

# HOROSCOPE

SPOTLIGHT

# The call of Adhan

**ARIES**  
(MAR. 21- APRIL 20)

You can make excellent career moves if you are open to the opportunities that exist. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**TAURUS**  
(APR. 21- MAY 21)

If you keep busy you won't feel the personal pressures you are going through. Travel will be far more exciting than you imagined. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**GEMINI**  
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Do what's best for the people you love most. You have to believe in yourself and your talents. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**CANCER**  
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

You may not be happy if members of your family are not pulling their weight. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**LEO**  
(JULY 23-AUG 22)

Those you work with may have little consideration for the underdog. Your emotional partner may make you angry this week. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**VIRGO**  
(AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)

Be sure to take time for old friends or relatives you don't get to see that often. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**LIBRA**  
(SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)

You can make personal changes that will enhance your reputation and give you greater self-confidence. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SCORPIO**  
(OCT. 24 -NOV. 21)

Your best efforts will come through investments concerning your home. Use your charm, but don't sign or agree to anything. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(NOV. 22 -DEC. 21)

You can make money through your own creative efforts. You can count on getting a pat on the back for your efforts. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**CAPRICORN**  
(DEC. 22 -JAN. 20)

You may want to invest in something that will grow in value. A new image can be the result if you change your look. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS**  
(JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)

Situations will get out of hand if others interfere. Partnerships may be strained if some one has been erratic. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

**PISCES**  
(FEB. 20 -MARCH. 20)

You have more than enough on your plate already. Don't allow your personal problems to interfere with work. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



*As the white thread of dawn appears distinct from the black, the call for prayer resonates throughout the city; Dhaka responds to the proclamation and wakes up to the invitation of the muezzin.*

*"Allah is the greatest" – he repeats in two sets of two.*

*"I testify that there is no god but Allah...  
"I testify that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."*

*And after a brief pause the appeal continues -*

*"Come for prayer; Come for success."*

There is something mystical about the call of the Adhan. The same divine summon is sent five times a day to call humanity to stand shoulder to shoulder among

brethren and prostrate before the Creator. The Adhan is essentially a summary of the Islamic belief; the lines that float through the air are to penetrate deep into our hearts and stir the human consciousness to ultimately surrender worldly desires for an eternal life in the hereafter.

Throughout the world, the congregation of Fajr holds a special place among devotees; yet it is possibly in the Muslim nations where the social significance is most evident.

The city yawns and wakes up at the break of dawn. Even before the shutters of the grocery shops go up, preparing for yet another day of business, men are seen walking briskly towards the neighbour-

hood mosque, with prayer beads in one hand and a miswak in the other.

A look back at history takes us to the time the holy Prophet (PBUH) introduced the Adhan based on the need for means to call people to the mosque for the congregation of the five obligatory prayers.

Our earthly bonds put shackles on our soul and prevent us to be free but for those who respond to the call of Fajr prayers every morning, life takes a new start.

As the small congregation prepares for the Morning Prayer a world remains asleep; perhaps we should pay heed to the call because truly 'prayer is better than slumber.'

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