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Behold! in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the alternation of night and day,- there are indeed Signs for men of understanding.

Qur'an - Surah 3, Verse 190.

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## The Good, the Bad and the Ugly...

In the name of Allah, The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful.

It is heartwarming nowadays to see more people striving to practice their faith more by acting upon the five pillars of Islam, i.e praying the five daily prayers, fasting during Ramadhan etc. There is however an important aspect of faith that some people overlook, whilst others who profess to be practising seem to be devoid of this aspect of faith that is integral to Islam. What is this aspect of faith? It is good character and manners. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said 'The best among you are those who have the best manners and character.' and also said "I was sent to perfect good character."

When recommending characteristics of a potential husband, the Prophet said: "If there comes to you with an offer of marriage (for your daughter, sister, etc.) one with whose religious commitment and character you are pleased with, then marry (your daughter, sister, etc.) to him. If you do not do so, there will be mischief on earth and widespread corruption." Notice here the Prophet could have told us to seek religious commitment only but the fact that character was also included further illustrates the importance of having good character in conjunction with practising Islam as well.

Having good character and manners isn't just about being good to people. It is also about how we interact with society at large and how we behave when under negative situations. For example when faced with a hardship do you get angry and blame God for your troubles or do you bear it with patience knowing it is a test from Allah and that Allah will reward you for your patience in this life and the next. Are you patient with the faults of others? If you fall out with someone do you get stuck up with pride and not speak to them or do you take the Islamic approach and repair the broken relationship, because the Prophet said "It is not permissible for a man to forsake his brother (in Islam) for more than three nights, each turning away if they meet. The better of the two is the one who is the first to greet the other with salaam."

There are those who outwardly in appearance and religious practice appear good but in reality have ugly characters and manners that need improving. This is a very dangerous situation to be in. This is because the person in this situation may on the one hand be praying, fasting etc which are all commendable actions but at the same time do themselves a lot of harm in the afterlife through their bad character. They have most likely through ignorance allowed themselves to behave in a bad way and fooled themselves into thinking that they are safe from Allah's justice because they pray and fast etc. The Prophet warned us about this by telling us about that person on the Day of Judgement who he said was bankrupt, i.e lost all their good deeds. This is because despite the fact that they prayed, fasted etc, they wronged others through spreading slander, hurling abuse at others and cheating others etc and so ended up in Hell as they had to give away all their good deeds on the Day of Judgement to compensate those people they had wronged in this life. Once they had run out of good deeds they were then given some of the bad deeds of the people they had wronged in proportion to the wrong they committed. Hence their balance of deeds ended up in the negative.

This should encourage all of us practising and non-practising to strive to improve our character and manners. We should think carefully about how we engage and treat others and remember we will be called to account before Allah on the Day of Judgement for our behaviour and treatment of others. On a final note, Indonesia is a country that has the world's largest Muslim population. It became this way not because Islam was forced on the population but through the good character and manners of the Muslim traders that used to go there and of Muslims who settled there. This is lesson enough if we think about how a nation of millions became Muslim through the good behaviour of a few.

All good that comes from this magazine is from Allah and any mistakes are ours so please forgive us for any shortcomings. - The Message Team.



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# The Ideal MUSLIM

The Prophet Muhammed said, "The example of a believer is that of a fresh tender plant; from whatever direction the wind comes, it bends it, but when the wind becomes quiet, it becomes straight again. Similarly, a believer is afflicted with calamities (but he remains patient till Allah removes his difficulties.) And an impious wicked person is like a pine tree which keeps hard and straight till Allah cuts (breaks) it down when He wishes."

**(Editor's Note:** This means a good person is one who bears or rides out a calamity with patience knowing it is a test from God and does not let it affect their religion. A person of weak faith or an impious person is one who when afflicted by some sort of calamity breaks under the pressure instead of having patience. They will not appreciate that it is a test from God or maybe that it has happened as a result of sins they may have committed)

**The Muslim community is based on sincerity, purity of human feelings and fulfillment of rights and needs to every member. The Muslim has a mission in life. Within the community he calls the people to Islam with good preaching and the best character. He teaches from what he learns and deals with those whom he comes in contact with based on Islamic values and morals. All this is done seeking the pleasure of Allaah, the Exalted, while striving to attain the reward of His Paradise.**

Wherever the Muslim is, he should be a beacon of guidance and a positive source of correction and education, through both his words and deeds. The true Muslim has a refined social personality of the highest degree, which qualifies him to undertake his duty of calling others to Islam. He demonstrates the true values of his religion and the practical application of those values by attaining beautiful Islamic attributes. His distinct social character represents a huge store of Islamic values, which can be seen by the way in which he interacts with the people around him.

The Muslim, as Islam meant him to be, is a unique and remarkable person in his attitude, conduct and relationships with others at all levels. He treats them well by being friendly with them, humble, gentle of speech and avoiding offence. He likes others and is liked by them. He tries to follow the example of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as he was the best of people in his attitude towards others. He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Nothing will weigh more heavily in the Balance of the believing slave on the Day of Resurrection than a good attitude towards others." [Related by At-Tirmithi]

Because Islam is based on truthfulness, the Muslim is always truthful with all people. Truthfulness leads to goodness and

goodness leads to Paradise. Therefore the Muslim strives to be true in all his words and deeds. The Muslim never gives false statements, because this attitude is forbidden in the Quran. Allah, the Most Glorified, Says (what means): "...And shun the word that is false." [Quran- Chapter 22: Verse 30]

The Muslim seeks to offer sincere advice to everyone he comes in contact with. It's not just the matter of volunteering to do good out of generosity; it is a duty enjoined by Islam. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "(The essence of) Religion is (offering sincere) advice." [From Sahih Muslim]

By the favor of Allah, the Muslim is a guide for others to righteous deeds, whether by his actions or words. He never cheats, deceives or stabs in the back. These shameful acts are beneath him, as they contradict the values of truthfulness. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "...whoever cheats is not one of us." [From Sahih Muslim]

When the Muslim promises something, he means to keep his promise. This attitude stems naturally from truthfulness, and indicates the high level of civility attained by the one who exhibits it. Allah Says (what means): "And fulfill every engagement, for [every] engagement will be enquired into [on

the Day of Reckoning].” [Qur’an - Chapter 17: Verse 34]  
One of the worst characteristics that Islam abhors is hypocrisy, therefore the Muslim can never be a hypocrite; he is frank and open in his words and opinions. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “One of the worst people is a double-faced man, who comes to one group with one face and to another group with a totally different face.”  
[Related by Al-Bukhaari]

Islam does not approve of begging. It makes it a sin that a person should beg when he has enough to satisfy his immediate needs. Therefore, the Muslim does not beg. If he is faced with difficulty and poverty, he seeks refuge in patience, whilst doubling his effort to find a way out. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Whoever refrains from asking from people, Allah will help him...”  
[Related by Al-Bukhaari & Muslim]

A sign of one's excellence in Islam, is his ignoring what does not concern him. The Muslim should only participate in what concerns him, such as anything that is his property, right, obligation or under his control. To be concerned with something entails preserving and taking care of this thing that one is allowed to be concerned with. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “A sign of a person's being a good Muslim is that he should leave alone that which does not concern him.” [Related by At-Tirmithi]

The Muslim never searches for people's faults or slander their honor. He doesn't slip into the error of pride, boasting and showing off. He judges fairly, is never unjust (even to those whom he does not like) or biased by his own whims, and avoids suspicion. He does not rejoice in the misfortunes of anyone. He carefully avoids uttering any word of slander, cursing, malicious gossip and foul language.

He does not make fun of people but is gentle, kind, compassionate and merciful, strives for people's benefit and seeks to protect and help them.

One of the virtues of such a great value and importance that Islam, not only recommends, but also orders Muslims to characterize themselves with, is generosity. Therefore, the Muslim is generous and gives freely without waste to those who are in need. When he gives, he does not remind people of his generosity. He is patient, tries hard to control his anger and is forgiving. He does not bear grudges or resentments, and is easy on people, not hard.

One of the worst diseases of the heart is envy, which leads to foul conduct and bad behavior. Therefore the Muslim is not envious, because he knows that the pleasures of this life are as nothing in comparison to the reward that Allah has prepared for the believers, and that whatever happens in life happens according to the decree of Allah.

The Muslim, who truly understands the teachings of his religion, is gentle, friendly, cheerful and warm. He mixes with people and gets along with them. He is humble and modest; and does not look down at other people. He is lighthearted and has a sense of humor and does not disdain others. His jokes are distinguished by their legitimate Islamic nature. He is keen to bring happiness to people. It is an effective means of conveying the message of truth to them, and exposing them to its moral values, because people only listen to those whom they like, trust and accept.

The Muslim keeps secrets; keeping secrets is a sign of maturity, moral strength, wisdom and balanced personality. He is concerned about the affairs of people in general. He is happy to welcome his guests and hastens to honor them.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: “Every religion has a (distinct) characteristic and the characteristic of Islam is modesty.” [Related by Ibn Maajah] The Muslim adheres to the principle of modesty in all things. He does not accept every custom that is widely accepted by others, for there may be customs which go against Islam.

The Muslim does not enter a house other than his own without seeking permission and greeting people. He sits wherever he finds room when he joins a gathering. He avoids whispering and conversing privately when he is in a group of three. He gives due respect to elders and those who deserve to be respected (like scholars etc.).

Allah Almighty Says (what means): "Invite mankind to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious." [Qur'an-Chapter 16: Verse 125]. The Muslim is aware of his duty to call others to Islam, and does not spare any effort to do so. He enjoins what is good and forbids what is evil and mixes with righteous people. He visits the sick cheerfully. He attends the funeral of the Muslim and accompanies the body until it is buried. **end**





Enjoining  
**GOOD**

Forbidding  
**& EVIL**  
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Allah the Most High said: Let there be among you a community who enjoin good and forbid evil; it is they that shall be successful, [Qur'an 3:104] and: You are the best community that has ever been brought forth for mankind: you enjoin good and forbid evil, and you believe in God, [Qur'an 3:110] and: Those who repent, those who worship, those who praise, those who persevere, those who bow down, those who prostrate, and those who enjoin good and forbid evil, [Qur'an 9:112] and: Those of the Israelites who were unbelievers have already been cursed on the tongue of David and Jesus, son of Mary, for they were disobedient, and transgressed. They did not forbid one another from committing the evil that they wrought. What they used to do was foul indeed. [Qur'an 5:79] The Qur'an is full of passages which treat of this subject.

Muslim relates on the authority of Abu Sa`id that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Whoever sees something evil should change it with his hand. If he cannot, then with his tongue; and if he cannot do even that, then in his heart. That is the weakest degree of faith." He also relates on the authority of Ibn Mas`ud that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "There was not a single Prophet among those who were sent before me who did not have apostles and companions and followed his Sunnah (example) and obeyed his commands. But afterwards other

generations came whose words belied their deeds, and whose deeds were not in accordance with what they commanded others to do. Whoever struggles against the with his hand is a believer. Whoever struggles against them with his tongue is a believer. And whoever struggles against them with his heart is a believer. But when none of these things are done, then not a single mustard's seed weight of faith is present."

Bukhari and Muslim relate that Zaynab, the wife of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "The Prophet once awoke, and his face was dark, as he said three times, 'There is no deity worthy of worship but Allah! Woe betide the Arabs, because of an evil which will soon come! Today, the barrier of Gog and Magog (\*\* see editors note) has been breached by so much,' and he made a circle with his thumb and forefinger." And Zaynab remarked, "I said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Even when the righteous still dwell amongst us?' and he said, 'Yes, when khubth (moral degradation) becomes widespread.'"

Malik ibn Dinar once recited the verse, There were in the city nine men who caused corruption in the earth, and would not cause reform, [Qur'an 27:48] and said, "Nowadays, there are people in every clan and district who cause corruption in the earth, and do not cause reform."

He also said, "We have become accustomed to loving the world, so that we do not enjoin good or forbid evil to one another. Allah the Most High will certainly not permit us to continue doing this, but would that I knew what kind of punishment shall befall us!"

`Umar ibn `Abdul `Aziz said, "It used to be that Allah the Most High does not punish the common people for the sins of the elite; but when the evil is done openly, and they do not repudiate it, they all become deserving of His punishment." From Islaam.com

**\*\* Editor's Note:** Gog and Magog are two tribes that are from the offspring of Prophet Adam (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him), who in the past caused trouble in some parts of the Earth. They were locked away and trapped behind a barrier (built of iron and molten copper) by a pious ruler called Zul-Qarnain (Qur'an- Chapter 18, Verse 83). They are hidden away on the Earth and will emerge towards the end of time to wreak havoc on the Earth. By this time Jesus (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) will have returned. Jesus will first defeat the Anti-Christ. Shortly afterwards Gog and Magog will escape from behind the barrier and Jesus will pray to Allah for help against them. Gog and Magog will be defeated and this will be followed by a time of peace and blessings on the Earth.

Narated By An-Nu'man bin Bashir: The Prophet said, "The example of the person abiding by Allah's order and restrictions in comparison to those who violate them is like the example of those persons who drew lots for their seats in a ship. Some of them got seats in the upper part, and the others in the lower. When the people in the lower part needed water, they had to go up to bring water (and that troubled the people in the upper part), so they said, 'Let us make a hole in our share of the ship (and get water) saving those who are above us from troubling them. So, if the people in the upper part left the others do what they had suggested, all the people of the ship would be destroyed, but if they prevented them, both parties would be safe.'" From Sahih Bukhari

# Why I Chose Islam

## By Monica

*"Thus, I saw Allah in His creation and I was guided to Islam by my heart and emotions. I felt the Light of Allah fill my heart. An overwhelming happiness overcame me as my imaan (faith) grew and I felt as if Allah was with me at every moment."*

## **"I was guided to Islam by my heart and emotions"**

I was raised in the technologically-advanced atmosphere of Japan. I lived a peaceful, sedentary life and was blessed with a caring family and the tools to succeed in my studies and work. All avenues were open for me to enjoy an easy and fulfilling life.

My family was religiously Buddhist like many Japanese people, however my connection to Buddhism had been poor since my early childhood, and my parents were unconcerned with my devotion. Nevertheless, since my earliest days, many questions regarding the universe, existence, and life circled in my mind. They would remain with me until I reached the age of twenty when I finished my collegiate studies and began to work amongst the clouds as a flight attendant for a Japanese airline. I hoped to find peace and meaning through work but rather a great emptiness in my life persisted. There was something missing from my life and I desperately hoped to find out what it was.

Allah, the Controller of all affairs, willed that in 1988 I would work as a translator for a Japanese delegation to a tourism agency in Egypt for the duration of one year. Through my new colleagues, I came to learn about Islam. After completing the year abroad, I returned to Japan and decided to study Islam in the hopes that I might find the answers to my lifelong questions.

The information that I had previously gathered about Islam from school and television was not only extremely limited but also severely distorted. Such is the same with most Japanese people who read and hear about nothing but violence coming from the Muslim word.

When I returned to Japan, I went to the Islamic Center in Tokyo and asked for a translation of the Holy Qur'an in Japanese. I would visit the center repeated over a period of three years as I studied Islam with the local scholars. With the passage of time, my understanding and appreciation of Islam increased remarkably. I found the answers to the philosophical questions that had been hounding me for so many years in this beautiful religion.

I was impressed by the status of women in Islam. The Muslim woman is protected and honored, and her feelings, mind, and decency are respected much more so than I had previously imagined. I began to seclude myself and ask Allah to guide me to the Truth and educate me about it. I began to meditate upon the created world in order to see the Hand of Allah behind it. I would meditate upon the trees, flowers, birds, animals and the carefully crafted design and balance that ruled them. I felt that Allah had in fact two books: the spoken book in the form of the Holy Qur'an and the silent book in the form of the universe and all its miracles and majesties.

Thus, I saw Allah in His creation and I was guided to Islam by my heart and emotions. I felt the Light of Allah fill my heart. An overwhelming happiness overcame me as my imaan (faith) grew and I felt as if Allah was with me at every moment.

Allah, the Controller of all affairs, willed that I would work as a flight attendant on a particular flight to and from Indonesia for the period of a year. I was taken by the Indonesians' temperament and their adherence to the Qur'an in their daily lives. The Indonesians that I befriended helped me to understand Islam better and increase my love towards it.

I faced several difficulties with my family but I had resolved that I must be a Muslim despite all hurdles that lay before me. I began to perform the five prayers in their correct times, and I exerted great effort in memorizing verses of the Qur'an to enable me to do this correctly.

In 1991, I traveled to Egypt to announce publicly my conversion to Islam at the famous al-Azhar University. I found work in Egypt to live on and soon married an Egypt Muslim man. I remained in Egypt and with time, Allah blessed me with a beautiful daughter named Maryam - the only female name specifically mentioned in the Qur'an.

Al-Hamdu lillah (all praises be to Allah), I currently live a happy life with my new religion and my new Muslim family. I am spending a lot of time and effort memorizing the Qur'an, and whenever time permits, my husband and I study the Qur'an together and read certain Islamic texts together. I hope to one day guide my family to Islam, in shah Allah (God willing) soon. Generally speaking, the Japanese people are missing a major component of a happy life, despite their technologically-advanced civilization. I believe that great numbers of them would enter Islam in if they had the proper understanding. They are looking for such answers, and there is no doubt that they are in great need of them.

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# The Design <sup>H<sub>2</sub>O</sup> in Water

Most of our planet is covered with water. Oceans and seas make up three fourths of the earth's surface while the land itself contains countless numbers of rivers and lakes. The snow and ice on the summits of lofty mountains is water in its frozen form. A substantial part of the earth's water is in the sky: every cloud contains thousands--sometimes millions-of tons of water in the form of vapor. From time to time, some of this water vapor turns into drops of liquid and falls to the ground: in other words, it rains. Even the air you're breathing now contains a certain amount of water vapor.

In short, no matter where you may look on the surface of the earth, you're certain to see water around somewhere. Indeed, the place you're sitting in at this moment probably contains about forty to fifty liters of water in it. Look around. You can't see it? Look again, more carefully, this time raising your eyes from these words and look at your hands, arms, legs, and body. That 40-50 liter mass of water is you!

It's you because about 70% of the human body is water. Your body's cells contain many things but nothing so much or so important as water. The biggest part of the blood that circulates everywhere in your body is of course water. This is true not just of yourself or of other people however: the bulk of the bodies of all living things is water. Without water it seems, life is impossible.

Water is a substance that was specially designed so as to be the basis of life. Each and every one of its physical and chemical properties was specially created for life.

Other liquids freeze from the bottom up; water freezes from the top down. This is one of the most unusual properties of water and it is crucial for the existence of water on the surface of the earth. Were it not for this property, that is, if ice didn't float, much of our planet's water would be locked up in ice and life would be impossible in its seas, lakes, ponds, and rivers.

Let's examine this in detail to see why. There are many places in the world where the temperature falls below 0°C in winter, often

considerably below that. Such cold will of course affect the water in seas, lakes, etc. These bodies of water grow colder and colder and parts of them begin to freeze. If ice didn't behave the way it does (if it didn't float in other words) this ice would sink to the bottom while the warmer bits of water would rise to the surface and be exposed to the air. But the temperature of that air is still below freezing so these will freeze too and sink to the bottom. This process would continue until there was no liquid water left at all. But this isn't what happens. What happens instead is this: As it gets colder, water grows heavier until it reaches 4°C at which point everything suddenly changes. After this, the water begins to expand and it becomes lighter as the temperature drops. As a result, the 4°C water remains on the bottom, the 3°C water above it, the 2°C water above that and so on. Only at the surface does the temperature of the water actually reach 0°C and there it freezes. But only the surface has frozen: the 4°C layer of water beneath the ice remains liquid and that is enough for underwater creatures and plants to continue to live.

We should note here that another property of water--the low thermal conductivity of ice and snow--is also crucial in this process. Because they are such poor conductors of heat, the layers of ice and snow keep the heat in the water below from escaping into the atmosphere. As a result of all this, even if the air temperature falls to -50°C, the layer of sea ice will never be more than a meter or two thick and there will be many fractures in it. Creatures such as seals and penguins that dwell in polar regions can take advantage of this to reach the water beneath the ice.

Again let us recall what would happen if water didn't behave this way and acted "normally" instead. Suppose water continued to become denser the lower its temperature became like all other liquids and ice sank to the bottom. What then?

Well in that case, the freezing process in the oceans and seas would start from the bottom and continue all the way to the top because there would be no layer of ice on the surface to prevent the remaining heat from escaping. In other words, most of earth's lakes, seas, and

oceans would become solid ice with a layer of water perhaps a few meters deep on top of it. Even when the air temperature increased, the ice at the bottom would never melt completely. In the seas of such a world, no life could exist and in an ecological system with dead seas, life on land would also be impossible. In other words, if water didn't "misbehave" and acted normally, our planet would be a dead world.

Why doesn't water act normally? Why does it suddenly begin to expand at 4°C after having contracted the way it should?

That is a question that nobody has ever been able to answer.

Water is "just right" for life to a degree that cannot be compared with any other liquid. The larger part of this planet, a world whose other attributes (temperature, light, electromagnetic spectrum, atmosphere, surface, etc) are all suitable for life, has been filled with just the right amount of water necessary for life. It should be obvious that this cannot all be accidental and that there must instead be intentional design.

To put it another way, all the physical and chemical properties of water show us that it is created especially for life. The earth, purposefully created for mankind to live in, was brought to life with this water that was specially created to form the basis of human life. In water, God has given us life and with it He causes the food by which we are nourished to spring from the soil.

But the most important aspect of all this is that this truth, which has been discovered by modern science, was revealed in the Qur'an, bestowed upon humanity as a guide fourteen centuries ago. Concerning water and mankind, God's word is revealed in the Qur'an thus:

It is He who sends down water from the sky. From it you drink and from it come the shrubs among which you graze your herds. And by it He makes crops grow for you and olives and dates and grapes and fruit of every kind. There is certainly a Sign in that for people who reflect. (Qur'an - Chapter 16: Verses 10-11).



# Things To Do Before You Die...

## Things to do Before You Die... \*

- Go on Hajj
- Give more in charity (...well at least try...)
- Make up my missed fasts
- Try to pray on time everyday...
- Try to at least read one verse of the Qur'an everyday...
- Do more good deeds everyday...
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## Striving to Meet The Needs of Others

One of the greatest things that will relieve a person's distress on the Day of Resurrection is his efforts in this world to relieve the distress of those who are in distress, and to help those who are in need, and to make things easy for those who are in difficulty, and to overlook the mistakes of those who err. In Muslim it is narrated that Abu Hurayrah said: The Messenger of Allah (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"Whoever relieves a believer of distress in this world, Allah will relieve him of some of the distress of the Day of Resurrection. Whoever makes things easy for those who are in difficulty, Allah will make things easy for him in this world and in the next. Whoever conceals (the faults of) a Muslim in this world, Allah will conceal him (his faults) in this world and in the Hereafter. Allah will help the slave so long as the slave helps his brother." [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 1/71, hadith no. 204.]

Bukhari narrated from 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar that the Messenger of Allah (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "The Muslim is the brother of his fellow-Muslim; he should not mistreat him or let him down. Whoever meets the needs of his brother, Allah will meet his needs, and whoever relieves a Muslim of some distress, Allah will relieve him of some of the distress of the Day of Resurrection. Whoever conceals (the faults of) a Muslim, Allah will conceal him (his faults) in this world and the next." [Bukhari:]

Al-Bayhaqi narrated in Al-Shu'ab from Anas that the Prophet (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever helps his brother in secret, Allah will help him in this world and the next."

## Showing Leniency To Those Who Are In Difficulty

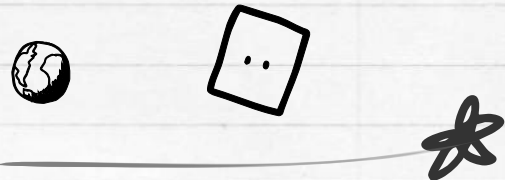
Bukhari and Muslim narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "A man used to lend money to people, and he used to say to his servant, 'When you come to one who is in difficulty, let him off, perhaps Allah will let us off.' And when he met Allah, Allah let him off."

Nasaa'i, Ibn Hibbaan and Al-Haakim narrated with a saheeh isnaad from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"There was a man who never did anything good. However, he used to lend money to people, and would say to his messenger, 'Take what they can afford to pay you, and forget about what they cannot afford, and let them off. Perhaps Allah will let us off.' When he died, it was asked, 'Have you ever done anything good?' He said, 'No, but I had a slave and I used to lend money to people. When I sent him to collect the debts, I would tell him, 'Take what they can afford to pay you, and forget about what they cannot afford, and let them off. Perhaps Allah will let us off.' Allah said: 'I will let you off.'"

In Mustadrak al-Haakim it is narrated with a saheeh isnaad from Hudhayfah, 'Uqbah ibn 'Aamir and Abu Mas'ood that the Messenger of Allah (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"Allah will bring forth one of His slaves (on the day of Judgment) to whom He had given wealth, and will say to him, 'What did you do in the world?' He will say, 'I did not do anything, O Lord, but You gave me wealth, and I used to engage in trade with people. One of the ways in which I treated people was that I would be easy-going with those who could afford it and I would postpone payment for those who were in difficulty.' Allah will say, 'I should be more tolerant than you; let My slave off.'"



## Speaking Up For a Muslim in Their Absence and Opposing Backbiting

From Abu'l-Darda': The Messenger of Allah (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever defends the honour of his brother, this will be a protection for him from the Fire." [Al-Khara'iti, Makarim al-Akhlaq; Ibn 'Asakir. There is nothing wrong with its Isnad as there is corroborating evidence.

From Asma' bint Yazid, who said: The Prophet (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever defends his brother's honour in his absence, will be entitled to Allah's protection from the Fire." [Ahmad et al. It is Sahih because of corroborating and similar reports.

The Prophet (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever defends his brother's honour, Allah will protect his face from the Fire of the Day of Resurrection." [Narrated and classed as Hasan by al-Tirmidhi.]

From Mu'adh ibn Anas al-Juhani: The Prophet (peace & blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Whoever protects a Muslim from a hypocrite, (probably he said:) Allah will send an angel to protect his flesh from the Fire of Hell; and whoever accuses a Muslim of something, seeking to disgrace him, Allah will detain him on the bridge of Hell until he has been fully punished for what he said." [Related by Abu Dawud: Sahih Sunan Abi Dawud (4086).]

Those who believe, and do deeds of righteousness, and establish regular prayers and regular charity, will have their reward with their Lord: on them shall be no fears, nor shall they grieve.

Al-Qur'an, Surah 2, Verse 277 (Surah Al-Baqara)

**“Behold! Fear from people should not prevent one from saying the truth if he knows it.”**

**(Saying of the Prophet)**

*Ibn Majah: 4007*

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The Qur'an - Surah 3, verse 104

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Whoever sees something evil should change it with his hand. If he cannot, then with his tongue (by speaking out against it); and if he cannot do even that, then in his heart (by feeling that it is wrong). That is the weakest degree of faith."

- From Sahih Muslim