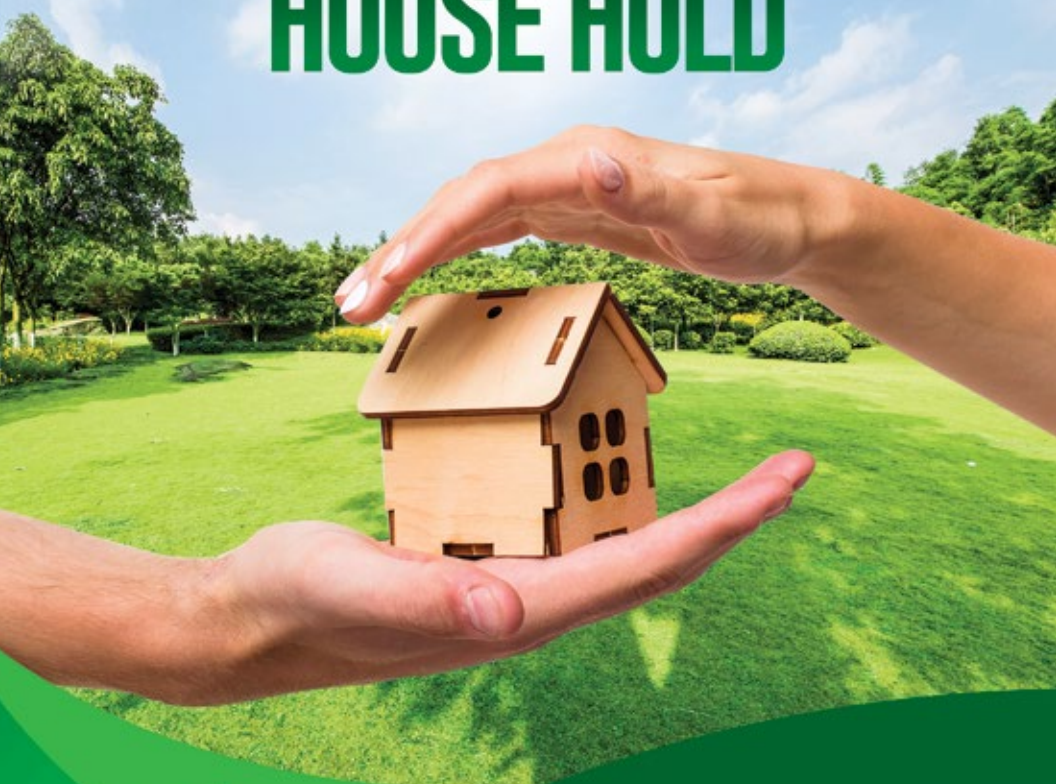


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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

أَمَّا بَعْدُ ❁ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ❁

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً (سورة البقرة: 208)

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

WHY IS UNDERSTANDING ISLAM DIFFICULT FOR US TODAY?

My respected Muslim brethren and dignified mothers and daughters of the Ummah!

Allah ﷻ has commanded His believers to completely enter the folds of Islam. This is because when Islam was truly practiced by the entire society, not it was only easily understood by everyone, but every individual in the society was a living example and embodiment of the principles laid out by our glorious religion.

Allah ﷻ addressed the Jews and Christians in the Holy Quran:

إِنْ آمَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا^ط

“So if they believe in the same as you believe in, then they have been [rightly] guided;” (Al-Baqarah: 137)

This meant that if they (the Jews and Christians) wanted to accept Islam, they should look at the lives of the Sahaba, as they were the true ambassadors of Islam, because their faith influenced and showed through every aspect of their lives.

However, my dear brothers, the reality is when something slips out of our lives and is not practiced anywhere with rigor then it is truly difficult for us to comprehend it





and make others comprehend. Since today, Islam is not found anywhere in our lives with true essence, therefore, not only has it become difficult for us to understand it but also, it's even more difficult for us to make others understand. Unfortunately, we can see today people formulating their own versions of Islam according to whatever they find correct. The basis of such deviating versions that cause disruptions and chaos in the society is that Islam is nowhere to be found in our lives because its real face has been erased. Had it been alive in our daily practices, its teachings would have been easier to understand and spread further.

MUSLIMS ARE VICTIMS OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS

A person who does not even know the meaning of Shahadah (Kalima-Tayyabah) is satisfied in his faith. This grave situation does not end here. Many Muslims are content knowing their lives begin and end with a few rituals according to Islam or if their parents gave them Islamic names, even though they indulge in polytheistic activities all their lives. There are those who are Muslims according to the Census but everything they ever believed or practiced is the opposite of what Islam has ordained. Some people are contented that they recited Shahadah no matter their outlook speaks otherwise. Therefore, unless and until, Islam becomes a part and parcel of all our lives, this incomprehension and naivety shall continue wrecking the lives of millions!

ISLAM IS NOT LIMITED TO BELIEF & WORSHIP

A widespread thought which exists in the minds of many is that believing in the correct faith is everything. The hellfire shall cleanse them of all sins and eventually





they shall be taken to paradise. For others, worshipping is equally necessary along with the right faith but it does not matter if their earning is lawful or not. These people can be seen being hesitant while breaking their fast but they're quick to give and take interest. One such example of an household is when a son breaks his fast before Maghrib, the parents are quick to worry and judge but when the same son takes an interest-based loan to set up his factory, the same parents are quick to boast and are proud of their son who can now be called a 'businessman'.

For such families, religion is limited to belief and practices only and they are not bothered whether or not their transactions and earnings are based on Islamic principles. If a person from this family delays his/her Suhoor or Aftaar in Ramadan, they will quickly rush to an Islamic scholar to figure out whether their fast is valid or not? But the same person will never question the scholar if he/she is carrying out deceitful trade or is involved in unlawful financial transactions, knowing full well that this wealth goes on to feed his family and is the foundation for the upbringing of his children.

DEEN AS 'WAY OF LIFE'

My dear readers, these people do not understand the delicacies of religious commandments in other matters such as trade, employment and during buying/selling. An employee who works eight hours a day but spends two hours for his personal affairs is not entitled to receive the salary for eight hours. The salary he takes for those two hours is as unlawful to him as someone who robs or steals that which does not belong to him. The unfortunate employee is unaware of the strict implications in Shari'ah





and instead considers himself to be cunning or smart for what he does. Why does he not care about this impurity? This is because his knowledge of Deen is very limited and he does what he feels like and not what the Allah ﷻ and Rasool Allah ﷺ have commanded.

MOLDING YOUR HABITS & CHARACTER AS PER DEEN

There are those as well who have righteous faith, they worship day and night and are mindful of their earnings and dealings yet they don't bother with their habits and character. Their attitude reeks of pride. All they essentially care about is praise and admiration from others. They are woefully ignorant towards their behavior which leads them to social sins like anger, spite, jealousy, hypocrisy and stinginess. All this is the result of their ignorance towards Deen. To their mind, these social sins are not sins and so they do not bother repenting for or rectifying them.

On the contrary, our Holy Prophet ﷺ narrated:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ مِّنْ كِبَرٍ

“He who has pride equivalent to a grain of mustard seed shall not enter Paradise.” (Tirmidhi)

Amongst all the sins mentioned, if a person only nurses pride in their hearts equivalent to a tiny grain of mustard seed, our Prophet ﷺ declared such a strict notion, that he/she shall not enter paradise.

THE TRUE PICTURE OF ISLAM

Finally, there are those who are mindful of their faith, worship, practices and character but are void of an





essential attribute in an Islamic society, showing empathy and being kind towards one another. This trait is missing not only in the general public but practicing religious folks also tend to ignore this noble attribute. Benevolence in the society strengthens the pillars on which the societal framework rests, as Allah ﷻ commands:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السَّلْمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا
خُطَوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ

"Believers! Enter wholly into Islam and do not follow in the footsteps of Satan for he is your open enemy" (Albaqarah:208)

Thus, Allah ﷻ has instructed us to believe in Him, worship Him, show empathy towards one another and avoid hurting others' through our actions and behavior. So my dear readers, as terrible as hurting a person financially may be, even more so is hurting someone through our speech and actions. When dealings amongst individuals worsen, they may cause temporary financial loss. However, when the spiteful arrows of the tongue are shot, the pain caused in the hearts' of believers' lingers on for a long time. And this grave situation tends to collapse the delicate fabric of our society by disrupting brotherhood, love and unity.

A "BENEVOLENT SOCIETY" IS OUR RELIGION'S TRUEST ASSET

O my readers, remember! A society that proclaims Islam as their religion but rests on social evils such as backbiting, slandering, hypocrisy and jealousy can never prosper. On the one hand, we can see prayers being offered regularly and rituals of pilgrimage and fasting being carried out





with great fervor. However, on the other hand, their hearts are brimming with the fire of hatred and envy towards each other. Why is that? Entirely because they fail to understand the true essence of an Islamic society, and the emphasis it places on the rights of humankind.

Today, as an Ummah, we have failed to become benevolent and kind. We have lost the teachings of Holy Prophet (Peace be upon Him) who is the eternal embodiment of mercy for all universe, i.e. Rehmat-ull-Alameen. He lived an illustrious life showing peace and mercy not just to his followers and kin but also to his enemies alike. As his followers, it was our duty to submit ourselves fully to whatever he ordained for us. Sadly, when we lost track of our Nabi ﷺ as believers, our society began to crumble to bits. Our homes were shattered, our marital lives became dishonest and troublesome, our elders and children forgot the essence of respect and gratitude, and we ended up facing disastrous consequences as a society. Barakah and mercy seeped away from our lives and now, the crux of the Islamic society rests feebly on the mere five pillars of Islam.

THE REAL REASON OF CHAOS

When the society falls apart, hearts burn in enmity and families become prey to disdainful behavior. People blame the fall-outs on extrinsic factors like black magic and evil eye when it is rather their own sinful attitude that wrecks the peace from amongst blood relations even. Unity is tarnished, hearts are famished of love and fraternal relations are done away with. This is when Allah ﷻ closes the doors of His mercy and blessings and the rewards of religious deeds.





WHAT GREAT LESSON HAVE WE BEEN ORDAINED?

Our Holy Prophet ﷺ laid great emphasis on empathy, kindness, mercy and love for each other and we can find numerous examples of the same in his lifetime.

Once, the Holy Prophet ﷺ forbade that one person take two dates (at once) from a serving without taking permission from his fellow diners. (Mafhoom)

نهى رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم أن يقرن الرجل بين
التمرّتين جميعاً حتى يستأذن أصحابه

This means, that if at a dining table everyone is eating from a dish of dates, and if everyone takes a single date, and one person takes two, then this action goes against the essence of an Islamic society, because he may offend or hurt his companions by this action. Therefore the Prophet ﷺ forbade that he take two dates at once, unless he takes permission from the rest of the people eating.

Similarly, in a hadith the Prophet ﷺ said that

مَنْ أَكَلَ ثُومًا أَوْ بَصَلًا، فَلْيَعْتَزِلْنَا - أَوْ قَالَ: فَلْيَعْتَزِلْ مَسْجِدَنَا

if a person eats onions or garlic, he should stay away from gatherings or the mosque (Muslim)

so that the smell coming from his mouth doesn't bother any other Muslim.

WHY DON'T WE HAVE BARAKAH (ABUNDANCE)?

During the early days of Islam, it was obligatory (Wajib) for believers to perform Ghusl (bath) prior to Friday prayers. Usually the believers adorned woolen clothes and were involved mostly in physical labor, so when they gathered in congregations in small mosques, the intensity of heat made them sweat. This caused discomfort to everyone





after which Rasool Allah ﷺ commanded:

“O People! When Friday approaches, then perform Ghusl, and whoever has the best perfume or oil, should apply it!”
(Abu Dawood)

Dear readers, the essence of this command is empathy alone; to ensure that one does not become the source of displeasure or discomfort to others. Since our norms have deviated from Islam greatly, therefore, the most a Muslim cares about now is being on top of prayers, earning Halal and preaching correct faith. They will not be bothered in the least if their actions or behavior cause displeasure to those around them.

DO NOT HURT ANYONE

The Blessed Day of Friday is in itself a highly glorious day, but our Holy Prophet (Peace be upon Him) instructed believers to be respectful and merciful in order to attain Allah ﷻ mercy and blessings on this Holy Day, as evident from the following tradition:

مَنْ تَخَطَّى رِقَابَ النَّاسِ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ اتُّخِذَ جَسْرًا إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ

“He who forces his way between people (sitting in the mosque for Friday prayers) is as if he made a bridge towards Hell (for causing distress to people)” (Tirmidhi)

Similarly, attendees in a congregation have also been told to make adjustments for a new person when he walks in.

Almighty Allah ﷻ commands in the Holy Quran (Surah al-Mujadila, Verse 11)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ تَفَسَّحُوا فِي الْمَجَالِسِ فَافْسَحُوا
يَفْسَحِ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ

“O’ you who have believed, when you are told, ‘Space





yourselves' in assemblies, then make space; Allah ﷻ will make space for you."

The commandment is clear. Once a new person walks in a gathering, the believers should make haste to give him space to sit, and the one who arrives should make do with whatever space is being offered, rather than separating two individuals sitting together. The lives of individuals dwelling in this mortal world are influenced by the actions of other individuals. The best are those individuals whose actions and speech do not harm others but rather create an aura of peace and harmony.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAUSE GREAT LOSS

The Glorious Sahaba رضي الله عنهم (May Allah ﷻ be pleased with them) held the Holy Prophet (Peace be upon Him) in the highest esteem and regard. There was nobody they adored more than Prophet Himself. That being said, no matter how much they desired, the Prophet disliked when anybody rose up to his welcome in a gathering, so they resorted to do as the Prophet desired. This teaches us that respect and regard is what causes comfort to others, and this is the true nature of Islam.

Dear readers, respect and mercy go a long way. They nurture prosperity in lives and create a pleasant environment indoors, outdoors, in markets, malls, mosques, offices or with friends and relatives alike. Unfortunately, we do not fathom the consequences of being disrespectful or merciless. With half the knowledge of our religion, we never consider the grave repercussions our indecent actions might cause. How many hearts are shattered because we can't control our tongue? How much pain do we inflict when we choose to be ignorant towards our fellow Muslim brothers? Not once do we





contemplate, never do we seek their forgiveness, but get carried away in our pride and arrogance. While we manage to fulfill every religious obligation with great enthusiasm, we forget our religion's own primitive philosophy. The lessons of kindheartedness, sympathy and compassion. The lessons of love. In forgetting these lessons, we brought the downfall of our society, by destroying peace from all four corners in the social order.

WHEN DOES FAMILY LIFE BECOME TROUBLESOME?

If people within the four walls of a house are intolerant and discourteous, the house shall be full of agony and discomfort for everyone. Outside the four walls, a person interacts for a short while with others, but once inside, the same person has to interact with the family round the clock. Even if the person's attitude outside the house is ill-mannered and uncivil, the repercussions may not last long. However, if the same impolite behavior is shoved down the family, the ramifications shall be disastrous and ultimately smash the relations to smithereens. Often times, the husband is at fault with his unruly actions, or the wife is the source for all chaos or the children become a nuisance for the parents. Whoever brings about disorder manages to disrupt peace for all those living inside. Life becomes unbearable for everyone, and the house is like a pit of fire where everyone has to walk on a bed of thorns every single day. All this is because of sheer negligence to learn and uphold Islamic values that inculcate peace, love, kindness, tolerance and compassion towards others as quintessential roots. Had the believers known they shall be answerable to God in the afterlife for their conduct, this misconduct would never have happened.





THE RESPECT & DIGNITY OF A MUSLIM

Abdullah ibn Umar reported: I saw the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, circling the Ka'bah and saying,

“How pure you are and how pure is your fragrance! How great you are and how great is your sanctity! By the one in whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, the sanctity of the believer is greater to Allah than your sanctity, in his wealth, his life, and to assume nothing of him but good.”

In all honesty, if an unfortunate person was to destroy Ka'aba, the House of Allah ﷻ in front of our eyes, then what would our emotions and feelings be like? And here Allah ﷻ Prophet is enunciating that a fellow Momin's integrity and respect is far more valuable than the sanctity of Holy Ka'aba itself! (Sunan Ibn Majah)

PRACTICING THE BEST BEHAVIOR

Dear Muslim brothers and sisters! Hurting the ego of a fellow Muslim is a graver sin than the destruction of the Holy Ka'aba. But unfortunately, the state of our misery knows no bounds. We're massacring Ka'aba by the day in our homes; oh how woeful is our state!

The nearer someone is to our heart, the more we tend to hurt them. My friends, the walls of a house whereby a Muslim is being persecuted tend to become void of Allah ﷻ blessings and mercy. Since we directly oppose the commandments of Allah ﷻ and His Prophet, and strictly violate the lessons of peace, the peace and love in our homes seeps away.

ADOPT ISLAM IN ITS ENTIRETY

In order to fully absorb Islam in our lives, we must start





by rectifying our actions and behavior towards others. As mentioned earlier, Islam is not merely limited to the five pillars, six articles of faith and interpersonal relations. It is the neat amalgamation of the individual and collective actions in the society.

Our Almighty Rabb ﷻ has laid great emphasis on the significance of societal behavior, as we can see that the orders of praying and alms-giving are explicitly mentioned in the Holy Quran, whereas societal dealings are discussed in great length with intricate detail in two passages. For instance, prior permission must be taken when entering a place, and similarly a person must not extend their dinner invitation so as to cause discomfort to others, etc. In a nutshell, even if there are 70 sins or ten times as many or even more, that deal with the rights of Almighty Allah ﷻ they shall be forgiven by the All-Forgiving, All-Merciful and All-Compassionate, Al-Ghufoor Al-Raheem Rabb. However, even if there is one misconduct pertaining to the rights of mankind, it would be heavier than all those preceding sins and shall be brought to account at the Day of Judgement. Mankind would crave to lessen the burden of sins and would not let go of their rights when they are seeking to accumulate good deeds on the Judgement Day. It is wise to seek forgiveness in this life so as to save oneself from embarrassment during the biggest trial that awaits us all.

THE BENEFITS OF GOOD MANNERS

The Holy Prophet ﷺ shared numerous advantages of displaying gratitude, kindness and empathy.

Once a companion, Mu'awiyah ibn Jahimah reported: Jahima came to the Prophet, peace and blessings be





upon him, and he said, "O Messenger of Allah, I intend to join the military expedition and I seek your counsel." The Prophet said,

هَلْ لَكَ مِنْ أُمٍّ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ، قَالَ: فَالْزَمِهَا، فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ تَحْتَ رِجْلِهَا

"Do you have a mother?" He said yes. The Prophet said, "Stay with her, for Paradise is beneath her feet." (Shobal Iman)

The Prophet did not give him permission to take part in Jihaad because his mother was alive and she needed to be taken care of. Serving parents is a greater blessing than taking arms against the enemy for Allah ﷻ cause. Just like sons were taught to serve their parents, wives were taught to serve their husbands.

The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "If a woman prays five times, fasts in Ramadan, guards her chastity and obeys her husband; she will enter paradise from any gate she desires."

إِذَا صَلَّتْ الْمَرْأَةُ خَمْسَهَا ، وَصَامَتْ شَهْرَهَا ، وَحَصَّنَتْ فَرْجَهَا ،
وَأَطَاعَتْ بَعْلَهَا ، دَخَلَتْ مِنْ أَيِّ أَبْوَابِ الْجَنَّةِ شَاءَتْ ،

ABSENCE OF GOOD SOCIALBONDING IN RELIGIOUS PEOPLE

The benefits of demonstrating constructive attitude and strong social bonding has been outlined for the Muslim Ummah so that relationships between spouses, children and parents alike, groom to be exemplary. There is a kind of 'Muslims' who are followers of Islam by name but have an invalid faith and do not practice the religion's obligations as it is supposed to be practiced. For this kind, Allah ﷻ shall deal with them accordingly as He wishes. Unfortunately, there is a different kind of 'Muslims' who have accurate belief and practices, are punctual in their





obligatory affairs, yet they fail to uphold the empathetic values. With their tongues as sharp as swords, the chaotic mess these apparently outwardly religious folk cause is distressing and harmful to the society far more than the distress and harm caused by the first kind.

HOW CAN ISLAM CONTINUE TO SPREAD?

The spread of Islam is highly contingent upon the conduct of Muslims', as their actions are directly proportional to inspiring non-believers with the true religion. In older times, the incredibly kind ways of Muslims' influenced Muslims and Non-Muslims alike and they were pulled by their own will to learn more about Islam. However, our morals have stooped so low today as individuals and as a society, that whoever is close to us in terms of blood and relations, they are disgusted by our actions and behavior. Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه said

خَدَمْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَشْرَ سِنِينَ ، وَاللَّهِ مَا قَالَ لِي : أَفَّا قَطْ ، وَلَا قَالَ لِي لِشَيْءٍ : لِمَ فَعَلْتَ كَذَا ؟ وَهَلَّا فَعَلْتَ كَذَا

"I served the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, for ten years he never said to me, "Uf" (a minor harsh word denoting impatience) and never blamed me by saying, "Why did you do so or why didn't you do so?"

Hazrat Zayd Ibn Haritha رضي الله عنه was sold down as a slave through numerous owners as he finally reached Holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him). His father, Haritha and uncle, Ka'ab, came to the Holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) and said, 'O descendant of Hashim and the leader of your tribe! You all reside in Haram and are neighbors of the House of Allah ﷺ You release prisoners and feed the impoverished! We have reached you regarding our son, Zayd, please accept our offer, and bless us by releasing our son and we shall give





you even more!' The Holy Prophet ﷺ told them to call Hazrat Zayd رضى الله عنه and ask him if he wishes to go, he can leave without paying any ransom but if he wishes to stay, Holy Prophet ﷺ shall not force him to leave. When Hazrat Zayd رضى الله عنه came, he was first asked to identify his uncle and father which he did. The Holy Prophet ﷺ proposed the same thing to him to which Hazrat Zayd رضى الله عنه replied, 'I cannot choose anyone over you; when you are in the place of my father and uncle both.' Haritha and Ka'ab asked Zayd if he preferred slavery over freedom to which Zayd رضى الله عنه replied, 'I've found in him a man whose like cannot be found.' When the Holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) heard this, he later on declared Hazrat Zayd رضى الله عنه as his son in Ka'aba in front of all Qureysh chieftains. Haritha and Ka'aba became really happy and left Hazrat Zayd رضى الله عنه with the Prophet ﷺ.

Dear readers, what influenced Hazrat Zayd رضى الله عنه to take such a decision? It was our Holy Prophet's ﷺ brilliant conduct and compassion that he preferred to stay with Rasool Allah ﷺ over his own father and uncle. Friends, this is an example of how conduct and actions melt hearts. This is the sign of a true Muslim. Wherever he goes, he inspires people by his conduct. Worshipping and dealings aside, he never fails to sway away from the merciful Seerah of our Holy Prophet ﷺ.

OUTCOMES OF A BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

وَعِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ الَّذِينَ يَمْشُونَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ هَوْنًا وَإِذَا خَاطَبَهُمُ
الْجَاهِلُونَ قَالُوا سَلَامًا

and the servants of the Merciful One are those who walk on the earth gently and when the ignorant ones address them, they simply say: "Peace to you" (25:63)





Allah ﷻ has highlighted the attributes of the pious followers in the above verse, where praying, fear of Allah ﷻ poise and balance while spending, etc. all of these are mentioned later on but practicing merciful conduct comes first. Good conduct is the foundation of a just, unified and benevolent society that is the strongest adhesive of bonding hearts.

PRIDE & GREED BREAK HEARTS

Hazrat Haji ImdadUllah Mahajir Makkir (May Allah bless him) reported: “With altruism and equality comes love and bonding of hearts; with pride and greed comes spite and distancing of hearts.” Equality or equilibrium is thinking of oneself inferior to others while altruism is prioritizing others over oneself. With these two traits in abundance, hearts swell with love and harmony. Pride is thinking of oneself superior to others while greed is the accumulation of wealth such that he forgets the word of Allah ﷻ. Where these two characteristics are in abundance, hearts rot in hatred.

Today, our conduct is based on pride and greed when it should have been founded on altruism and equality, which is why, we see malevolence and agony smeared across the society. Had we been merciful, altruistic and fair, then it would have been a different tale! If the residents of a particular household adopt these merciful traits, they would see Allah ﷻ blessings descend upon the entire house. But if the residents continue to sever ties and have obnoxious interpersonal relationships, then their hearts would turn away from each other. Due to their oblivion, they would blame the discord on external factors when sadly, it is their own tongue and actions that sowed the seed of cacophony, and Allah ﷻ closed the doors of His Blessings and Peace.





HOW CAN HOMES BE REPLICATED FROM PARADISE?

Hazrat Hakeem-ul-Ummah Mawlana Ashraf Ali Thanwi رحمته الله has authored a masterpiece “Aadab-e-Muashrat” which must be learnt in every household, one person should read it while others hear it avidly and children must also be included in this habit. This practice will ensure that true Islamic values are embedded in our lives and our homes are as peaceful as paradise itself. The intricate detailing of this book is evident by an instruction whereby a person is ordained to keep a common use item back to its original place after utilization, so as not to cause confusion for others.

From the lives of our Holy Prophet (Peace and Blessings be upon him) and the Glorious Sahaba رضي الله عنهم (May Allah ﷻ be pleased with them), we can learn that if a person enters the house late at night, he should maintain quietness so as to not disturb others. If he wishes to greet, he should do so in a low tone so that those awake can hear him, and those asleep are not woken up. On the contrary, it can be seen that one bangs the door so late at night that wakes everyone up. This is not the way of Islam and such habits should be avoided in our lives.

RESPOND TO EVIL WITH KINDNESS

A Hindu philosophy that is dominant in our society is to react horribly to someone who has dealt with us horribly and vice versa. However, our Holy Prophet ﷺ taught us:

صِلْ مَنْ قَطَعَكَ وَاعْطِ مَنْ حَرَمَكَ وَاعْفُ عَمَّنْ ظَلَمَكَ.

“Join ties with those who break them from you; give to those who deprive you (i.e. do not give to you), and forgive those who do wrong to you.”(Musnad Ahmed)





This is the beauty of an Islamic society. It is easy to find people worshipping, offering pilgrimage, contributing towards charity, reciting Quran and Tasbeeh but it is equally difficult to find those who are great in their conduct towards those who do no good to them!

A man once came into the presence of Hazrat Nizaamud Din Awliya رحمته الله and said, "My brother always lays traps for me and creates hurdles in my way, so now I have decided that I shall do the same with him." Hazrat responded, "Son! If he lays thorns, and you lay them too, then the world shall be full of thorns. There must be someone to pick them too!"

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A PERSON'S CHARACTER

Our conduct should be full of grace, clemency and compassion. This conduct lands a person in the highest ranks, even above those who are punctual in offering optional (Nawafil) prayers.

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لَيُدْرِكُ بِحُسْنِ خُلُقِهِ دَرَجَةَ الصَّائِمِ الْقَائِمِ

"Verily, a believer can attain the virtuous status of those who fast and worship all night only because of his good conduct." (Sunan Abu Dawood)

Therefore, if a believer who shows compassion and has a kind-hearted demeanor will be worthy of Allah ﷻ proximity in the same manner as a believer, who spends the entire day fasting and entire night prostrating in Tahajjud.

REQUIREMENTS OF PIETY

Bearing sympathy fortifies the piety of a believer and





induces humility in his nature, because when he has to forgive and bend against his will, he deals a blow to his ego that is hardest to accept, yet comes with the greatest reward.

Dear readers, unfortunately, in the miserable times we're facing as an Ummah, a husband complains about his wife's attitude and vice versa, a mother-in-law is found squabbling with her daughter-in-law and vice versa. Everyone should know their place and the rights' and responsibilities' conferred upon them by Shariah. If a mother-in-law cannot act like a mother, a daughter-in-law should act as a daughter and vice versa. Preventing conflicts rather than inciting them is what religion has taught us, only if we had learnt it. Although it is hard to accept and follow, but this is the source of Allah ﷻ proximity, blessings and mercy!

ANALYZE YOUR OWN LIFE!

Let us all analyze ourselves, our positions, our conduct in our lives and whether it is as per the commandments of Allah ﷻ and His Prophet's teachings?

God forbid, let us not lose Allah ﷻ mercy by not safeguarding our tongues from spreading malice. Let us look into our actions, if we are hurting our own kin and friends, let us rectify now. Let us build a tranquil environment where hearts are united, homes are blessed with peace and the society thrives with prosperity and harmony!

May ALLAH ﷻ grant us all the ability to practice as well as preach! Aameen.





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