

Table Talk PAKISTAN

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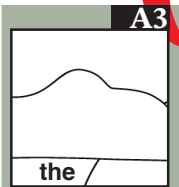
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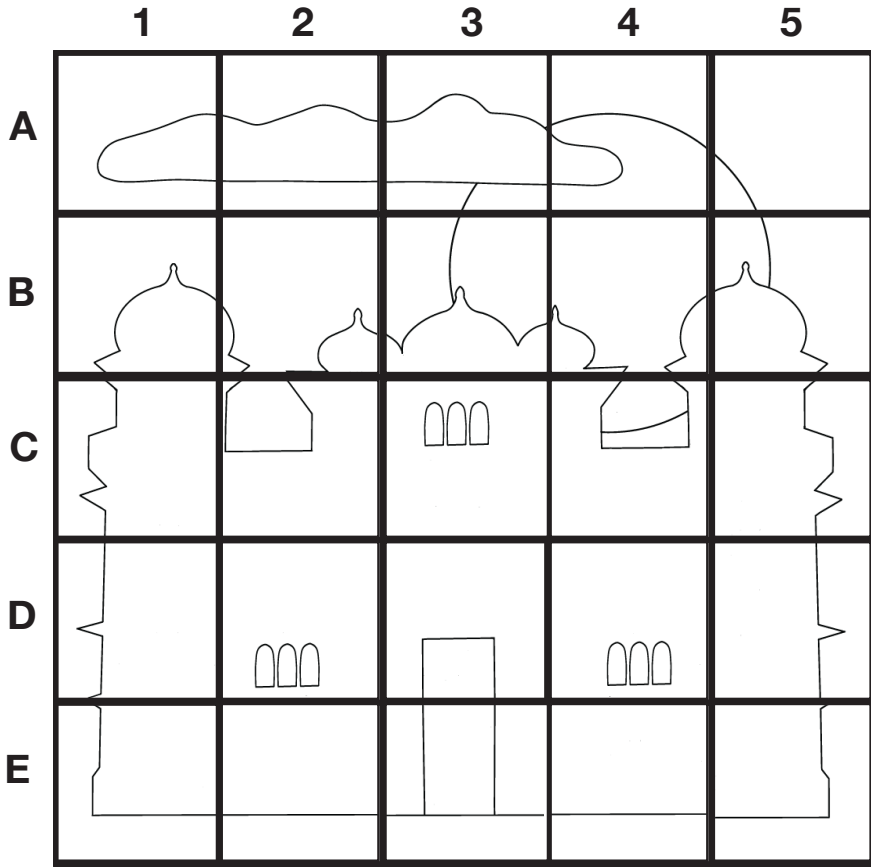
Phrase (of National Anthem): _____

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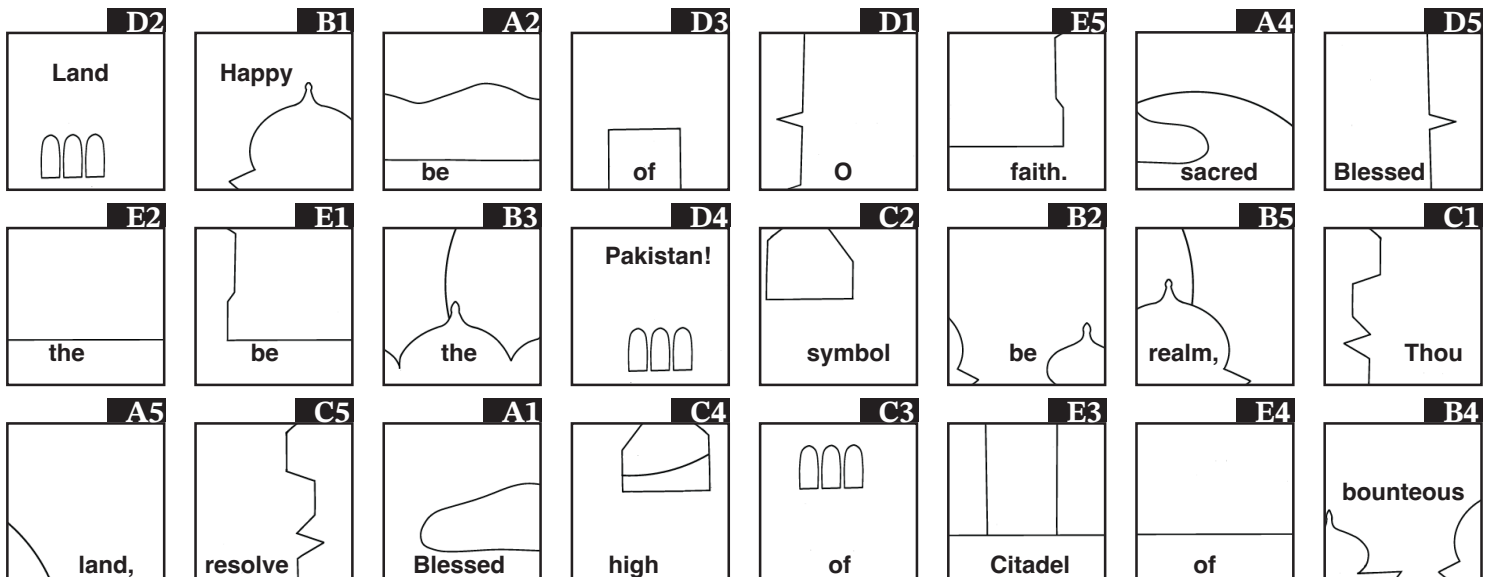
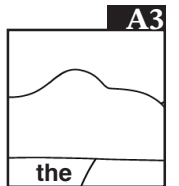
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JEREMIAH 15:16 ESV

January 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PHILIPPINES Pray for Christians who were driven from their homes by Islamic militants, as well as all those affected by the earthquake.	2 NEPAL Pray for faithful believers like Binita who boldly share the Gospel with their neighbours despite hardships.	3 MOROCCO Pray that more Moroccans will hear the Gospel through evangelistic outreaches using digital media.	4 ISRAEL Pray for the numerous victims of war in all areas of Israel, including Christians who also endure persecution in the West Bank and Gaza for their faith.	5 LEBANON Pray for the more than one million Syrian refugees who have entered Lebanon since 2012 as church leaders minister to them.	6 IRAN Pray that Christians in Iran will continue to share the Gospel and disciple new believers despite civil unrest.	
7 AFGHANISTAN Pray that God will protect followers of Christ who are being pursued by the Taliban.	8 CHINA Pray that the study Bibles being distributed to Christian leaders will enable them to teach and train their flocks well.	9 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Pray for believers who have been beaten by militants, asking the Lord to minister physical, emotional and spiritual healing.	10 MOZAMBIQUE Pray that Christians who have lost everything in recent Islamic attacks will have their every need met.	11 BANGLADESH Pray that Christian media programs will effectively reach millions of people with the “Good News” of the Gospel.	12 TUNISIA Pray that Tunisian church members will continue to have the freedom to gather for worship.	13 BURKINA FASO Pray for the grieving families of Christians who have been killed in targeted attacks by Islamic militants.
14 KAZAKHSTAN Pray that governmental workers who are monitoring unregistered churches will hear the Gospel and turn to faith in Christ.	15 EGYPT Pray that Christian converts from Islam, like Duhra, will see how wonderfully God provides for all their needs.	16 MYANMAR (BURMA) Pray for Aung Hte and his family, who were driven from their home, and surrounding land, after placing their faith in Christ.	17 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO Pray that Christians will be protected from violent attacks by militant Islamic groups.	18 MAURITANIA Pray that Christian missionaries will return to the country so needed ministry can be provided.	19 DJIBOUTI Pray that God’s Word will permeate the country, despite the risks of harassment and persecution for owning a Bible.	20 AZERBAIJAN Pray that ministry workers will find ways to import Bibles, which are difficult to obtain as copies cannot be printed legally.
21 KENYA Pray for Christians living in Muslim-majority areas of northeastern Kenya.	22 BAHRAIN Praise God for more openness to the Gospel! Pray that the message of Jesus will spread throughout this nation.	23 MALDIVES There are very few known Christians in the Maldives. Pray that more Maldivians will come to know the Lord.	24 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Pray for wisdom, protection and courage on behalf of foreign missionaries who are illegally sharing the Gospel with Muslims.	25 IRAQ Pray for Nader, a Muslim teenager who asked for a Bible after having dreams about the living Christ.	26 LAOS Laos has more than 200 ethnic subgroups. Pray for loving unity to take place among Laotian believers despite the diversity.	27 SOMALIA Pray for Christian converts from Islam who have been accused of rejecting both their religion and their nationality.
28 KUWAIT Pray for wisdom on behalf of the few indigenous Kuwaiti believers who practise their faith at great risk.	29 OMAN In Oman, Bibles can be sold only to foreigners. Pray that copies of God’s Word will also reach many Omani citizens.	30 BENIN Pray for Edosa’s brothers and sisters, asking the Lord to reveal to them His wonderful plan of salvation.	31 QATAR Qataris who own or distribute God’s Word are at great risk. Pray that these believers will receive His divine protection.			



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A Peek Into PAKISTAN



Weigh In

1. The Indus River is a large river in Pakistan measuring 3,610 kilometres in length. The areas surrounding this great river are the most populous in the country. Throughout history, many civilizations built their empires around the Indus River.

2. There are over 80 languages spoken in Pakistan, including those that are unique to each specific region. The country's official languages are Urdu and English. However, only seven percent of the population can speak Urdu, and even less than that know English.

3. "Bonded labour" occurs when a person borrows money, but can't pay it back. As a result, the debtor becomes a long-term slave. Often, people spend their entire lives attempting to repay this debt, which is then passed down to their children.

4. The blasphemy law states that anyone who insults the Islamic prophet Muhammad or the Quran must be severely punished. This infamous law commonly results in lifetime imprisonment or the death penalty. Extremists often use it to falsely accuse innocent people.

1. The Indus River has been vital for the survival of human life for thousands of years. This river provides many resources that make it ideal for settlement – water being chief among them. Why do you think numerous civilizations, both modern and ancient, have settled in regions surrounding rivers?

2. With Pakistan's many languages, it can be difficult for citizens to communicate with those of other regions, especially if they speak only one language. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages when a country is rigidly divided by languages? Would this have any impact on potential Bible translation work?

3. People in the poorest communities, being predominantly Christian, are most at risk of becoming "bonded labourers." Imagine your family being stuck in the bonded labour system. How would this impact your hopes, dreams, goals and perception of life?

4. Recently, two Christians in Pakistan were falsely accused of blasphemy. This accusation was the impetus for massive destruction in their community. Should blasphemy laws silence the witness of Pakistani Christians? What does the Bible teach about civil decrees that directly conflict with God's Word?



One Way

Islamic Conduct with Neighbours

The Quran is clear that a servant's faith journey is all about conformity. Being a follower of Allah requires being a friend of *his* friends and an enemy of *his* enemies. There are many Quranic verses emphasizing mercy and kindness, but they contain conditions that apply only to like-minded Muslims, and thus they remain within defined limits.

Biblical Conduct with Neighbours

Jesus states in Matthew 5:43-48 that we are to love our neighbours *and* our enemies. We are to bless those who curse us and do good to those who hate us. We are to pray for those who persecute us. Romans 12:17-21 says, "Repay no one evil for evil... If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. '...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink....' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Way Out

Many Christian women are evicted from their homes due to their newfound faith in Christ. Often, they lack the necessary skills to make a livable income. To help these persecuted sisters in Christ, VOMC partners with a sewing centre project in Pakistan that's designed to teach Christian women of all ages how to sew. These women are also provided sewing machines, so they can generate incomes to support their families. Additionally, ministry workers at the centre disciple the women using God's Word, so they will remain strong in their faith amid a hostile environment. For more about VOMC's international projects, or to donate to our *Women's Ministry Fund*, please visit vomcanada.com.

Recommended Reads

The Despicable Missionary by Annie Bradley and Julie Dass (Teen)
Hearts of Fire by The Voice of the Martyrs (Adult)

Sources:

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<https://operationworld.org/locations/pakistan/>
<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/pakistan/>
Understanding the Times – A Survey of Competing Worldviews by Dr. Jeff Myers and Dr. David A. Noebel.



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