

# BIRTHDAYS

The Division of Celebrations:

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- 1- Ritual Celebrations
- 2- Worldly Celebrations

The types of Ritual Celebrations:

- 1- Eid-ul-Fitr
- 2- Eid-ul-Adhha

NB: The days of Eid are the only ritual celebrations for Muslims (wherever they are) and they are celebrated in particular ritual ways e.g. to pray Eid prayers is an obligation of sufficiency (i.e. Fard Kifayah upon Muslims Wherever they are) besides breaking ones fast in Eid-ul-Fitr and to slaughter Qurbaani in Eid ul-Adhha etc.

The types of worldly Celebrations:

- 1- Birthdays e.g. Your own / wife's / family members... etc.
- 2- The Birthday of the Messenger Muhammad (saw).
- 3- Graduation days,
- 4- Marriage anniversaries,
- 5- Business anniversaries etc...

The divine general principle on worldly celebrations is that they are permissible (Mubaah) until the divine text (Nass Shar'ie) states otherwise. However It is prohibited to call the above celebrations "Eid" because "Eid" is a ritual celebration as a matter of worship (I'badah). In addition, it is prohibited to free Mix in the above celebrations or to join the above celebrations with any Haram acts e.g. the serving of alcohol or to imitate the Kuffar in their religious or ritual celebrations is prohibited.

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The claim that classical scholars like Ibn Taymiyyia and others have said that it is a good action and is necessary is not correct. The fact that Christians celebrate Jesus's (as) birthday does not mean that we should also celebrate Mohammed's (SAW) birth-day because 'his way (his deen) is surely the correct way whereas the Christians are in error' as some people say, because imitating the Kuffar in their ritual celebrations is Haram. The claim that classical scholars have recommended that we celebrate the Prophets birthday so that we can get closer to him is incorrect and to say that the Sahaba did not celebrate the prophets birthday because he was with them when he was living is also not a valid argument because they did not celebrate the prophet's birthday even after he passed away!

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