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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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# Closer

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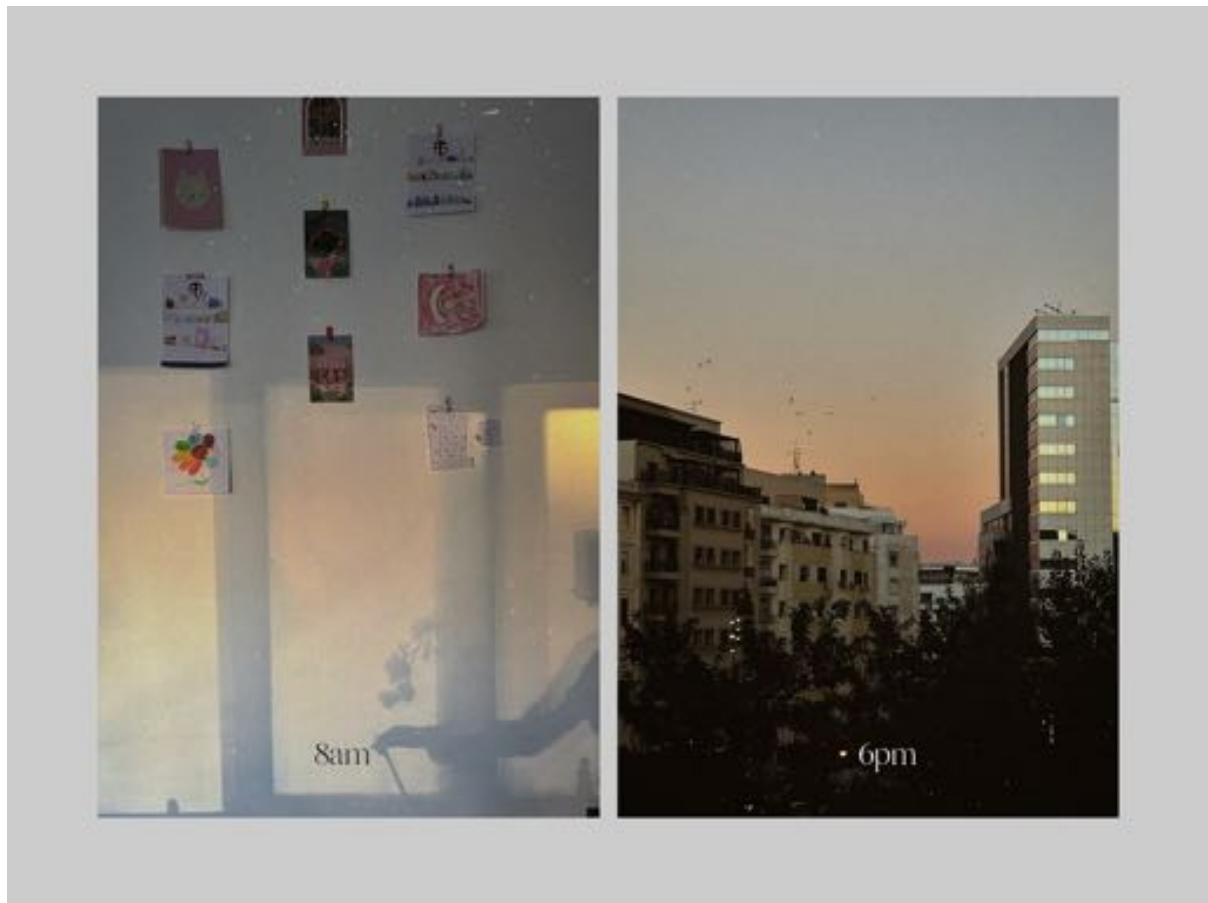
Our present lives are  
not things we have to  
escape. Perhaps it is  
time to allow the “messy”  
**miracle** of being **here**.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

*(and a special welcome to our new Baby Champs!)*

I have a very simple goal for this new year - I intend to witness as many Sunrises and Sunsets as possible and marvel at this beautiful masterpiece that Allah SWT has created for literally everybody to enjoy. I also wanted to do this because Allah SWT mentions several times in the Quran, "Allah alternates the day and night. Surely in this is a lesson for people of insight."

(♥ Here's photos from today's Sunrise and Sunset btw ♥)



As I paused everything I was doing to catch these majestic views, I realised, Subhanallah, my very existence (***and yours, of course***) is also part of this perfect Universe that Allah SWT has created. Just like how the sunrises and sunsets are miracles, so are we. It is not by some random occurrence that we are placed as Khalifahs in this world - it is by Allah SWT's perfect knowledge and will that you and I are here. **Our presence adds to this beautiful tapestry of the world.**

Champs, I truly hope this new year will bring about a gentle and peaceful surrender for you - not in terms of enslaving and conforming to this temporal world's benchmarks of success, but rather in surrendering to His perfectly subtle plans for you, and in allowing His "surprises" to guide and teach you.

**I pray you will allow yourself to go with the Divine Flow, and to trust the Most Merciful, the Most Kind, and the Most Loving completely.**

So yes, you are here. And no matter how messy or scary or confusing or stagnant "here" may be, **here is where Allah SWT wants you to be.** And isn't it beautiful that in accepting this wholeheartedly, you are in worship to your Rabb? ❤️

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the sunday session



How timely and apt that for our very first Sunday Session this year, we will have Anse Eamaan Rabbat (Education Director of [Ribaat](#)) to share with us more on how important it is for us believing women to continue and commit to our pursuit of Knowledge! The fact that you are here as an AA Plus Champ is a great indicator of your quest for Ilm for His sake. I know that this week's Sunday Session will be a great booster and reminder as to why we are on this journey in the first place, In Sha Allah, and I hope you will join me in renewing our intentions as a striving seeker of Knowledge!

[Join Our Special Sunday Date Here](#)

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# champs library



Rejoice because a new 'Your Internet Girlfriend' episode is out, and this time round, Iman and I are making it into a Video Series! If you haven't heard already, we intend to do a 'Year of Less' Challenge where every month, we will try to remove or significantly reduce something from our lives. This January, we are cutting out SUGAR! (Ya Rabb, help us! 😂) We will be updating our progress and uploading it all in the [Champs Libray](#) - so be sure to keep checking it out ok? **PS:** On that note, my team and I are

so proud of how our Champs Library is growing! This year, we intend to create and publish more purposeful, useful and varied content for the Library. So please give it some love and visit it from time to time, Champs!

[Watch the first episode here on The Champs Library!](#)

## visual reminder



This 2024 Quran Desktop Wallpaper Calendar was such a FUN project to do for our [Champs Library](#) and is hugely inspired by all of you Champs who took the time to share with us your favourite Ayahs from the Quran. We highlighted one verse per week, making this Calendar collection to be a whooping 52 Desktop Wallpapers altogether, Alhamdulillah! **PS:** The file size of the full Calendar is significant in size, so a pro-tip would be downloading it only with your wifi and on your desktop / laptops. It is not advisable to do this on your phone and with mobile data.

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[Download 2024 Quran Calendar Here](#)

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heartwork



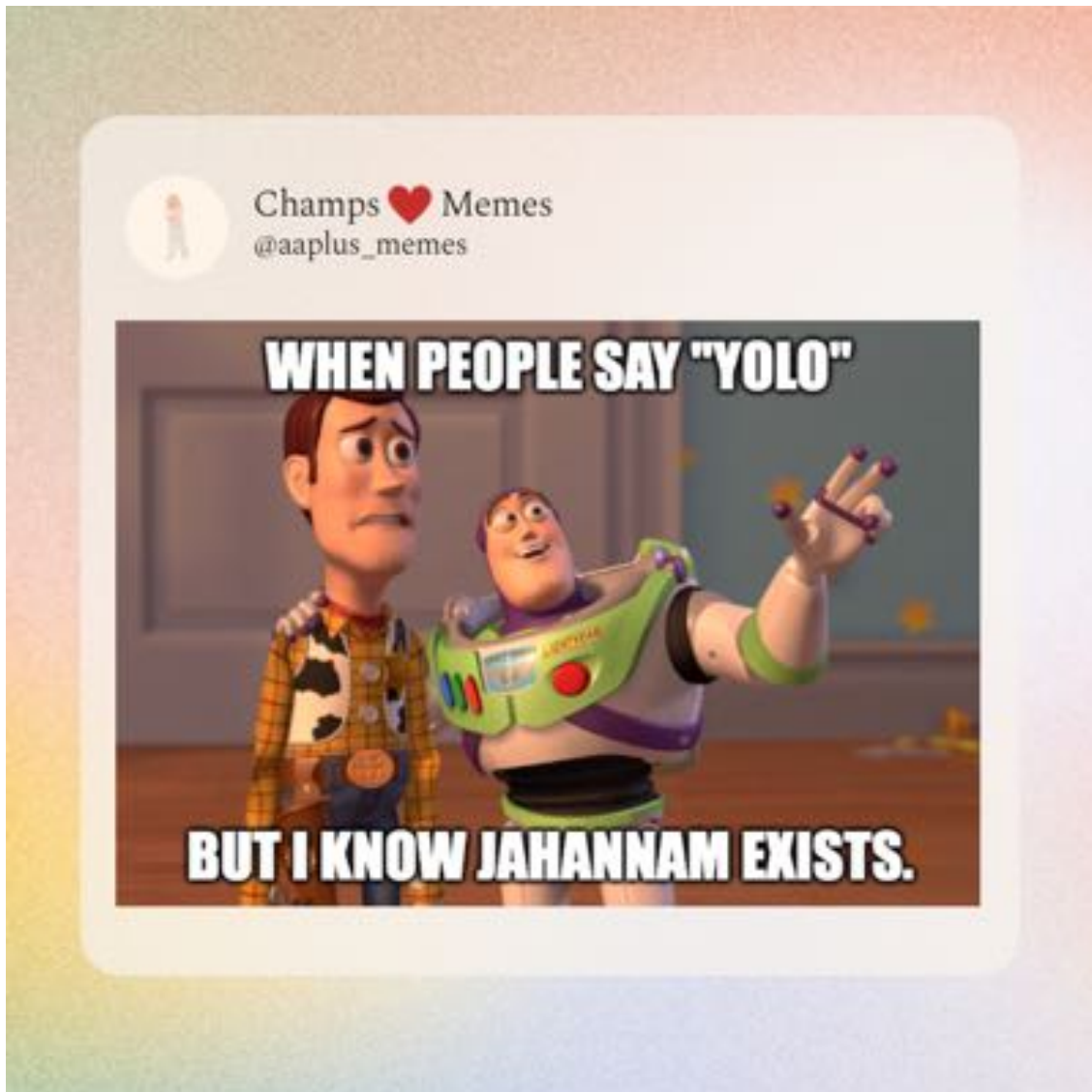
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I've been using the 2024 Quran Wallpaper on my desktop and I love how [the first Ayah](#) reminds me to "Ask Allah SWT for His Bounties." And boy, (I'm smiling like a goofball typing this) have I asked the biggest, smallest, silliest, craziest, *boringest*, *randomest* things from Allah SWT. Within the same hour, I have asked for the highest level of Jannah, Children of Quran for my womb, Kimchi, inspiration for this Closer email, warmth this Winter, better singing voice, a train to be built between Singapore and Morocco, and the list goes on! So ask Champs, ask Allah SWT from His Bounties! Or my father would say, **"If you don't ask from Allah SWT, then you are *sombong* (arrogant)."**

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# muslim meme



As believers, the concept of "YOLO" just doesn't make sense. This temporary world is but a stopover, and our **real, forever** life awaits us. Of course, this reality is something we tend to forget time and time again, but this is also why Allah SWT repeatedly mentions verses after verses of the Day of Judgement and of Paradise and Hell over and over again in the Quran. **We forget, but He always reminds.**

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to ponder



I absolutely love how Allah SWT **dedicated an entire Ayah in the Quran to show how Prophet Musa AS clearly communicated with his family**: "I have spotted a fire. I will either bring you some directions from there, or a burning torch so you may warm yourselves." ([Quran 27:7](#)) When you ponder on this Ayah, it shows how **important it is to say things out verbally**. Instead of just doing things on his own, Prophet Musa AS expressed his thoughts, his intentions and his next point of action, and it made me think, Subhnallah, how ironic it is that many of us now struggle with communicating with our loved ones. How many of us

suppress our thoughts and emotions, sweeping them away under the carpet? The Quran also immortalises the sincere Du'as that were made by our beloved Prophets (may Allah SWT be pleased with them all) - and these Du'as were verbally uttered. **So even if we know Allah SWT could read our hearts and our minds, perhaps it is in the actual verbalising of our thoughts that we are able to declutter and process the internal chaos in our heads.**

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ps:



Now that we've closed the doors to our little cottage on the Internet, it is time to meet you, Baby Champs, aka our fellow new Neighbours in Jannah! I really hope you can make it to this intimate session - we will get to know one another, and I'll go bring you on a tour of your new Home here on AA Plus. I also promise there will be no awkward ice-breakers or any of that sort! PS: This orientation will not be recorded to ensure everyone feels safe and comfortable, so I hope you'll be able to carve out time for it!

[Join Baby Champs Orientation Here](#)

*And with that, my dearest Champs, I pray may your 2024 be off to a gentle and mindful start! May you witness many beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and soak in the beauty of being miraculously here. ❤️*

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