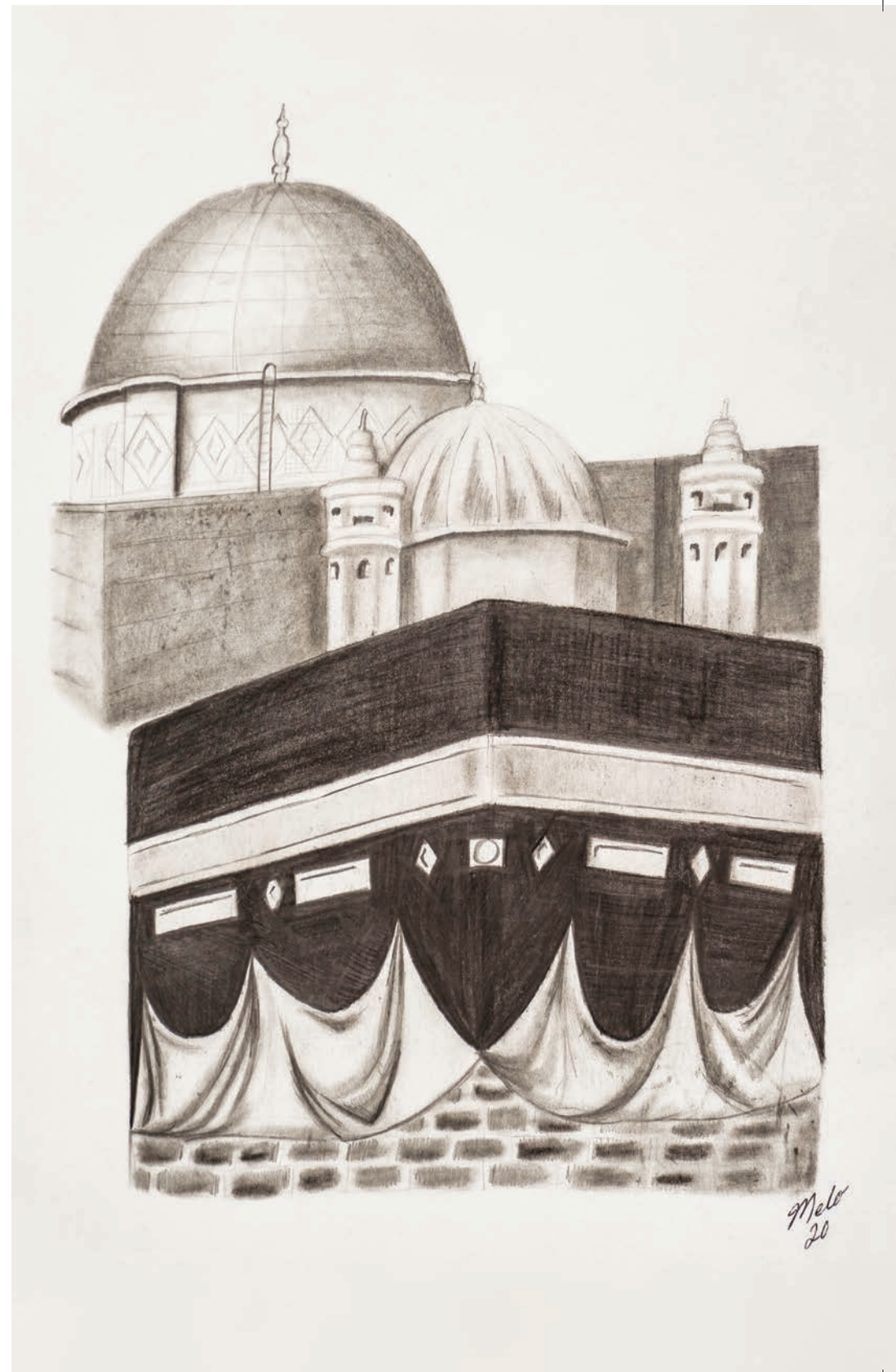
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## THE KA'BA AND THE DOME OF THE ROCK

*Drawing sent by Brother Larry*



The artwork wasn't done by me, the credit is due to a brother by the name of Vidal. He's not a Believer, I know him to be talented in artwork and asked him to draw it for the calendar and he agreed. I chose the pictures out of a book titled *Companions Around The Prophet*. I believe that they're very important to our history in Islam and the world.





## DHU'L-QI'DAH - DHU'L-HIJJAH 1442

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 (17)	28 (18)	29 (19)	30 (20)	1 (21)	2 (22)	3 (23)
4 (24) Independence Day	5 (25) Independence Day Observed	6 (26)	7 (27)	8 (28)	9 (29)	10 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening
11 (1) DHU'L-HIJJAH STARTS*	12 (2)	13 (3)	14 (4)	15 (5)	16 (6)	17 (7)
18 (8) Day of Tarwiya	19 (9) Day of Arafat	20 (10) EID UL-ADHA*	21 (11) Days of Tashriq	22 (12) Days of Tashriq	23 (13) Days of Tashriq	24 (14)
25 (15)	26 (16)	27 (17)	28 (18)	29 (19)	30 (20)	31 (21)
1 (22)	2 (23)	3 (24)	4 (25)	5 (26)	6 (27)	7 (28)

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## AL FATIHA

*Ink and colored pencil on bedsheet  
by an unknown artist*

Tayba received this calligraphy piece  
containing the introductory chapter of the  
Qur'an from an unknown artist.

It is written on a piece of bed sheet using a black  
marker or ink for the letters and colored pencil  
for the background design.



# AUGUST

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## DHU'L-HIJJAH 1442 - MUHARRAM 1443

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (22) Tayba's Fall Semester Begins	2 (23)	3 (24)	4 (25)	5 (26)	6 (27)	7 (28)
8 (29)	9 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening	10 (1) MUHARRAM STARTS / ISLAMIC NEW YEAR*	11 (2)	12 (3)	13 (4)	14 (5)
15 (6)	16 (7)	17 (8)	18 (9)	19 (10) ASHURA*	20 (11)	21 (12)
22 (13)	23 (14)	24 (15)	25 (16)	26 (17)	27 (18)	28 (19)
29 (20)	30 (21)	31 (22)	1 (23)	2 (24)	3 (25)	4 (26)
5 (27)	6 (28)	7 (29)	8 (30)	9 (1)	10 (2)	11 (3)

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## AR-RAZAQ, THE SUSTAINER (ONE OF ALLAH'S 99 NAMES)

*Ink and colored pencils on card stock paper,  
sent by Brother Hightower*

**Alhamdulillah, since he sent Tayba this piece,  
Brother Hightower was released from prison.  
He now resides in California.**



# SEPTEMBER

2021

## MUHARRAM - SAFAR 1443

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 (20) Tayba's Fall Semester Begins	30 (21)	31 (22)	1 (23)	2 (24)	3 (25)	4 (26)
5 (27)	6 (28) Labor Day	7 (29) Rosh Hashana	8 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening	9 (1) SAFAR STARTS*	10 (2)	11 (3)
12 (4)	13 (5)	14 (6)	15 (7)	16 (8)	17 (9)	18 (10)
19 (11)	20 (12)	21 (13)	22 (14) Autumn / Fall Starts	23 (15)	24 (16)	25 (17)
26 (18)	27 (19)	28 (20)	29 (21)	30 (22)	1 (23)	2 (24)
3 (25)	4 (26)	5 (27)	6 (28)	7 (1)	8 (2)	9 (3)

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# MUHAMMAD ﷺ

Colored pencil drawing sent by Brother Ricardo



“

I really enjoyed composing something for you all because you never ask for anything and you're constantly giving. It's the least I could do to show my appreciation for Tayba. I'm not an artist by nature, but I drew it with my own hand. To me this drawing represents the Mercy to our world, Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah, peace be upon him. It is my way of saying how important he is to our very creation.

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# OCTOBER

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## SAFAR - RABI' I 1443

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 (18)	27 (19)	28 (20)	29 (21)	30 (22)	1 (23)	2 (24)
3 (25)	4 (26)	5 (27)	6 (28)	7 (29) The crescent may be seen this evening	8 (1) RABI' I STARTS*	9 (2)
10 (3)	11 (4) Indigenous People's Day	12 (5)	13 (6)	14 (7)	15 (8)	16 (9)
17 (10)	18 (11)	19 (12) MAWLID AN-NABI	20 (13)	21 (14)	22 (15)	23 (16)
24 (17)	25 (18)	26 (19)	27 (20)	28 (21)	29 (22)	30 (23)
31 (24)	1 (25)	2 (26)	3 (27)	4 (28)	5 (29)	6 (30)

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## THE QUBA MOSQUE

*Colored pencil on stock paper,  
sent by Brother Brent*

This beautiful artwork depicts the mosque at Quba, the first mosque established by the Prophet ﷺ while he stopped there on his way to Medina during the Hijra.





# NOVEMBER

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## RABI' I - RABI' II 1443

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 (24)	1 (25)	2 (26)	3 (27)	4 (28)	5 (29)	6 (30) The crescent may be seen this evening
7 (1) RABI' II STARTS* / Daylight Saving Time ends	8 (2)	9 (3)	10 (4)	11 (5) Veterans Day	12 (6)	13 (7)
14 (8)	15 (9)	16 (10)	17 (11)	18 (12)	19 (13)	20 (14)
21 (15)	22 (16)	23 (17)	24 (18)	25 (19) Thanksgiving Day	26 (20)	27 (21)
28 (22)	29 (23)	30 (24) Tayba's Fall Semester Ends (Exams Are Due)	1 (25)	2 (26)	3 (27)	4 (28)
5 (29)	6 (1)	7 (2)	8 (3)	9 (4)	10 (5)	11 (6)

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## “ALLAH IS BEAUTIFUL AND LOVES BEAUTY” (HADITH)

*Calligraphy drawing sent by Brother Ahmed*

Brother Ahmed has always reflected striving towards beauty in his work as a student with Tayba and his calligraphic rendition of the famous hadith is a testament to that.



# DECEMBER

2021

## RABI' II - JUMADA I 1443

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 (22)	29 (23)	30 (24)	1 (25)	2 (26)	3 (27)	4 (28)
5 (29) The crescent may be seen this evening	6 (1) JUMADA I STARTS*	7 (2)	8 (3)	9 (4)	10 (5)	11 (6)
12 (7)	13 (8)	14 (9)	15 (10)	16 (11)	17 (12)	18 (13)
19 (14)	20 (15)	21 (16) Winter Starts	22 (17)	23 (18)	24 (19) Christmas Eve	25 (20) Christmas Day
26 (21)	27 (22)	28 (23)	29 (24)	30 (25)	31 (26) New Year's Eve	1 (27)
2 (28)	3 (29)	4 (30)	5 (1)	6 (2)	7 (3)	8 (4)

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## Tayba's Mission

At the Tayba Foundation, we believe that all people contain a wellspring of goodness within them. We believe in the power of human potential. Even when individuals encounter dramatic setbacks in life, lasting change is possible.

Tayba Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports individuals and families impacted by incarceration. Through a holistic program encompassing education, life skills, and re-entry, we help our clients rediscover their inherent goodness and value as they reconnect.



**Before Tayba I read Islamic books insatiably but without guidance. Tayba has not only provided the guidance needed for a sober approach to knowledge, but also the correct method.**

- Abdul Khabir, Former Tayba Student



## Support Tayba Foundation

Help Muslims behind bars stay connected to other Muslims and their faith. Tayba serves over 7000 incarcerated Muslims, but more than 100,000 remain without help.

## Ways to donate

Donate online at [taybafoundation.org/donate](https://taybafoundation.org/donate)

Please make checks payable to 'Tayba Foundation' and mail to:

**Tayba Foundation,**  
**31080 Union City Blvd Ste 208**  
**Union City, CA 94587**

For money orders, bank transfers, stock gifts, or for any other type of contribution, please email us at [nabil@taybafoundation.org](mailto:nabil@taybafoundation.org)

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