



Cafe Newsletter

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Quote of the month:

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

~George Santayana

Welcome to the August 2007 edition of the Assyrian Cafe Newsletter! As we all know, summer is coming to an end, and you know what that means right? Back to School! With school just around the corner, August is the month of enjoying the last few weeks of summer, while being haunted by the back to school commercials. Just imagine, having homework, studying, doing essays... Oh the horror it's all coming back to me! Anyway, I hope I didn't start to worry you about school, that wasn't my intention, really. In fact I'll even give you a tip on how you can enjoy the last few weeks of summer, check out Assyrian Cafe of course! It is a cool place to kick back, relax and enjoy. Whether it is the forums, the chat room, or the podcasts, your guaranteed to have a good time!

DID YOU SEE WHAT IT WAS WEARING?

As if it wasn't lovely enough, Assyrian Cafe has once again updated their forums! Not only does it have a new and improved look, it also comes with great new features. One being, the friends and foe list, which is basically a way of categorizing the people you like from the people that you're not too crazy about. With this, you are able to see when your friends are online, send them private messages, while being able to totally ignore your enemies, pretty neat eh? And that's only ONE of the many new features that have been added.

ROMEO, ROMEO, WHERE ART THOU ROMEO?

In other news, the chit chat forum has been pretty heated

lately. One very popular post made by Ziiny asked what everyone's favorite quotes were, the responses were massive. Members posted all kinds of quotes, some that were influential, while others humorous. One quote that really stood out to me, and could be used to help each and every one of us in our daily lives was written by none other than Simon himself, *Find yourself, and you shall achieve success.*

NEW MEMBERS

Not to mention, in the last few months, we have been fortunate enough to welcome new members to the website. With the rising number of members, the AC team thought it would be a great idea to have an individual topic in which each member is able to tell a little about who they are as an individual, in order for everyone to get to know each other better. The topic can be found in Chit Chat, and is titled "describe yourself", please feel free to tell us about yourself, don't be shy!

ASK FOR HELP WITHIN

I'd like to remind you all that Assyrian Cafe is here for you and is willing to help as much as possible with your schooling. If you have any math questions please do not hesitate to post them in the Math Help forum, Jacqueline, is more than happy

to help you out. As a matter a fact, if you have any questions regarding any subject, you could always make a post about it, and the Cafe members will help out as much as possible.

SPECIAL SOMETHING FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

I'd like to end this Newsletter with a poem. I picked this specific poem just because everyone could relate to it, we are all busy with our daily lives, whether it is working, or schooling, or both. We are always rushing to get things done, and sometimes miss the beauty of it all. Hope you like it!

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids
On a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain
Slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's
erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the
fading night?
You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.
Do you run through each day
On the fly?
When you ask "How are you?"
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done
Do you lie in your bed
With the next hundred chores
Running through your head?
You'd better slow down

Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.
Ever told your child,
We'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste,
Not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch,
Let a good friendship die
Cause you never had time
To call and say "Hi"?
You'd better slow down.
Don't dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won't last.
When you run so fast to get
somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting
there.
When you worry and hurry
through your day,
It is like an unopened gift....
Thrown away.
Life is not a race.
Do take it slower
Hear the music
Before the song is over.

ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR Lily!

I would like to thank Lily, AKA Princ3ss, for writing this month's newsletter for Assyrian Cafe. This month I was not able to write the newsletter and thankfully Princ3ss was around to lend me a helping hand. However I would like to add something special to the already wonderful newsletter. As you guys all know this month, the 8th of August, not too far ahead, we pause and remember the

people of Simmele, who witnessed a horrible massacre. Not long ago I wrote this poem in memory of them. I would like to share it with the rest of the Assyrian Cafe community.

Passiveness and Indifferences No More

Standing here in the sadness, overcome with grief, bitterness and despair at their sufferings, our martyrs sit among Jesus in the glory of Heaven. For they were never seen as passive or indifferent, so let this commemoration be nothing of that nature!

Let us put away our blackened wardrobes and shout out with triumph for their sacrifices and their firm commitment to our nation and culture.

Throughout our pages of Assyrian history, the massacre of Simmele has been imprinted in every heart, mind and soul as one of the blackest moments of Assyrian history. It is not the only moment where men, women and children were slaughtered and left in the hands of those who were rarely spared. Their bodies left to lie under the scorching sun that caused an unbearable stench so that every fly and endemic insect may be drawn from miles away.

Let us not think that the greatest threat to the preservation of our nation and culture is the loss of our lives and property. The swords of our doosh'min, have not and never will in the future kill our love for our culture and nation, but should be seen as a strengthening attachment.

One thing I put to you, my loyal and loving Assyrians, is the indifference malaise of our own people that will see our nation and culture crumble before our very eyes.

Let this day, Assyrian Martyr day be one of gathering, unity and celebration of all of those who have dedicated their lives to the constant struggle of preserving our culture, language and nationhood

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