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Gentleness crosses all borders reaching the bottom of the hearts leaving a solid impression driving to oblige, just like running water, it's soft to touch yet penetrates into the coastlines leaving a lasting impression

A Good Neighbour

Sulaiman bin Jahm Al-Ansaari (rahimahullah) once offered to sell his house in exchange for a hundred thousand dirhams. When those who were interested approached him, he asked them: "The house is for sale in exchange of a hundred thousand dirhams, but how much will you pay for being the neighbour of Sa'eed bin 'Aas (rahimahullah)." They replied: "Is that something anyone ever "pays a price for?" He said: "Then in that case, call this deal off! By Allah, I can never leave such a neighbour who, whenever he does not see me he enquires about me and whenever he sees me, he is most warm and welcoming towards me. If I leave home for any errand then he takes special care of whatever belongings I've left behind. If I am at home then he always makes himself available to assist me. If I have to ask him for anything then he grants it to me most willingly. And when I don't ask then he approaches me enquiring whether there is anything I need. If any calamity befalls me then he is first to come to my aid."

When this reached Sa'eed (rahimaullah) he sent a hundred thousand dirhams as a gift to him. (Risaalatul Mustarshideen pg. 197)

Lesson: Compassion and kindness are very great qualities. These qualities earn the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and are also a means of great blessings in this world and the hereafter. Equally important is to acknowledge and appreciate the favours of others. Sulaiman bin Jahm (rahimahullah) appreciated these favours and whole heartedly expressed his appreciation by praising the good qualities of his neighbour. This gratitude became the means of even more favours showering upon him. Therefore, always be grateful.

Al-Haadi

Pardon and Forgive

"Pardon them and overlook – Allah loves those who do good." (Qur'an 5:13)

If we hold grudges, our spirits get stuck like trapped birds. We can't fly the way we're supposed to, because our own resentments bind us and hold us down. When you hate someone, they don't feel it. Only you do. It affects only your own heart, until your heart hardens and your vision narrows, and life loses its joy and zest.

We must forgive each other and forgive ourselves. Let go of resentments from the past. Do it for your own sake, because letting go and forgiving is the only way to be happy.

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Formidable Force

The Sahabi Rabi Ibn Aamir radhiyallaahu anhu when sent by Sa'd ibn Abi Waqqaas radhiyallaahu anhu as a messenger to meet with Roostum, the leader of the Persian army, came riding on a short legged, hairy horse. His sword, was wrapped in an old piece of cloth, as he could not even afford a proper sheath for it. His spear – the blade of it, was tied to the wooden shaft with a piece of cloth. His whole assortment of weapons was shabby to say the least. Add to this the fact that his attire was very modest, humble and inexpensive.

The Persians, having received word that a representative of the Muslim general was coming to meet them, prepared for this meeting as they would according to their custom. Rich and luxurious carpets were laid out. Heavily embellished cushions and rugs were spread, rich brocades and robes. Royal guards stood to attention in the court of Roostum, along with his advisors and delegates. It was indeed the proper preparation for such a high level meeting. It was customary for the Romans and the Persians.

What they envisioned from the representative of the Muslims was that he would come, accompanied by an entourage of guards, dressed in fine clothes on a fine stallion, dismount from his steed, enter the hall in a formal way and sit under the throne of Roostum and wait to be allowed to speak. What actually happened, was not what the Persians expected...

Rabi Ibn Aamir (RadiAllahu Anhu) comes straight into the hall, without permission, onto the rugs and carpets, without permission, still mounted on his horse! The delegates cry out to try and stop him, but he ignores them. He carries on. He tears apart two pillows and dismounts, with his weapons at which point the Persian guards try to stop him. They told him he is not to enter with his weapons. So he replies to them:

"Well, you are the ones who invited me. So you either let me in, with my arms, or I am going to leave."

The guards are told by Roostum to allow him to enter, so Rabi Ibn Aamir (RadiAllahu Anhu) strides forward with confidence, with his weapon blades poking holes into the rugs as he walks over them, leaving gashes and marks upon them.

Roostum asked, "Why have you (The Muslims) come here (Persia)?"

There was a marked contrast, between how Rabi Ibn Aamir (RadiAllahu Anhu) appeared outwardly to people, to how he addressed the leader of the Persian Empire. Rabi Ibn Aamir (RadiAllahu Anhu), this crude, poor Bedouin Muslim replied with the following, timeless and enthralling words: "Allah the Most Glorious the Most High has sent us, to deliver you, from worshipping the creation, to worshipping the Creator of the creation; and deliver you from the constriction of this world, to the vastness of this world and the Afterlife; and from the oppression of religions to the justice of Islam."

The effect of his words, on the laymen people surrounding Roostum, was deep and profound.

All the glamour and splendor and show of might and strength made no effect on the simple Sahabi. The world and all its glitters weighed nothing in front of them. This is why nothing stood in their way. Why? It was that formidable force of Eemaan which we are lacking, on the bases of which Allaah Ta'aalaa, the sole Creator and Owner of everything, has promised supremacy and deliverance. *"So do not weaken and do not grieve, and you will be superior if you are [true] believers."* (3:139).

ON FOCUS



رفْقُ – 'rifq' generally means to be gentle, docile, tractable and compliant. It also means to show kindness, friendliness, gracefulness, loveliness and to adopt a middle course in conduct and behavior. It is opposite of being forceful, harsh, severe, hardhearted, blunt, rude, crude and stern.

Rifq is a way of life, it is a comprehensive approach and the ideal way of dealing with everything, it means moderation, gentleness, to be easy going and wise with handling every situation. In the Islamic Law, being gentle and graceful is generally preferable and recommendable in everything. Allaah is Ar-Rafiq, and this is one of His attributes, He loves Rifq, and everything Allaah loves is an act of worship, so Rifq is something that is always needed in our life as it is the way to success. The way of worshipping Allaah with Rifq can be only achieved by following the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) because it is the middle way, with it you can strike a balance in worshipping Allaah so you don't go to extremism.

Rifq has to do with gradualism, give things the time to grow, don't push yourself beyond your limits, you need to be patient and moderate to achieve the natural growth, this should be used in bringing up our children and even in advising people.

Gentleness and kindness were the very essence of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam's teaching. He said to 'Aa'ishah (may Allaah be pleased with her): "God is gentle (Rafîq) and He loves gentleness (ar-rifq) in everything. And He gives for gentleness what He does not give for violence or anything else." [Muslim]

"يا عائشة! إن الله رفيق يحب الرفق. ويعطي على الرفق ما لا يعطي على العنف. وما لا يعطي على ما سواه" رواه مسلم Imam Bukhari rahimahullaah has also reported a narration by 'Aa'ishah radhiyallaahu anhaa that Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said,

"إن الله يحب الرفق في الإمر كله." رواه البخلري

"Allaah Ta'aalaa loves gentleness in everything." (Bukhari)

Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam also said,

"إن الرفق لا يكون في شيء إلا زانه ، و لا ينزع من شيء إلا شانه." رواه مسلم

"Verily, anything done with gentleness makes it nice, and anything that lacks gentleness makes it disgraceful." [Muslim]

And he sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said,

"The one who has been given his share of gentleness, has been granted his share of goodness." (Tirmidhy)

Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam is also reported to have said,

"من يحرم الرفق يحرم الخير." رواه مسلم

"The one who will be deprived of gentleness will be deprived of goodness." [Muslim]

Also what Muslim narrated on the authority of 'Aa'ishah who said; I heard the Messenger of Allaah مىلى الله عليه وآله وسلم say in my house:

اللهم من ولي من أمر أمتي شيئاً فشق عليهم فاشقق عليه ومن ولي من أمر أمتي شيئاً فرفق بحم فارفق به.

"O Allaah whoever has been given authority over the affairs of my *Ummah* and was harsh with them, then be harsh with him. And whoever has been given authority over the affairs of my *Ummah* and was kind with them, then show him kindness." It has also been narrated that Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said.

"O 'Aa'ishah, be gentle, for verily, when Allaah intends good for members of a family, He guides them to the door of gentleness." (Ahmad)

He declared to one of his companions: "There are in you two qualities that God loves: clemency (alhilm) and forbearance [nobleness, tolerance] (alanâ)." [Muslim]

The Prophet sallallaahu alaihi wasallam himself exemplified that in many circumstances. Once, a Bedouin came and urinated in the mosque: the companions rushed on him and wanted to beat him up. The Prophet sallallaahu alaihi wasallam stopped them and said: "Leave him alone, and just throw a bucketful of water on his urine. God has only sent you to make obligations easy, and not to make them difficult." [Bukhari]

أن أعرابيا بال في المسجد، فثار إليه الناس ليقعوا به، فقال لهم رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: دعوه، وأهريقوا على بوله ذنوبا من ماء، أو سجلا من ماء، فإنما بعثتم ميسرين ولم تبعثوا معسرين» رواه البخاري

`Aa'ishah (May Allaah be pleased with her) reported: I asked the Prophet sallallaahu alaihi wasallam "Have you ever experienced a day harder than the day of the battle of Uhud?" He sallallaahu alaihi wasallam replied, "Indeed, I experienced them (dangers) at the hands of your people (i.e., the disbelievers from amongst the Quraish tribe). The hardest treatment I met from them was on the Day of `Aqabah when I went to Ibn `Abd Yalil bin `Abd Kulal (who was one of the chiefs of Ta'if) with the purpose of inviting him to Islam, but he made no response (to my call). So I departed with deep distress. I did not recover until I arrived at Qarn ath-Tha`alib. There, I raised my head and saw a cloud which had cast its shadow on me. I saw in it Jibril (Gabriel) (alaihis-salaam) who called me and said: `Indeed, Allaah, the Exalted, heard what your people said to you and the response they made to you. And He has sent you the angel in charge of the mountains to order him to do to them what you wish.' Then the angel of the mountains called me, greeted me and said: `O Muhammad, Allaah listened to what your people had said to you. I am the angel of the mountains, and my Rubb has sent me to you so that you may give me your orders. (I will carry out your orders). If you wish I will bring together the two mountains that stand opposite to each other at the extremities of Makkah to crush them in between."' But Messenger of Allaah (PBUH) said, "I rather hope that Allaah will raise from among their descendants people as will worship Allaah the One, and will not ascribe partners to Him (in worship)." [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

This Hadith also reflects the marvelous character of Messenger of Allaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam that he never rebuked the ignorant and those who caused him harm, nor did he ever avenge anybody on grounds of personal hostility. Secondly, he would endure all forms of hardships in the way of Allaah with patience and endurance. He never became furious over his harassers, rather he prayed for their guidance. No doubt, the Prophetic life-pattern perennially provides inspiration to preachers and religious instructors. The responsibility of preaching is not a bed of roses but a thorny path to tread on. It is not the welcome and applause which is meted out to him, but people's taunts, reproaches and insults are heaped on the preacher. Consequently, patience, selfpossession, self-control and tolerance are vital to braving trials and tribulations in the way of Allaah.

Anas (May Allaah be pleased with him) reported: I never felt any piece of velvet or silk softer than the palm of the Messenger of Allaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam, nor did I smell any fragrance more pleasant than the smell of Messenger of Allaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam. I served him for ten years, and he never said `Uff' (an expression of disgust) to me. He never said `Why did you do that?' for something I had done, nor did he ever say `why did you not do such and such' for something I had not done. [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

This Hadith reflects the sublime morality of Messenger of Allaah that he never found faults with the doings of his valet nor did he ever scold him during his ten-year-long service. It was this marvelous nature of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam that transformed nations into epics of humanity. Says Allaah Ta'aalaa,

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِنتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ فَاعْفُ عَنْهُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ فَإِذَا عَزَمْتَ فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ ﴿آل عمران: ٩ ٥٩

So by mercy from Allaah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. And if you had been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them and consult them in the matter. And when you have decided, then rely upon Allaah. Indeed, Allaah loves those who rely [upon Him]. (Aali 'Imraan: 159)

This is the quality of gentleness of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam that bound and binds countless men to him. This verse was revealed when the Muslims suffered a severe blow in the battle of 'Uhud resulting from a mistake made by a group of archers, whereby seventy Sahaaba got martyred and Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam himself got injured. It was a moment that could have witnessed the anger of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam, but rather, due to the embedded gentle nature of Rasoolullaah sallAllaahu alaihi wasallam Allaah Ta'aala consoles His beloved Prophet and directs him not only to forgive them, but also to seek their opinion! SubhaanaAllaah!

What some renowned thinkers said regarding gentleness

In a gentle way, you can shake the world. Mahatma Gandhi

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength. <u>Saint Francis de Sales</u>

A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles. <u>William Hazlitt</u>

The finest workers in stone are not copper or steel tools, but the gentle touches of air and water working at their leisure with a liberal allowance of time. <u>Henry David Thoreau</u>

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to

nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots. <u>Frank A. Clark</u>

Only the gentle are ever really strong. James Dean

It is only imperfection that complains of what is imperfect. The more perfect we are the more gentle and quiet we become towards the defects of others. <u>Joseph Addison</u>

Even in a time of elephantine vanity and greed, one never has to look far to see the campfires of gentle people. <u>Garrison Keillor</u>

Let the gentle bush dig its root deep and spread upward to split the boulder. <u>Carl Sandburg</u>

Some religious aspects regarding gentleness

a) Gentleness of Allaah Ta'aalaa towards His bondsmen

Kindness and gentleness of Allaah Ta'aalaa towards His bondsmen is guite obvious in the manner He has prescribed His Commands to them; as He has not prescribed any Command which is beyond the capability of any individual nor very difficult to accomplish it. Thus Allaah Ta'aalaa has obligated the five daily prayers and fasting in the month of Ramadhan, but at the same time prescribed certain concessions if an individual is having difficulty in undertaking these obligation in certain circumstances, for example, permission to forego fasting and reduction of rak'ahs when travelling and certain permissions when sick, etc.. He has only made compulsory the mode of worship which is easy to perform.

b) Gentleness towards parents

Allaah Ta'aalaa has made it compulsory to be kind and gentle to one's parents and also to be good and nice to them. Says Allaah Ta'aalaa,

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا إِمَّا يَبْلُغَنَّ عِندَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقْل لَّهُمَا أُفِّ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُل لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾ وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُل رَّبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا

كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا ﴿ ٢٤﴾ (الإسراء)

And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small." (al-Israa': 23, 24)

c) Gentleness towards neighbours

Allaah Ta'aalaa has commanded us to be gentle, kind and good to our neighbours. The explicit directive is in the Qur'an and also in the sayings of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam. Among them is the saying of Allaah Ta'aalaa,

وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْعًا أُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَالحَّارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالحَّارِ الجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالجُنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ أُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَحُورًا ﴿٣٦﴾ (النساء)

Worship Allaah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allaah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful. (an-Nisaa': 36)

Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam has said as reported by Abdullah ibn 'Umar radhiyallaahu anhumaa,

خير الأصحاب عند الله تعالى خيرهم لصاحبه وخير الجيران عند الله خيرهم لجاره [رواه الترمذي وقال حديث حسن

"The best of companions with Allaah is the one who is best to his companions, and the best of neighbours to Allaah is the one who is the best of them to his neighbour". [At-Tirmidhi].

d) Gentleness of the Imaam towards his followers

It is Sunnah for the Imaam to be courteous with his followers, and that is to be moderate in the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and *adhkaar*, and in performing non obligatory practices, accomplishing the lower degree of perfection, taking into consideration the sick, the weak, the old and those in necessities; adhering to the directive of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam,

إذا صلى أحدكم بالناس فليخفف فإن فيهم الصعيف و السقيم و الكبير . (البخاري)

"If one of you leads a congregation in prayers, he should make his prayer light and short, as there will be among them people who are weak, sick and elderly." (Bukhari)

e) Being courteous and refraining from causing harm at places where people throng for worship

It is among the Sunnah practices of circumambulating the al-Ka'bah to kiss the black stone, and if it is not possible to do so, then it will suffice by making a gesture with the palms or a stick towards it and not harming others by forcefully reaching towards it and kissing it. It has been reported that Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said to Umar radhiyallaahu anhu,

"You are a strong man; don't rush for the black stone, for you could harm the weak. If you are alone, then kiss it, if otherwise, then turn towards it and recite *Laa-ilaaha-illallaah*, *Allaahu akbar*." (Ahmad)

f) Gentleness in stopping vice

It is very necessary for the one embarking to stopping vices and/or turning the perpetrators of vices to do good, to derive such methods that are inspiring; whether it may be in the form of speech or actions, and to adorn himself with such commendable characters so that his conduct could be acceptable and he is readily heard. The afore mentioned sublime manner of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam in dealing with the Bedouin who urinated in the masjid, and the episode of the Battle of 'Uhud and how Allaah Ta'aalaa praised his noble character, are all guidelines for the one embarking on such a noble cause for positive results.

But it is very sad to note that many a times, those who embark in rectifying others assort to crude ways which bring negative results, thus thrashing all chances of rectification. A sister recalls one such incident and states:

"The Missing Ingredients: Compassion and Gentleness"

I was attending the Friday prayer at a certain mosque once. In the back corner, I noticed two teenage girls sitting side by side, whispering and giggling throughout most of the khutbah (sermon). It was slightly distracting, but nobody made a fuss about it, except one older woman who was eyeing them with anger the entire time. As soon as the prayer ended, she marched toward them and towered over their small bodies. "YOU CAN'T TALK DURING THE KHUTBAH!!" she yelled at the top of her lungs. You could see the utter humiliation on these girls' faces, as they lowered their heads and peered at all the spectators observing this embarrassing scene. After that woman's verbal beating, I knew that immediate damage control was in order if these girls were to ever step foot in the mosque again.

It pains me to see how much aggressive behavior is unleashed on fellow sisters and brothers, all in the name of correcting wrongs, or enjoining good and forbidding evil. Islam is not a religion with a strict code of rules that needs to be imposed upon people. We forget that we are dealing with dignified human beings, who have delicate souls, hearts, emotions, and feelings. They are not inanimate objects on a factory belt, where they can be thrown around, cleansed and polished so the perfect 'halal' (appropriate) end product pops out. Each person has a unique life story, and every story has its struggles and difficulties; some people might be converts, or are just starting to learn about their religion. Others might not have had parents who taught them Islam, or parents who imposed religious practices upon them until they felt suffocated and constricted. There are also people who feel lost and are searching for guidance, and there are those who committed major sins and want to repent.

All these people have one thing in common: they want to feel love and acceptance. They don't want to be humiliated or looked down upon. They want to be dealt with patiently, and they want a secure, nourishing environment to grow in. They want to see warm, inviting smiles that draw them closer to God and to the Muslim community. They want kind words of encouragement and support that inspire them to follow the Prophetic way in their worships, speech and character. The Prophet ملى (prayers and peace of Allaah be upon him) never sugar-coated the truth or stopped calling to the way of Allaah subhanahu wa ta`ala (exalted is He). Yet, it was his soft, gentle approach that made his message so palatable and soul-satisfying..."

Just look at how the Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam advices a young man begging permission for *zinaa*:

Imam Ahmed has narrated on the authority of Hazrat Abu Umamah Radhiyallaahu anhu that a young man came to the Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam and begged permission for adultery. The companions disliked this very quaint request and reprimanded him. But the Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam asked the young man to come close to him and entered into conversation with him after giving him a seat to sit down:

The Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam: Do you like this act (adultery) for your mother? The young man: No. "O" Prophet of Allaah. The Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam: Do other people like this act for their mothers?

The young man: No. "O" Messenger of Allaah.

The Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam: Will you like the act of adultery for your daughter?

The young man: No. "O" Messenger of Allaah. I may become your ransom.

The Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam: All the people do not like the evil act of adultery for their daughters. Can you tolerate it for your sister?

The young man: Never! "O" Prophet of Allaah.

The Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam: Can you like your aunt to indulge in such evil?

The young man: No. "O" Prophet of Allaah. **The Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam:** All the people would disdain such an act for their aunts.

After having explained the psychological problem of the evil course in some detail, the Holy Prophet SallAllaahu alaihi wasallam placed his left hand on the heart of the young man and prayed for him: "0 Allaah! Forgive his sins and purify his heart and protect his sexual power from all evil."

The effect of the prayer was that the young man changed his heart altogether and the evil of fornication became manifest in his eyes. He became a pious and Allaah-fearing man and never thought of such an evil act afterwards.

g) Gentleness towards servants and attendants

Being kind and gentle towards servants and treating them nicely are among the directives of Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam. He has ordered to be good to them and to be kind to them regarding their meals, clothes and work. We should feed them from what we eat and cloth them from what we wear, and not to assign to them such tasks that are difficult for them to attend. And if we entrust them which such assignments, then we should help them. Imaam Bukhari rahimahullaah has recorded a narration of Ma'roor who says, "I met Abu Dharr at Rabadhah and he was dressed in the same similar attire as worn by his slave, so I inquired the reason behind it. He said that he insulted a man and abused his mother. So the Prophet sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said to me,

"يا أبا ذر، أعيرته بأمه؟ إنك أمرؤ فيك جاهلية، إخوانكم خولكم جعلهم الله تحت أيديكم، فمن كان أخوه تحت يده فليطعمه مما يأكل وليلبسه مما يلبس، و لا تكلفوهم ما يغلبهم، فإن كلفتموهم فأعينوهم "

"O Abu Dharr! Did you abuse him by calling his mother with bad names? You still have some characteristics of ignorance. Your slaves are your brothers and Allaah has put them under your command. So whoever has a brother under his command should feed him of what he eats and dress him of what he wears. Do not ask them (slaves) to do things beyond their capacity (power) and if you do so, then help them.'" (Bukhari)

h) Gentleness towards animals

It is prohibited to inflict pain to animals, such as using them as living targets in sports, as recorded by Imam Muslim rahimahullaah, that Abdullah ibn 'Umar radhiyallaahu anhumaa passed by some boys belonging to the Qureysh tribe who had placed a bird as a target and were shouting arrows at it. They had agreed with the owner of the bird that he would take any arrows that missed the bird. When they saw Ibn 'Umar, they dispersed. Ibn 'Umar said, "Who did this? May Allaah's curse fall upon who did this! Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam has cursed whoever uses a living thing as a target." Imam Muslim rahimahullaah has also recorded a narration of Jabir bin Abdullah radhiyallaahu anhumaa who said. "Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam has prohibited using any animal as shooting targets.".

Or causing excessive pain to it when slaughtering for human consumption.

Rasoolullaah salallaahu alaihi wasallam has said,

"إن الله كتب الإحسان على كل شيء فإذا قتلتم فأحسنوا القتلة وإذا ذبحتم فأحسنوا الذبح وليحد أحدكم شفرته فليرح بيحته" . رواه مسلم

Verily Allaah has enjoined goodness to everything; so when you kill, kill in a good way and when you slaughter, slaughter in a good way. So every one of you should sharpen his knife, and let the slaughtered animal die comfortably. (Muslim)

In emphasizing to be merciful and gentle towards animals, Rasoolullaah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said, as reported by Abu Hurairah radhiyallaahu anhu,

"بينما رجل يمشي بطريق اشتد عليه العطش فوجد بئرا فنزل فيها فشرب ثم خرج فإذا كلب يلهث يأكل الثرى من العطش فقال الرجل لقد بلغ هذا الكلب من العطش مثل الذي كان بلغ مني . فنزل البئر فملأ خفه ماء ثم أمسكه بفيه حتى رقي فسقى الكلب فشكر الله له فغفر له" . قالوا يا رسول الله وإن لنا في هذه البهائم لأجرا فقال "في كل كبد رطبة أجر" . رواه مسلم A person suffered from intense thirst while on a journey, when he found a well. He climbed down into it and drank (water) and then came out and saw a dog lolling its tongue on account of thirst and eating the moistened earth. The person said: This dog has suffered from thirst as I had suffered from it. He climbed down into the well. filled his shoe with water, then caught it in his mouth until he climbed up and made the dog drink it. So Allaah appreciated this act of his and pardoned him. Then (the Companions around him) said: Allaah's Messenger, is there for us a reward even for (serving) such animals? He said: Yes, there is a reward for service to every living animal. (Muslim)

The *Fuqahaa* have unanimously decreed that it is necessary for one who owns animals to look for their welfare and provide for their basic needs, as a gesture of kindness and gentleness towards the animals.

May Allaah Ta'aalaa bestow this noble quality of *ar-rifq* into me and into all mankind, aameen. *Sources:*

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7 Practical tips for being gentle

- (1) Never speak in a state of anger
- (2) Give others the benefit of doubt
- (3) Think good of others
- (4) Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- (5) Think before you speak
- (6) Choose the right time, place and manner to convey the message
- (7) Never correct people in public."

Dr. Bilal Philips

The status of a Muslim

In explaining the sanctity of a Muslim, the Prophet of Allah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was once doing Tawaaf of the Ka'bah and he addressed the Ka'bah saying: "How pleasant you are and how fragrant you are! How great you are and how revered is your sanctity! I take an oath in the name of the One who holds Muhammad's life in his hand, the dignity and respect of a Mu'min (believer) is more sacred to Allah than your dignity!" (Ibn Majah, Hadith #: 3932, Narrated by Ibn Umar)



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The Indigenous Pokot Muslims

The aim behind publishing articles about the indigenous Muslims of different tribes of Kenya is to show the close aspects of these tribes regarding Islam and the need of the Muslim Ummah to focus their attention towards spreading Islam in these tribes. The data produced may not be accurate, but nevertheless it gives a sketchy description of Islam in the said tribes. We invite Muslims who have authentic findings of other tribes in Kenya regarding Islam, to send it to us by e-mail classified under the sub-headings as appearing in this article, shukran.

The **Pokot people** (commonly spelled Pökoot) live in West Pokot County and Baringo County in Kenya and in the Pokot District of the eastern Karamoja region in Uganda. They speak Pökoot, a language of the Southern Nilotic language family which is close to the Marakwet, Nandi, Tuken and other members of the Kalenjin grouping. Kenva's 2009 census puts the total number of Pokot speakers at about 620,000 in Kenya. In addition, there are close to 100,000 Pokot speakers in Uganda. According to the census, there were 133,000 Pokot speakers in Baringo County and close to 500,000 in West



Pokot County. A fair estimate indicates that there are close to 700,000 Pokot speakers in Kenya and Uganda.

Many Pokot people from the present eastern part of the Pokot area claim that they come from the hilly areas of northern <u>Cherengani</u> (Bollig 1990). Halfway through the nineteenth century, they seem to have expanded their territory rapidly into the lowlands of the Kenyan Rift Valley, mainly at the expense of the <u>Laikipia Maasai</u> people. Key personalities of recent times from the community include the one time fiery politician, the late Hon. Francis Loile Polisi Lotodo whose mantle since his death in early 2000 to date (2012) has been taken by the equally combative Kacheliba M.P and Kenyan minister for Information and Communication Hon. Samwel Losuron Poghisio. Other key

personalities include the renowned female athlete Tegla Loroupe, who in 2012 appeared in the African top 100 personalities of the year. Prof. John Krop Lonyangapuo is also a renown elite from the community.

Geographical location

West Pokot County is located in Rift Valley Province – Kenya. It borders Turkana at the north, Baringo to the east, Elgeyo Markwet and Trans-



Zoia at the south and the Republic of Uganda at the west.

Main towns are: Kapenguria, Makutano, Chepareria, Ortum Sigor, Kacheliba, Alale and Karinget, Sook, Konyao and Tapach. Area: 9169 km².

Climate

There are two types of climates; the rainy season and the dry season. Rainfall varies with areas due

to differences in altitudes, from 400mm (in lowlands, e.g., Mosal, which is hot and dry) upto 1500mm (in highlands areas, e.g., Lelan, which is rather cold and wet) per annum. Temperatures range from a minimum of 10°C to a maximum of 30°C in different parts of the County.

Background of the Pokot and their origin

The Pokot people, also known as Suk, are Nilohamatic of Kalenjin ethnicity. The Pokot have been described as independent, self-sufficient and highly integrated society with strong social cohesion and effective methods of ensuring order and conformity, like many stateless or gerontocratic societies. Not much is recorded in history, and therefore very little is known about the Pokot history before the 19th century.

Occupation

The Pokot are divided into two groups; partly agricultural and partly pastoral on one hand and pure pastoralists on the other.

The agricultural Pokot continued to remain on the escarpments and only extended northwards gradually populating the steep but fertile valleys of rivers Wei Wei Marich and Muruni.

The pastoralists became divided into two groups. One group Kasauria, or the group of deep wells, spread westwards over the escarpment and through the agriculturists, the once grassy plains of Riwa Kopoghok Kipkomo areas and northwards along the Turkwel extremity of Southern Turkana around River Kainuk.

The second group called Katiati moved eastwards through the Tiyatiy hills and were a considerable factor in the formation of East Pokot, who now occupy eastern part of Baringo County. (Kenya Land Commission)

Tribal rituals and religion

Some of the tribal rituals are:

- Katkata (naming ritual). This takes place when the child is old enough to be given a name from a pool of ancestral names.
- *Rotwo* circumcision. This is done at the end of childhood. With this the youth enters adulthood.

- *Amoros.* This is performed to keep off animal disease, and *Putyon* is done to avoid dangers that might affect the community.
- Others are Sapana, Kirket, kipuno, etc..

Like other Kalenjin, the Pokot people believe in one God, *Tororot*, who is very powerful and above everything. This God is also a source of life and happiness. The Pokot pray to this God when there are no rains. And when calamities occur. He is God of Mercy.

The majority of the Pokoot still follow their traditional religion. Some of Pokoot are Christians but the majority are traditionalists. Even among the Christians, the traditional religion worldview is still dominant.

Islam and Christianity came at the same time to the Pokot land. Christianity was brought by the white men and took a central place as they allured the Pokot people by distributing gifts such as clothes and food. They took advantage of this to win the Pokot community, and those who promoted Islam were few and slow.

Similarities between the tribal rituals and Islam

- Pokot women are not allowed to mix with men during prayers, similar to Islam (with the exception of some rituals of Hajj).
- Pokot people face north during prayers, similar to Muslims of the East African region face north towards Al Ka'bah during prayers.
- Circumcision.

Advent of Islam in the Pokot

Islam was introduced by Muslim traders who transversed the Pokot lands travelling from eastern Kenya towards Uganda and also traders from Sudan travelling southwards. Some Muslim immigrants from Sudan settled at Kacheliba and built a Mosque. The spread of Islam was rather slow. The Pokot admired the Muslims' behavior but were reluctant to embrace Islam fearing loosing foodstuff supplied by the white Christian missionaries. Nevertheless the Pokot continued to embrace Islam every year during annual Muslim festivals such as the *Maulid* celebrations held annually at Kacheliba.

Muslim population

The Muslim population in Pokot lands is approximately 30,000 people of which about 18,000 are the indigenous Pokot. They are scattered in different towns in the County such as:

- I. Makutano (Kapenguria)
- II. Kasogon
- III. Kacheliba
- IV. Orolwo
- V. Konyao
- VI. Alale
- VII. Cheperaria
- VIII. Ortum
- IX. Sigor
- X. Keringet
- XI. Karita
- XII. Moruita
- XIII. Amudat

In each town there is a Mosque, but Kacheliba has two Masjids. There are madrasas attached to these Masjids, but there are no indigenous Pokot Huffaaz



a better person

or Ulamaa. There is a serious need to sponsor and train the indigenous Pokot to become Haafidul-Qur'aan and Aalims in order to spread the Word of Allaah in the community. It is an obligation of the Muslim Ummah at large to fulfill this dire need.

Hindrances in the spread of Islam

The main hindrance in the spread of Islam in the Pokot lands is the lack of indigenous Pokot Ulamaa and Islamic literature in the Pokot language. The local Muslims are poor lacking the financial strength to travel to other areas to seek Islamic religious knowledge. The community has been left out. There is an urgent need for Da'wah groups and Islamic organizations to make effort in the County to drive the attention of the local community towards Islam and instill into them the dire need to seek Islam religious knowledge and to build and run Islamic educational institutions in the main towns of the County.

The findings for this article were produced by Br. Hasan Ya'qub and from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

To become an engineer is easy. To become a rocket scientist is easy. But to become a human being is difficult.

Man made an effort on sand and skyscrapers came into existence. He made an effort on steel and airplanes came into existence. Man made an effort on science and technology reached the moon, alas man has forgotten himself. Everything around man has progressed, while man himself has retrogressed.

All the drops of water together make an ocean. Likewise, each thread joined together makes a garment. Every brick contributes to make a building. In the same way every individual is a building block that makes the world. Yes! Every individual has a rippling effect on the world at large. Thus let us all strive to become human beings and allow the world to become a better place.

It is only the beautiful teachings of Islam that nurture true human beings. All is asked of us is to hold onto the commands of Allah Ta'ala and the way of life of Nabi sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam.

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Abu Hurayrah (radhiyallahu anhu) relates that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said, "He who works hard (to fulfil the needs) of widows and the poor is like a warrior in the Path of Allah." The narrator thought that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) also said, "and he is like the person who stands in praver without tiring, and like one fasts and does not break

DA'WAH

A TRUE STORY OF A CONVERT

My name is Cassie, I am 23 years old. I graduated as a qualified nurse this year and was given my first position as a home nurse.

My patient was an English gentleman in his early 80s who suffered from Alzheimer's. In the first meeting the patient was given his record and from it could see that he was a convert to the religion of Islam, therefore he was a Muslim.

I knew from this that I would need to take into account some modes of treatment that may go against his faith, and therefore try to adapt my care to meet his needs. I brought in some 'halal' meat to cook for him and ensured that there was no pork or alcohol in the premises as I did some research which showed that these were forbidden in Islam.

My patient was in a very advanced stage of his condition so a lot of my colleagues could not understand why I was going to so much effort for him, but I understood that a person who commits to a faith deserves that commitment to be respected, even if they are not in a position to understand.

Anyway after a few weeks with my patient I began to notice some patterns of movement. At first I thought it was some copied motion he's seen someone do, but I saw him repeat the movement at particular time; morning, afternoon, evening.

The movements were to raise his hands, bow and then put his head to the ground. I could not understand it. He was also repeating sentences in another language, I couldn't figure out what language it was as his speech was slurred but I know the same verses were repeated daily.

Also there was something strange, he didn't allow me to feed him with my left hand {I am lefthanded} Somehow I knew this linked to his religion but didn't know how.

One of my colleagues told me about pal talk as a place for debates and discussions and as I did not know any Muslims except for my patient I thought

it would be good to speak to some live and ask questions. I went on the Islam section and entered the room 'True Message.

Here I asked questioned regarding the repeated movements and was told that these were the actions of prayer, I did not really believe it until someone posted a link of the Islamic prayer on YouTube. I was shocked.

A man who has lost all memory of his children, of his occupation, and could barely eat and drink was able to remember not only actions of prayer but verses that were in another language.

This was nothing short of incredible and I knew that this man was devout in his faith, which made me want to learn more in order to care for him the best I could.

I came into the pal talk room as often as I could and was given a link to read the translation of the Quran and listen to it.

The chapter of the 'Bee' gave me chills and I repeated it several times a day. I saved a recording of the Quran on my iPod and gave it to my patient to listen to, he was smiling and crying, and in reading the translation I could see why.

I applied what I gained from pal talk to my care for my patient but gradually found myself coming to the room to find answers for myself.

I never really took the time to look at my life; I never knew my father, my mother died when I was 3, me and my brother were raised by our grandparents who died 4 years ago, so now it's just the two of us. But despite all this loss, I always thought I was happy, content. It was only after spending time with my patient that felt like I was missing something. I was missing that sense of peace and tranquillity my patient, even through suffering felt. I wanted that sense of belonging and a part of something that he felt, even with no one around him. I was given a list of mosques in my area by a lady on pal talk and went down to visit one. I watched the prayer and could not hold back

my tears.

I felt drawn to the mosque every day and the imam and his wife would give me books and tapes and welcome any questions I had. Every question I asked at the mosque and on pal talk was answered with such clarity and depth that could do nothing but accept them. I have never practiced a faith but always believed that there was a God; I just did not know how to worship Him.

One evening I came on pal talk and one of the speakers on the mic addressed me. He asked me if I have any questions, I said no. He asked if I was happy with the answers I was given, I said yes.

He asked then what was stopping me accepting Islam, I could not answer. I went to the mosque to watch the dawn prayer the imam asked me the same question, I could not answer.

I then went to tend to my patient, I was feeding him and as I looked in his eyes I just realized, he was brought to me for a reason and the only thing stopping me from accepting was fear.... not fear in the sense of something bad, but fear of accepting something good, and thinking that I was not worthy like this man.

That afternoon I went to the mosque and asked the imam if I could say my declaration of faith, the Shahadah. He helped me through it. It was as if I was shown how to walk and guided through. What I would need to do next. I cannot explain the feeling I felt when I said it.

It was like someone woke me up from sleep and sees everything more clearly.

The feeling was overwhelming joy, clarity and most of all.... peace.

The first person I told was not my brother but my patient. I went to him, and before I even opened my mouth he cried and smiled at me. I broke down

in front of him, I owed him so much.

I came home logged on to pal talk and repeated the shahadah for the room.

They all helped me so much and even though I had never seen a single one of them, they felt closer to me then my own brother.

I did eventually call my brother to tell him and although he wasn't happy, he supported me and said he would be there, I couldn't ask for any more.

After my first week as a Muslim my patient passed away in his sleep while I was caring for him.

Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajayoon. He died a peaceful death and I was the only person with him. He was like the father I never had and he was my doorway to Islam.

From the day of my Shahadah to this very day and for every day for as long as I live, I will pray that Allah shows mercy on him and grant him every good deed I perform in the tenfold. I loved him for the sake of Allah and I pray each night to become an atoms weight of the Muslim he was.

Islam is a religion with an open door; it is there for those who want to enter it.... Verily Allah is the Most Merciful, Most Kind.

* Note * Our sister Cassie passed away October 2010 Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'oon, after she gave da'wa to her brother, who had accepted Islam, Alhamdulillah.

May Allah swt grant sister Cassie Paradise. Ameen Yarrab!

"When you sit with People of the Dunya (This World), you become a drop in their ocean, but when you sit with People of the Akhira (The Hereafter), the dunya becomes a drop in your ocean."

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WEARING A TURBAN

Hazrat Huraith (radiAllahu anhu) narrates that he saw the beloved (Sall'Allahu Ta'ala Alayhi Wa'alihi Wa'sallam) standing on the pulpit while he had on a black turban. Both the loose ends of the turban were hanging between his shoulder blades. (Muslim Vol.1 Pg. 490; Ibn Abi ShaibahVol.8, Pg.239, Ibn Majah Pg. 256, Pg.653)

Hazrat Ubadah (radiAllahu anhu) reports that the prophet (Sall'Allahu Ta'ala Alayhi Wa'alihi Wa'sallam) said: "Make a practice of tying turbans since it is a hallmark of the Angels. Furthermore, tie them in such a manner that the tail hangs at the back". (Baihaqi reported it in Shu'abul Iman; Mishkat Pg. 377)

KNOW THE SHIA' SHIA'SM NOT A FIFTH MADH-HAB!

Determined efforts are underway throughout the World, and especially Africa, to subtly indoctrinate Muslims to accept Shia'sm as a fifth Madh-hab. The slogan of "unity in the Ummah" is deceptively employed to play on the emotions of the gullible public and to mislead them into embracing the evil Shia doctrine. It is vitally important for Muslims to understand that Shia'sm is a cult. This will be clear from the following, Insha-Allah:

The Shia concept of Imaamat:

A fundamental Shia belief is that there are twelve Imaams—eleven whom have passed away — who are sinless by nature and whose authority is infallible as it comes directly from Allah Ta'ala. Therefore, Shias often venerate the Imams as saints and perform pilgrimages to their tombs and shrines in the hopes of divine intercession. Shias have the following corrupt beliefs:

1. The Imam is created in the best shape and form.

2. Before conception, the preceding Imam is sent through a heavenly syrup which he drinks.

3. The Imam is born pure and circumcised.

4. The Imam's mother experiences light and noises before the birth of the Imam.

5. The Imam is created from sublime water and his spirit is created from a matter above that.

6. The Imam hands over the books, knowledge and weapons to his successor.

7. The Imam is the treasure of God's knowledge in the heavens and earth.

8. The Imam is informed by God what he intends to know.

9. He inherited the knowledge of future events.

10. He is more learned than Moosa alayhis salaam, who possessed the knowledge of the past only. His knowledge is from three directions:

The Imaams knowledge is about the past, present and future. He can inform about what is going to happen the next day.

11. He is endowed with a secret from the secrets of Allah, knowledge from the knowledge of Allah Ta'aala.

(Ref: The Twelve Imams Taken From "A Shi'ite Anthology" By Allameh Tabatabaei and Wikipedia) None of the above belief's are found in the Holy Qur'aan or in any of the teachings of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam. None of the Companions or the four A'immah Radhiyallaahu anhum held any such corrupt beliefs.

The Shia doctrine concerning the Holy Qur'aan

Worse and more corrupt than the Imaamat doctrine of the Shia's, are the beliefs which they have regarding the Holy Qur'aan which are hereby recorded with the references from their authentic literature:

1. There are seventeen thousand Ayah in real Quran. (Al Shafi, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 616)

2. The comparison between the Holy Qur'aan and Shia's Quran which was compiled by Hazrat Ali Radhiyallaahu anhu and which will be brought by Imam-e-Ghaib near Qayamat. (Asool Kaafi, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 123)

3. No one possess complete knowledge of Holy Quran except the Imams. (Asool Kaafi, Vol. No. 1, Page No. 228)

3. The Quran was revealed in four parts whereas the present Quran consist of three parts. (Shia Aur Tehreef-e-Quran, page No. 62)

4. The Quran is altered corrupted and in an inverted form. (Fatuhat-e-Shia, Page No. 129)

5. The present Quran is abridged whereas the Original Quran is kept by Imam Mehdi. (Hazaar Tumhari Das Hamari, Page No. 553)

7. Quran was eaten by God. (Min Kitab-ul-Burhan Fee Tafseer-ul-Quran, Page No. 38)

8. Renegades changed the Original Holy Quran. (Quran Majeed by Hakeem Syed Maqbool, Page No. 1011)

9. The main compilers of Quran interpreted, changed, corrupted and perverted the Holy Quran. (Al-Ehtijaj, Page No. 257)

According to the Shia's, the entire Ummah has been in the dark concerning the authentic Qur'aan. The authentic Qur'aan, according to the Shias, will be disclosed by the final Imaam unto mankind. Until then, everyone, including all the Shias, are following an incomplete Qur'aan. How can "Unity in the Ummah" be possible with people who hold such corrupt and trash beliefs?

The Shia beliefs concerning the Noble Companions of Nabi Sallallahu alayhi wasallam

If the above still fails to convince any skeptic about the dangers which the Shia cult poses, then they should reflect upon the following Shia beliefs:

1. The first three caliphs and other Sahabas became infidels by denying the divine right of (Wilayat) of Hazrat Ali. (Asool Kaafi, Page No. 420)

2. After the sad demise of the Prophet, all Sahabah turned apostate except four. (Israr-e-Muhammad, Page No. 43)

3. Hazrat Abu Bakr (r.a) could not recite Kalma at the time of his death. (Israr-e-Muhammad, Page No. 211)

4. Shaitan was the first to swear the oath of allegiance from Abu Bakr in the mosque. (Israr-e-Muhammad, Page No. 30)

5. The Sahabah (r.a) became infidel by denying the divine right (Wilayat) of Hazrat Ali. The first three caliphs and other Sahabas became infidels by denying the divine right of (Wilayat) of Hazrat Ali. (Asool Kaafi, Page No. 420)

6. It is Kufr to doubt the Kufr of Hazrat Umar. (Jilaul-Ayoun, Page No. 63)

7. "A verdict of infidelity on first three caliphs". (Anwaar-e-Naumania, Page No. 81)

8. Those who deny the first of Hazrat Ali Caliphate are infidels. (Anwaar-e-Naumania, Vol. No. 3, Page No. 264)

9. Abu Bakr and Umar were more tyrant than Shaitan. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 509)

10. Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar will enter in the seven doors of the hell. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 500)

11. Abu Bakr and Umar are the human and pharos of this Ummah. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 374)

12. Imam Mehdi will order the digging out from the grave the dead bodies of Shaikheen, make them alive and they will be punished. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 371)

13. The first three Caliphs were tyrants). (Tehqeequl-Yaqeen, Page No. 468)

14. Abu Bakr, Umar, Usman and Muawiyah are like idols, they are worst of all the creatures of God. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 519)

15. Abu Bakr and Umar will be scourged with stripes. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 464)

16. Imam Mehdi will dig out Shaikheen from their graves and will punish them. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 475)

17. Shaikheen will be the companions of Namrood, Firaun, and Haman in Hell. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page

No. 522)

18. All the Sahabah were infidel except three. (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 923)

19. "Blame of adultery on Hazrat Usman (r.a)". (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 723)

20. He who has doubt in the infidelity of Hazrat Umar is an infidel. (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 842)

21. Those who swore allegiance to Hazrat Abu Bakr were hypocrites. (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 1027)

22. To curse Shaikheen, Ayesha, Hinda and Ummul-Hakm during prayer is obligatory. (Aain-ul-Hayat, Page No. 599)

23. "There is a resemblance of Abu Bakr with Saamry (Magician)". (Tazkara-tul-Ayema, Page No. 33)

24. Abu Bakr was the calf of the Bani Israel and Umar the Saamry. (Behar-ul-Anwaar, Page No. 629)

25. The Shia Imam Mehdi will order to hang the dead bodies of Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar. (Basair-ud-Darajat, Page No. 81)

26. Imam Mehdi will exhume the bodies of Hazrat Abu Bakr & Hazrat Umar. (Basair-ud-Darajat, Page No. 80)

In contrast to the hatred which the Shias bear against the Noble Companions, we find the following virtues of the Sahaabah in the Ahadeeth

THE VIRTUES OF THE NOBLE COMPANIONS IN THE EYES OF NABI (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam)

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said:

"Do not abuse my Companions, for if any of you were to spend gold equal to (mountain of) Uhud in charity, it would not equal a handful of one of them or even half of that" [al-Bukharee, Muslim].

"Whoever abuses my Companions, upon them is the curse of Allah, the angels and all the people" [Saheeh, At-Tabaranee].

Abdullah bin Masood *Radhiyallaahu Anhu* has stated: "Verily Allah looked into the hearts of his servants. Thus He selected Muhammad (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam). He sent him with his message and He chose him out of his perfect knowledge. Then Allah again looked into the hearts of His servants and He chose the companions of His Nabi. He made them the helpers of His Deen and the ministers of His Nabi." *'Musnad Abi Dawud '*

The Shia's insult for the Umm-ul-Momineens, the wives of Prophet Muhammad (sallallaahu alaihi

wasallam) and the Noble Mothers of the Ummah should once and for all destroy the myth of "UNITY IN THE UMMAH" which the Shia's so vociferously proclaim.

How can they ever hope for any unity when they slander the beloved companions and wives of Nabi sallallaahu alayhi wasallam? Let us study some of the examples which are contained in their Holy books.

1. When Our Qaim (12th Imam) gets up, Humira (Ayesha) will be raised from the dead so as to be whipped her due punishment, and so as to avenge the daughter of Muhammad (s.a.w), Fatima. (Al Shafi, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 108)

2. When our Qaim (12th Imam) shall come back, he will bring Ayesha to life so as to torment her to avenge Fatima. (Haq-ul-Yaqeen, Page No. 139)

3. "An accusation of poisoning to Prophet by Ayesha and Hafsa". (Jila-ul-Ayoun, Page No. 118)

4. "Ayesha was an infidel women. (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 726)

5. Imam Mehdi will punish Ayesha with stripes. (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 901)

6. "UnIslamic reviews about Ayesha". (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 879)

7. Ayesha and Hafsa were hypocrite and infidel women. (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Vol. No. 2, Page No. 900)

9. "Ayesha was a hypocrite". (Hayat-ul-Quloob, Page No. 867)

RASULULLAH SALALLAHU ALAYHI WASALLAMS LOVE FOR HIS WIFE...

And what was the opinion of Nabi sallallaahu alaihi wasallam concerning his beloved wife, Hadhrat Ayesha Radhiyallaahu anhaa?

Rasoolullaah Sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said that the superiority of `Aisha to other ladies is like the superiority of Tharid (i.e. a meat and bread dish) to other meals.

Once Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said to her:

"You were shown to me in a dream. An angel brought you to me, wrapped in a piece of silken cloth, and said to me, 'This is your wife.' I removed the piece of cloth from your face, and there you were. I said to myself. 'If it is from Allah, then it will surely be. '

Thus Allah Ta'ala chose Hadhrat Ayesha Radhiyallaahu anhaa to be the wife of his beloved Nabi sallallaahu alaihi wasallam.

When the mother of believers, Ummu Salamah (may Allah be pleased with her), asked the Prophet

(sallaAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) to order people to give him the gifts wherever he is rather than only when he is with Aisha, he said: "Do not hurt me regarding Aisha, as the Divine Inspirations do not come to me on any of the beds except that of Aisha."

His daughter Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her) asked him the same and he replied: "O my daughter! Don't you love whom I love?" She replied in the affirmative.

The Messenger of Allah Ta'ala loved her more than anyone else so much so that he declared in front of his companions when Amru Ibn Al-Aas asked him: 'Who is the most beloved person to you?" He said, "`Aisha'.

TAQIYYA: WHY A SHIA CAN NEVER BE BELIEVED...

Taqiyya means to conceal, to lie, to deceive, to deny, to camouflage the truth and to double speak etc. Never admit a truth, never surrender a corrupt belief, never show your true self, hide like a lizard, re-act like a chameleon, change your colours to match your situation – this is Taqiyya. It is a fundamental belief of all Shias. This is clearly proven from their following Kitaabs:

"From ten parts of Deen, nine parts of the Deen (the Shia Deen) depends upon Taqiyyah." (Usool-e Kafi, part 2, Kitaabul Imaan wal Kufr, Babut Taqiyyah, line 5)

In another narration in Al-Kafi, we read:

"The Imam mentioned that the most beloved thing on the surface of earth is Taqiyyah." (Usool-e Kafi, part 2, Kitaabul Imaan wal Kufr, Babut Taqiyyah, line 12, Riwayah 4, p.217)

"The Imam has mentioned that Taqiyyah is the coolness of his eyes." (Usool-e Kafi, part 2, Kitaabul Imaan wal Kufr, Babut Taqiyyah, line 1, Riwayah 14, p.217)

The fifth Infallible Imam of the Shia, Abu Jafar, says: "Taqiyyah is from my religion and the religion of my fathers; whoever doesn't have Taqiyyah doesn't have Iman." (Al-Kafi, Chapter Taqiyyah, Vol. 2, p.219)

From the above it is very clear that no matter what a Shia may say, he can never be trusted to speak the Truth. To him lying is Thawaab.

A JEW — ABDULLAH BIN SABA — STARTED THE SHIA SECT IN ORDER TO CREATE DISUNITY IN THE UMMAH...

The Shariah Volume.2 No.

Al Kafi - The Bukhari of Shi'ism

Al Kafi is the MOST reliable Shia Book, as the reliable Shia Scholars said and declared. Its author is Thiqat al-Islam Muhamad Ibn Yaqoob AlKileeni (a VERY reliable Shia Scholar, died in 328 H). Al Kafi is a collection of Hadiths attributed to the Prophet Muhammad sallallaahu alaihi wasallam and The Infallible Imams - according to Shia - and like Ahlus-Sunnah, who give much importance to their Hadith book (Saheeh AlBukhari), Shia give the same or maybe even more importance to their Book (Al Kafi). Unlike Ahlus-Sunnah who call AlBukhari's Book as (Saheeh AlBukhari), Shia do not call Al Kafi as (Saheeh Al Kafi), nevertheless, Shia treat Al Kafi as it is (Saheeh) and their most reliable scholars declare it as a (Saheeh).

* Here are some of the Shia most reliable Scholars' sayings about Al Kafi:

[1] AlHur Al'amily said "The authors of the Four Books of Shia (Al Kafi, Allstibsaar, AlTahzeeb, Mun La YahDuruHu Alfaqeeh) have testified that the Hadiths of their books are accurate (saheeh), firm and well conducted from the roots that all Shia agreed on, and if you consider those scholars (the authors of the four books) are reliable then you must accept their sayings and their narrations." [Alwasa'el, volume 20, page 104]

[2] Sharaf'Deen AbdulHussain Mosawy said: "Al Kafi, AlIsTibSaar, AlTahzeeb and Mun La Yahduruhu Alfaqeeh are *MutawaTirah* and agreed on the accuracy of its contents (the Hadiths), and Al Kafi is the oldest, greatest, best and the most accurate one of them ". [The book of AlMuraja'aat, Muraj'ah number 110]..... MutawaTirah = accurate 100% because it was narrated by many narrators. [3] Muhammad Sadiq AlSaDr said: "Although the Shia are on the unanimity of that the four books (Al Kafi, AlIsTibSaar, AlTahzeeb and Mun La YahduRuHu Alfaqeeh) are accepted and *all* the narrations in them are accurate (Saheeh), But they did not call them by the name (Sihaah) like Ahlus-Sunnah did." [The Book of Shia "Kitab alshia" page 127]

[4] AITabRassy said: "AI Kafi among the four Shia books (AITahzeeb, AI Kafi, AIIsTibSar, mun la Yahduruhu Alfaqeeh) is like the sun among the stars, and who looked fairly would not need to notice the position of the men in the chain of hadiths in this Book, and if you looked fairly you would feel satisfied and sure that the hadiths are firm and accurate." [MusTaDrak AIWasa'el, volume 3, page 532]

[5] AL Khomeini said: "Do you think it is enough for our religious life to have its laws summed up in Al Kafi and then placed upon a shelf?" [Al-Hukumah Al-Islamiyyah page 72]

Now, I think each and every one of us is interested to know what this Book (Al Kafi) contains, the book that made all those Shia Scholars praise it and recommend it, actually even blamed their followers for not applying more effort of studying and research as AL Khomeini said in his book (Al-Hukumah Al-Islamiyyah page 72) !!.

* EXAMPLES of the CONTENTS of Al Kafi:

[1] Chapter: The Imams have knowledge of All that was given to the angels and the prophets. (Al Kafi vol.1 p.255)

[2] Chapter: The Imams know when they will die, and they only die by their choice. (Al Kafi vol.1 p.258)

[3] Chapter: The Imams have knowledge of the

past and future; and nothing is hidden from them. (Al Kafi vol.1 p.260)

COMMENT: No doubt that these words are clear Kufr (Disbelief) and Shirk (Polytheism), because the knowledge of the unseen is only for Allah alone. These words with no doubt contradict what Allah said in Surah Luqmaan "Verily, Allah With Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allah is All-Knower, All-Aware (of things)" [Quran 31:34]

[4] "Obedience to `Ali is true humility and disobedience to him is disbelief in Allah" (Al Kafi vol.10 p.54)

[5] "Whoever sets up another Imam besides `Ali and delays `Ali's caliphate is a polytheist" (Al Kafi vol.10 p.55)

COMMENT: These words declare all AhlSunnah as kuffaar (Disbelievers) and Mushrikeen (Polytheists), because we – AhlSunnah - do not believe in the Shia Imamate of `Ali (which is believing that `Ali is Infallible, .. etc) also We – AhlSunnah - believe that AbuBakr (r) is the first caliphate, Omar (r) the second and Othman (r) the third, thus, We delay `Ali's caliphate to be the 4th after AbuBakr, Omar and Othman, thus, Shia declare in their most reliable book that AhlSunnah are Kufaar and Mushrikeen !!!

[6] The false verse "And We made `Ali your in-law" has been added to Surah Al-InShirah. (Al Kafi p.289)

[7] Alkileeni reported that Jabir asked AbuJa`far p.b.u.h: "Why `Ali ibn Aby Talib was named Amirul-Mumineen?" AbuJa`far replied: "Allah named him so, and He revealed in His Book "And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed and made them testify as to themselves (saying): Am I not your Lord, Muhammad My Messenger and `Ali Amir-ul-Mumineen?..." (Al Kafi vol.1 p.412) COMMENT: We all know that "Muhammad My Messenger and `Ali Amir-ul-Mumineen" is not part of the Quranic verse [Quran 7:172], but as you just read, AlKileeni narrated in his book Al Kafi that the Infallible Imam - according to Shia - (AbuJa`far) said that the verse [Quran 7:172] was revealed by Allah with "Muhammad My messenger and `Ali Amir-ul-Mumineen", This is a serious claim by Shia that the Quran was changed and corrupted!!! This is a serious "Tahreef" of the Holy Quran ... and please continue reading:

[8] "Abu Baseer reported that he said to Imam Ja'far, "O Abu Abdullah (Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq), What is Mus-haf Fatimah?" He replied "It is a Qur'an containing three times what is found in your copy of the Qur'an; yet by Allah, it does not contain even a single letter from your Qur'an. (Al Kafi vol.1 p.457)

After we have read some examples of what Al Kafi (The MOST reliable Shia Book) contains, I am sure that many of you will say to themselves "If the MOST reliable book to Shia contains such extreme Kufr (Disbelief) and shirk (Polytheism) that it alone is sufficient to push anyone who believes in it into the Hellfire for eternity, Then - you may say - what about the other Shia books!!?", The other Shia books are even WORSE!!!

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Rasoolullaah Sallallaahu alaihi wasallam warned the Ummah:

"Fear Allah, fear Allah with regards to my Sahaabah. Do not make them a target after my demise. Whomsoever you follow amongst them, you will be rightly guided." It is vitally important that Muslims who treasure their Imaan do not lower their guard and fall prey to the hollow deceptive slogan of "unity" and "engagement". By doing so, they are placing their Imaan in great peril. May Allah Ta'ala grant us all Hidayat and the understanding of the Hadith which makes mention that the Bani Isra'eel were split into seventy two sects and that this Ummah will be split into seventy three sects, of whom only one will enter into Jannah.

Switch-off the Screen

Nowadays a calculated effort is being made to remove the concept of the Hereafter from the minds of our children. Hence many children now "listen" with their eyes. If there is no visual picture in front of them, they switch off, lose focus and they do not wish to hear anything. Their robotic lives revolve from the cell screen to the pc screen to the forbidden tv screen to the big screen. Their minds have been bombarded with photography to such an extent that they have become dependent solely on

their vision. This has caused their minds to become so inactive that it refuses to think. Gone are the days when a passage could be read to a child, and the child's mind would be picturing it, understanding the concepts and deriving lessons. We need to switch off the screen and protect our children from becoming screenslaves, so that the reality of the Hereafter, the unseen, enters their hearts.

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Why Re-Invent the Wheel



The Musjid was always the place where the Ummah, the nation of Nabi (sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam) gathered and met. The action that united them and caused them to gather was salaah. When the Ummah has moved away from its course, the meeting place has now become halls and malls, parks and grounds. The reason for their meeting has become food and eating, sport and outing. The Ummah has to once again come back to the Musjid and come back towards salaah in order to enjoy the past glory of Islam. There is no need to re-invent the wheel or to invent some modern-day Islam. Our Islam has been moving and advancing for centuries. It is for us to place our shoulder to the wheel of Islam and allow our lives to move and advance.



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Facts about vaccines

(NaturalNews) Yes, mercury is still used in vaccines, and <u>the CDC openly admits it</u>. There is NO safe level of mercury for injecting into a human child. Not even "trace" levels. There is NO evidence of safety for mercury at any dose whatsoever. Any doctor who says the level of mercury in a vaccine is "safe" to inject into a child is only demonstrating

their outrageous ignorance of scientific facts.

Mercury is arguably the most neurotoxic element on the entire Table of Elements. It is used in vaccines for the convenience of the vaccine manufacturer at the expense of the safety of the child. Any doctor who injects mercury into a child -- at *any* dose! -- should be immediately stripped of their medical license.

<u>The CDC (</u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) <u>openly admits that vaccines contain</u> <u>additives</u> which are known to be potent neutoxic chemicals. Those additives include:

- Mercury (still used as a preservative)
- Aluminum (used as an inflammatory adjuvant)
- <u>Formaldehyde</u> (used to "deactivate" live viruses)
- <u>MSG / Monosodium Glutamate</u> (used to caused immune system inflammation)

All of these substances are toxic to human biology when injected. All of them are <u>still listed on the</u> <u>CDC website</u> as vaccine additives. There is no rational doctor or scientist in the world who can say they believe injecting infants and children with mercury, formaldehyde, MSG and aluminum is somehow "safe," yet doctors inject children with these substances every single day in the form of vaccines.

Doctors who inject children with vaccines are delusional. They are practicing a **medical holocaust against humanity** while fraudulently calling it "immunization." For the record, vaccination does not equal immunization.

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Children's brains are being eaten by vaccines

(NaturalNews) A recent study published in the journal *Pediatrics* suggests that administering one or more of the five "Ss" -- swaddling, side/stomach position, shushing, swinging, and sucking -- to babies in conjunction with their childhood vaccine regimens can help alleviate the physical and emotional stress typically brought about by this highly-invasive medical tradition.

Swaddling babies, or wrapping them in a warm blanket after they are vaccinated, as well as placing them in certain positions can help reduce their levels of anxiety, say researchers. Gently shushing them while rocking them or giving them a pacifier can also help to make the vaccination process move along much more smoothly and less painfully.

Though these measures do absolutely nothing to address the potential neurological damage caused by vaccines, researchers say they can "soothe" babies and help them to stop crying. According to Dr. John W. Harrington from *Eastern Virginia Medical School* and *Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters* in Norfolk, the methods serve as a "distraction" from the pain caused by the needles.

For their study, Harrington and his colleagues divided 234 two- and four-month-old babies into four study groups, two of which received the five Ss after their vaccinations. They found that those who received these interventions experienced less visible pain, grimacing, and frowning, according to *Reuters*, and they cried less.

But as good as it might be to effectively comfort a child who has just been bombarded with dozens of vaccine injections, no amount of physical comfort will mitigate the damage being done to babies' brains by vaccines. The combination diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus shot, also known as DPT, for instance, is known to cause severe and permanent brain damage in some children.

(http://www.naturalnews.com/031469 vaccine br ain seizures.html).

All vaccines, in fact, come with the potential to cause permanent nerve damage, particularly in the brain. Going back as far as 1855, when Massachusetts passed the first law in the United States requiring vaccinations for schoolchildren, it was known that vaccines carried with them the risk of encephalitis, also known as inflammation of the brain.

(http://www.naturalnews.com/031476_vaccines_n erve_damage.html).

Brachial neuritis, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP), complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS), multiple sclerosis, narcolepsy, Opsoclonus-Myoclonus syndrome (OMS), trigeminal neuralgia, and transverse myelitis are among the many neurological side effects that can be caused by vaccines. And none of these conditions, of course, can be mitigated with a pacifier or a blanket.

Vaccine developer admits vaccines routinely contain hidden cancer viruses derived from diseased monkeys

(NaturalNews) If you haven't yet realized the truth about how vaccines contain hidden cancer viruses, prepare yourself to be shocked by the admission you're about to hear. Decades ago, one of the most prominent vaccine scientists in the history of the vaccine industry -- a Merck scientist -- made a recording where he openly admitted that vaccines given to Americans were contaminated with leukemia and cancer viruses.

For the record, this is the same vaccine that was given to tens of millions of Americans and promoted by the government. To this day, people still carry these hidden cancer viruses which have proven to be a boon to the cancer industry.

Transcript of audio interview with Dr. Maurice

Dr. Horowitz: Listen now to the voice of the worlds leading vaccine expert Dr Maurice Hilleman, Chief of the Merck Pharmaceutical Company's vaccine division relay this problem he was having with imported monkeys. He best explains the origin of AIDS, but what you are about to hear was cut from any public disclosures.

Dr Maurice Hilleman: and I think that vaccines have to be considered the bargain basement technology for the 20th century.

Narrator: 50 years ago when Maurice Hilleman was a high school student in Miles City Montana, he hoped he might qualify as a management trainee for the local JC Penney's store. Instead he went on to pioneer more breakthroughs in vaccine research and development than anyone in the history of American medicine. Among the discoveries he made at Merck, are vaccines for mumps, rubella and measles...

Dr Edward Shorter: Tell me how you found SV40 and the polio vaccine.

Dr Maurice Hilleman: Well, that was at Merck. Yeah, I came to Merck. And uh, I was going to develop vaccines. And we had wild viruses in those days. You remember the wild monkey kidney viruses and so forth? And I finally after 6 months gave up and said that you cannot develop vaccines with these damn monkeys, we're finished and if I can't do something I'm going to quit, I'm not going to try it. So I went down to see Bill Mann at the zoo in Washington DC and I told Bill Mann, I said "look, I got a problem and I don't know what the hell to do." Bill Mann is a real bright guy. I said that these lousy monkeys are picking it up while being stored in the airports in transit, loading, off loading. He said, very simply, you go ahead and get your monkeys out of West Africa and get the African Green, bring them into Madrid unload them there, there is no other traffic there for animals, fly them into Philadelphia and pick them up. Or fly them into New York and pick them up, right off the airplane. So we brought African Greens in and I didn't know we were importing the AIDS virus at the time.....

.....

.....Dr Maurice Hilleman: So now I got to have something (laughter), you know that going to attract attention. And gee, I thought that damn SV40, I mean that damn vaculating agent that we have, I'm just going to pick that particular one, that virus has got to be in vaccines, it's got to be in the Sabin's vaccines so I quick tested it (laughter) and sure enough <u>it was in there......</u>

Listen to this astonishing admission at: http://naturalnews.tv/v.asp?v=13EAAF22CDA367...

The ten worst ways your children are being poisoned right now: vaccines, food, video games and more

NaturalNews) Modern children are being poisoned like never before in the history of human civilization. No wonder the rate of autism in America has skyrocketed to **1 in 88 children** over the last few decades, putting autism squarely in the "epidemic" category.

But don't expect any CDC action on this epidemic. The CDC knows full well why autism rates are exploding across America, but instead of admitting the truth, the CDC is running a cover story to protect the corporate interests of the real culprits: the medical corporations poisoning children for profit (see below).

It's not just medical companies that are poisoning our children, by the way: They're also being poisoned in other insidious ways that suppress free thinking, assault good health and crush children's souls.

Here's my list of the ten worst ways in which our children are being poisoned right now.

#1) Multiple vaccinations that inject mercury, aluminum, MSG and formaldehyde into children

It is an admitted fact that today's vaccines given to children are intentionally formulated with mercury, aluminum, MSG and formaldehyde, all of which is insanely injected into the body of infants and children.

This is openly admitted by the CDC itself, which has

emerged as a **criminal front group** for the vaccine industry. Rather than trying to determine why vaccines are causing so much autism, the CDC tries to **hide the evidence**, delay the hearings, and deploy smoke and mirrors to protect the criminally-operated vaccine industry where nearly every single vaccine manufacturer operating today has been found guilty of multiple felony crimes.

#2) Mercury fillings

Astonishingly, dentists in the USA continue to fill children's mouths with the most toxic heavy metal known to man: Mercury.

They don't call it mercury, of course, because that would raise too many questions. Instead, they call them "silver amalgam fillings." But the No. 1 ingredient in these fillings is, of course, the heavy metal **mercury**.

#3) School lunches that use toxic processed food ingredients, including sodium nitrite

School lunches continue to serve our children a toxic cocktail of chemical food additives, partially-hydrogenated oils, chemical preservatives and even cancer-causing color fixers like **sodium nitrite**.

Sodium nitrite causes pancreatic cancer, colon cancer and brain tumors in children. It is intentionally added to hot dogs, sausage, bacon, pepperoni, lunch meats and nearly all processed meats. A nation that eats sodium nitrite on a regular basis will have sky-high rates of cancer as a result.

In addition to sodium nitrite, **school lunches are also filled with GMOs** which we now know cause huge cancer tumors in animals. The USDA, which is already in bed with Monsanto on the regulatory side, also buys masses of genetically engineered food to be used in school lunch programs.

#4) Television programming that poisons children's brains with messages of materialism and inadequacy

Television was invented as a way to educate and uplift and population, but it has become dominated by commercial interests who brainwash children into worshipping materialism and being manipulated into feelings of inadequacy. The point of this is to push sugary cereals, action figures, toys and junk foods into the minds of children so that they nag parents into buying it for them. Virtually all Saturday morning television, for example, has devolved into a "nag factor manipulation matrix" designed to brainwash children into begging their parents to purchase consumable items that generate profits for corporate advertisers.

Where is the education in television these days? It is now relegated to a few channels that focus on documentaries and non-fiction subjects, and even those channels are still funded by corporate interests.

#5) Public education that teaches revisionist history and toxic ideas about society

American children are being insidiously poisoned by public schools and all the atrociously damaging ideas those schools teach.

Many schools are now teaching what is essentially *socialism* or even communism. They attack and ridicule students who believe in the founding principles of America: patriotism, the Bill of Rights, individual liberty and the U.S. Constitution.

Students are also now being microchipped and taught that they are slaves of the state.

Just recently, in fact, several students were suspended from Kearney High School for painting the American flag on their chests for a lip-sync music video project sponsored by the school.

This is all a type of mental poisoning of our children, done under the banner of "education."

#6) Toxic personal care products made with cancer-causing poisons: Shampoo, skin care, toothpaste, air fresheners, laundry soap and more

Children everywhere are being bathed in toxic poisons from all their personal care products, including soaps and shampoos, laundry detergents, fabric softeners and even toothpaste.

Most personal care products are loaded with cancer-causing synthetic chemicals. Laundry detergents bathe children's clothing in cancercausing chemicals which are then worn by the children and absorbed into their bodies. When children become teens, the toxic burden is increased even more through deodorants, makeup and cosmetics, perfumes and colognes. Nearly all conventional body care products contain cancercausing chemicals, including the high-end, expensive brands.

#7) Toxic hydrofluosilicic acid dumped into the water supply after being mislabeled "fluoride"

Children are being wildly poisoned by the dumping of hydrofluosilicic acid into the water supply. This is incorrectly called "fluoride" but it's actually a toxic byproduct of the chemical fertilizer industry or aluminum smelting industry.

As Natural News has proven, fluoride is sold as an insecticide chemical and a metals smelting chemical. It is one of the most toxic substances yet discovered, which is why it kills insects so effectively.

Fluoride is so toxic that dumping it into a river or stream in the United States would be considered **an act of ecological terrorism**. Yet, somehow, it is legal to dump it into the water supply of human beings who then urinated it back into the rivers and streams where it poisons the environment.

#8) Toxic indoor air environments at homes and schools: Formaldehyde, molds, glues and synthetic pollutants

Indoor air pollution is a significant source of toxic chemical exposure for children. Carpets, paints, wood floor and even furniture all give off toxic fumes that can promote cancer and aggravate allergies.

Many homes, schools and commercial buildings are contaminated with toxic molds that are also ingested by infants and children. Even hospitals circulate potentially deadly superbugs that can kill children.

#9) Video games

Make no mistake that children -- especially boys -are being mentally poisoned by video games. These games teach boys that **violence is normal** through the relentless assault of ultra-realistic firstperson shooters that put players in the position of violently murdering other human beings.

These games desensitize children to the real world, and they train children to grow up and join the military. Some of the most popular games are actually engineered and published by the military as recruiting systems for teens.

Take a look at the ultra realism (and violence) of "Far Cry 3" in this teaser video. This is what your kids are playing when you buy them an Xbox: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qTMrNCgzBg

#10) Mind-altering psychiatric drugs

One of the greatest crimes against children today is found in the realm of psychiatry. That dark art of anti-medicine pretends to "diagnose" children with "disorders" which are then claimed to be treated by mind-altering psychiatric drugs such as Ritalin and Prozac.

The entire industry of modern psychiatry is a criminal drug ring conducted for the sole purpose of generating profits by treating children as pharmaceutical disposal objects. Most of the psychiatric disorders found in the DSM-V manual are completely fabricated works of fiction. The drug industry and modern psychiatry run their fraud as a tag-team of criminals who prey on children.

Health and Healing Properties in Ginger

(NaturalNews) Ginger has long been used as a natural healing agent by Asian and other cultures. Ginger, a rhizome, is especially helpful in treating digestive issues such as nausea and diarrhea. Other medicinal uses of ginger include inflammation, heart conditions, arthritis, colic, and headaches. Many studies have been conducted looking at the benefits of this spice.

Ginger has been shown by various studies to be more effective than placebo in the treatment of motion sickness related nausea. One of the greatest benefits of utilizing ginger instead of medication is that ginger does not have the side effects of drowsiness and dry mouth. Studies have also shown that pregnancy related nausea and vomiting can be safely and effectively treated with the use of small doses of ginger over short periods of time. Other studies have looked at the benefits of ginger at reducing nausea and vomiting post chemotherapy in cancer patients.

Other studies have shown that ginger is effective in the treatment of inflammation. The use of ginger has been shown to reduce pain and the use of pain medications in suffers of osteoarthritis of the knee. Preliminary studies have suggested that ginger may also be useful in treating high cholesterol and reducing blood clots.



Hadhrat Luqmaan (Alayhis Salaam), was an Abyssinian slave who by trade was a carpenter. Once while he was in the presence of his master, his master instructed him to slaughter a sheep and bring the two best organs to him. Hadhrat Luqmaan (Alayhis Salaam) slaughtered the sheep and brought the heart and the tongue to his master.

On another occasion, his master instructed him to slaughter a sheep and bring the two most despicable organs to him. This time also, Hadhrat Luqmaan (Alayhis Salaam) came forth with the same two organs, viz. the heart and the tongue. In amazement his master exclaimed: "On both occasions I notice that you have brought the very same organs to me. How is it that the heart and

tongue can be the best organs as well as the most despicable organs?"

Hadhrat Luqmaan (Alayhis Salaam) replied: "O my master, if the heart and the tongue are kept pure, then there can be no organ in the body that is more valuable and better than it. However if they are misused and polluted, then there can be no organ in the human body that is more despicable than it." (Tafseer ibn Katheer- Surah Luqmaan)

Woman+Mother=Jewel

If I teach a child to read at school, I'm called a Teacher.

If I teach my child to read Qur'aan and his Sunnah Du'aaz at home, then I'm just a mother.

If I plan lessons for a class, I'm called a Curriculum Coordinator.

If educate my child home, then I'm just a mother.

If I sit and talk to children an hour each, a week, addressing their needs, I'm a Speech Therapist.

If I engage and help my child with sabr every minute of every day, instill proper aadaab n akhlaaq, then I'm just a mother.

If I look after a patient in the hospital, I'm called a Nurse.

If I nurse my child when they're ill, awake all night: none able to replace my reassuring presence, then I'm just a mother.

If I manage my boss's office, I'm called a Secretary.

If I organize my children's lives and my home, a place for everything and everything in its place, then I'm just a mother.

If I prepare a meal in a restaurant, I'm called a Chef.

If I cook nutritious meals daily, made with love, remembered forever, then I'm just a mother.

If I work late worrying about a deal for clients, how to make them as much money as I can, I'm a Career Woman.

If I stay up worrying and planning my children's deeni future, the deeni future of our world, then I'm just a mother.

If I went out with colleagues and peers for dinner, comparing notes on the industry, I'd be Networking.

If I went out picnicking with a local mother & her toddlers, comparing notes on parenting, I'd just be a mother.

If I sing on a stage, I'm an Artist.

If I sing a nazm or azkaar every night, the only voice that they want, the only voice that will do, then I'm just a mother.

But we often tend to forget and realize that being a mother and bringing up our children with the correct tarbiyat is the hardest profession of all.

May الله make it easy for all the mumz-to-be and all those who are already mummyz, and grant/make our children Da'ees إن شاءالله....آمين

"If a beautiful woman is a jewel...a pious woman is a TREASURE."

ISLAM is not about we are better THAN you. ISLAM is all about "let me show you something that is better FOR you."

Courtesy: Ihyaauddeen.co.za The Husband Who Was Too Shy to Look at His Wife (a moving story)

This story was recounted by Prof. Khalid Al-Jubeir, consulting cardiovascular surgeon, in one of his lectures:

Once I operated on a two and a half year old child. It was Tuesday, and on Wednesday the child was in good health. On Thursday at 11:15 am – and I'll never forget the time because of the shock I experienced – one of the nurses informed me that the heart and breathing of the child had stopped. I hurried to the child and performed cardiac massage for 45 minutes and during that entire time the heart would not work.

Then, ALLAH decreed for the heart to resume function and we thanked HIM. I went to inform the child's family about his condition. As you know, it is very difficult to inform the patient's family about his condition when it's bad. This is one of the most difficult situations a doctor is subjected to but it is necessary. So I looked for the child's father whom I couldn't find. Then I found his mother. I told her that the child's cardiac arrest was due to bleeding in his throat; we don't know the cause of this bleeding and fear that his brain is dead. So how do you think she responded? Did she cry? Did she blame me? No, nothing of the sort. Instead, she said "Alhamdulillah" (All Praise is due to ALLAH) and left me.

After 10 days, the child started moving. We thanked ALLAH and were happy that his brain

condition was reasonable. After 12 days, the heart stopped again because of the same bleeding. We performed another cardiac massage for 45 minutes but this time his heart didn't respond. I told his mother that there was no hope. So she said: "Alhamdulillah. O ALLAH, if there is good in his recovery, then cure him, O my Lord."

With the grace of ALLAH, his heart started functioning again. He suffered six similar cardiac arrests till a trachea specialist was able to stop the bleeding and the heart started working properly. Now, three and a half months had passed and the child was recovering but did not move. Then just as he started moving, he was afflicted with a very large and strange pus-filled abscess in his head, the likes of which I had never seen. I informed his mother of the serious development. She said "Alhamdulillah" and left me.

We immediately turned him over to the surgical unit that deals with the brain and nervous system and they took over his treatment. Three weeks later, the boy recovered from this abscess but was still not moving. Two weeks pass and he suffers from a strange blood poisoning and his temperature reaches 41.2°C (106°F). I again informed his mother of the serious development and she said with patience and certainty: "Alhamdulillah. O ALLAH, if there is good in his recovery, then cure him."

After seeing his mother who was with her child at Bed#5, I went to see another child at Bed#6. I found that child's mother crying and screaming, "Doctor! Doctor! Do something! The boy's temperature reached 37.6°C (99.68°F)! He's going to die! He's going to die!" I said with surprise, "Look at the mother of that child in Bed#5. Her child's fever is over 41°C (106°F), yet she is patient and praises ALLAH." So she replied: "That woman isn't conscious and has no senses". At that point, I remembered the great Hadith of the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam): "Blessed are the strangers." Just two words. But indeed two words that shake a nation! In 23 years of hospital service, I have never seen the likes of this patient sister.

We continued to care for him. Now, six and a half months have passed and the boy finally came out of the recovery unit – not talking, not seeing, not hearing, not moving, not smiling, and with an open chest in which you can see his beating heart. The mother changed the dressing regularly and remained patient and hopeful. Do you know what happened after that? Before I inform you, what do you think are the prospects of a child who has passed through all these dangers, agonies, and diseases? And what do you expect this patient mother to do whose child is at the brink of the grave and who is unable to do anything except supplicate and beseech ALLAH? Do you know what happened two and a half months later? The boy was completely cured by the mercy of ALLAH and as a reward for this pious mother. He now races his mother with his feet as if nothing happened and he became sound and healthy as he was before.

The story doesn't end here. This is not what moved me and brought tears to my eyes. What filled my eyes with tears is what follows:

One and a half years after the child left the hospital, one of the brothers from the Operations Unit informed me that a man, his wife and two children wanted to see me. I asked who they were and he replied that he didn't know them. So I went to see them, and I found the parents of the same child whom I operated upon. He was now five years old and like a flower in good health - as if nothing happened to him. With them also was a four-month old newborn. I welcomed them kindly and then jokingly asked the father whether the newborn was the 13th or 14th child. He looked at me with an astonishing smile as if he pitied me. He then said, "This is the second child, and the child upon whom you operated is our first born, bestowed upon us after 17 years of infertility. And after being granted that child, he was afflicted with the conditions that you've seen."

At hearing this, I couldn't control myself and my eyes filled with tears. I then involuntarily grabbed the man by the arm, and pulling him to my room, asked him about his wife: "Who is this wife of yours who after 17 years of infertility has this much patience with all the fatal conditions that afflict her first born?! Her heart cannot be barren! It must be fertile with Imaan! Do you know what he said? Listen carefully my dear brothers and sisters. He said, "I was married to this woman for 19 years and for all these years she has never missed the [late] night prayers except due to an authorized excuse. I have never witnessed her backbiting, gossiping, or lying. Whenever I leave home or return, she opens the door, supplicates for me, and receives me hospitably. And in everything she does, she demonstrates the utmost love, care, courtesy, and compassion." The man completed by saying, "Indeed, doctor, because of all the noble manners

and affection with which she treats me, I'm shy to lift up my eyes and look at her. So I said to him:

"And the likes of her truly deserve that from you."



"When she is a **daughter**, she opens a door of Jannah for her father. When she is a wife, she completes half of the Deen of her husband. When she is a **mother**, Jannah lies under her feet - If everyone knew the true status of a Muslim woman in Islam, even the men would want to be women."

[Shiekh Akram Nadawi]

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ALLAH says: And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient; Who, when calamity strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to ALLAH, and indeed to HIM we will return." Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided. (Surah Al-Baqarah 155-157)

Umm Salamah (the wife of the Prophet) said: I heard the Messenger of ALLAH (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) saying: "There is no Muslim who is stricken by a calamity and says what ALLAH has commanded him – 'Indeed we belong to ALLAH, and indeed

to Him we will return; O ALLAH, reward me for my affliction and compensate me with that which is better' – except that ALLAH will grant him something better in exchange." When Abu Salamah [her former husband] passed away, I said to myself: "What Muslim is better than Abu Salamah?" I then said the words, and ALLAH gave me the Messenger of ALLAH (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) in exchange. (Sahih Muslim Sharief)

~The only lasting beauty is the beauty of the heart. Bilal Khandwalla @whatsapp

FAVOURS OF WIVES— LEST WE FORGET!

Says Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam: "The best amongst you are those who are kindest to their wives."

It is worth pondering the immense goodness which our wives possess. Long before the dawn of Ramadhaan, they are worried and concerned about preparations for Ramadhaan.

Comes Ramadhaan, they, out of love for their husbands and children, prepare various dishes and

delicacies. Tired, thirsty and hungry as they may be, day after day we will find them frying, cooking, baking, and preparing the choicest of meals. Yet, when they happen to annoy the husband, he rages like a crazy lion and vents his anger like a Jinn on drugs. He forgets all the favours and enjoys increasing her misery!

Says Allah Ta'aala: "And if you are dissatisfied with them, then it is possible that you are dissatisfied with something whereas Allah has placed immense (worldly or Deeni) benefit therein."

The Cry of a Wife!

O, my husband, I married you in the name of Allah, Most High. I departed from the home of my parents who reared me with utmost affection and care. In trust they handed me over to you. Henceforth you would be my provider, my comforter, my security and my protector. Until I got married, it was under the feet of my mother where Jannat lay. In the palms of my father's Duaas, was the Labayk of Allah, Most High. After marriage, it was you that Allah Ta'aala chose to be the door to Jannah. Thus, I was determined to be the most perfect wife any man could hope to have. O, my husband, even as I celebrate my good fortune, deep down in my heart I harbour a secret fear which couples share, so I heard. I trust in Allah that you do not misunderstand me in what I am about to confide in you. And no, my fears are not a product of my imagination. It is what I know of other couples whose marriages were ripped apart by dishonesty, insensitivity and cruelty. Some of those starry beady eyed new brides were about to undertake a journey into a worldly Jahannum. But, Insha-Allah, being careful of a few things I hope that our marriage will not head the same way as some of my friends.

1) Adultery: The new bride had hardly settled down, and the husband started his Zina campaign. O yes, he tried hard to cover his tracks. Working till late at night. Important business trip. Strange behaviour such as hiding his cell-phone. Eventually, like many others, he tripped over his own lies. First it was "Qassam it is nothing, You are imagining things." The poor bride really thought that she was sort of bonkers, until she managed to lay her hands on the cell phone and all the Zina messages came tumbling out. Of course yes, he was as mad as hell: one moment threatening violence, and then suddenly pleading for just one more chance. Simple as she was, she accepted him and cried with him. Perhaps it was her fault after all. Perhaps she was not trying hard enough to please him. But she understood that old habits die hard, especially when one has no Fear that Allah is Watching, of angels recording clandestine meetings, and of accountability on the Day of Qiyamah. And thus she spends much of her time in terror at the thought of her husband philandering around. Thankfully, for every moment of such terror Allah Ta'aala will impose upon him the terrors of Jahannum in the Aakhirah where a day of condemnation to Jahannum will equal fifty thousand years of this world.

2) In-Laws: This is the second issue, the fear of which grips my heart. Like many of my sisters, I, indeed acknowledge all the favours which parents favoured their sons with. Be rest assured, we have no intention of stealing you away from your parents. In fact, we enter into our new homes with hearts full of warmth and kindness for those who

raised our husbands and chose or approved of us being their wives. Observe how we readily and happily address them as "Mummy" and "Daddy". We crave their approval and cherish their praises. We offer our services and are willing to sacrifice in order to please them. We cook, bake, sow and entertain with relish.

Sadly, after a little while, our favours are considered to be life-long contracts. The maid can take a day off, but, we are expected to be at the beck and call of "Mummy". To rub salt into the wounds, "Mummy's" married daughters will barge into the house, empty the Tupperwares of freshly baked biscuits, raid the fridge, fill some curry for the children who will be hungry when they return from school. In fact, "mummy" encourages them to go for a "nice holiday" and to "just leave the children by her." Such magnanimity! Such love! Such a wonderful mother!

The only problem is that "Mummy" was expecting us to do the looking after; Thus, we have to feed, brush the teeth, dress the children, be stressed out with their fights - whilst their parents are relaxing on some beach.

Sometimes, the intrusion in our married lives border insanity. We carry our unborn offspring with great difficulty for nine months in our bellies, we are the ones who gamble with death and give birth with great difficulty; yet "Mummy" insists she wants to name the baby and choose how we should raise our children!

Dare we complain and we are belittled and abused.

Of course, my husband, I will need your support at such a time. I trust that you are unlike those men who reserve their kindness for friends and keep their roars for their oppressed wives. The above are just two of many issues which are causing bitterness and heartbreak resulting in a shattered marriage. Whilst I conclude with a Du'aa in my heart that ours will be a marriage free from the above perils, I hope that you will never ever betray my trust.

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Fajr Salaah guarantees Allah's protection Sayyiduna Abu Dharr (Radiyallahu Anhu) reports that the Prophet of Allah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: *"Whoever prays the Fajr Salaah will be in the protection of Allah"* (Sahih Muslim, Hadith #: 657)

A Dull Day made Bright

Imran bin Hattaan was a very ugly man whose wife was extraordinarily beautiful. Once she stared at his face for some time and then expressed gratitude by saying: "Alhamdulillah." He asked in surprise: "What is all this about?" She replied: "I praised Allah Taâala because I hope that both of us will be ushered in to Jannah." He said: "On what basis do you say so?" She answered: "Because you are blessed with a wife as beautiful as myself, upon which you are grateful. Likewise I am married to a man like you, upon which I am exercising patience. Allah Taâala has promised Jannah for both - those who are grateful as well as those who adopt patience." (Tafseerul Kashaaf vol. 1, pg. 560) Lesson: A Happiness is really in contentment. Hence Rasulullah (sallallahu âalaihi wasallam) has said: "Verily the true wealth is the wealth of the heart." A content person focuses on the reality - the Hereafter. As a result, the temporary difficulties of this world do not lead to depression and frustration. By focusing solely on this world, the smallest problem also becomes magnified. By focusing on the Hereafter, major challenges also become small issues.

Bibi Fatimah

Once upon a time there existed a society that possessed true values. Among them lived the Queen of Jannah, the most beloved daughter of Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam), Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha). Like the rest of the society of that era, she too possessed all the great qualities of taqwa, humility, generosity, forgiveness, sabr, tolerance and all the jewels and adornments of the heart. Among these spectacular qualities was the priceless pearl of hayaa (modesty/shame). Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha) was an embodiment of hayaa. The following incident highlights the level of hayaa that she possessed.

BEST FOR A WOMAN

Once Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) asked the Sahaaba (radiyallahu anhum): "What is the best quality of a woman?" Since the question pertained to women, the Sahaaba (radhiyallaahu anhum) remained silent and did not give any answer. Later Hazrath Ali (radhiyallaahu anhu) came home and posed the same question that Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) had asked them to his wife Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha). She spontaneously replied: "Why did you not reply (that the best quality of a woman) is that she does not see any (non-mahram) men and no (non-mahram) male gets to see her" (non-mahram refers to one with them whom marriage is not forbidden. This includes cousins, brother-in-laws, etc). Hazrath Ali (radhiyallaahu anhu) relayed her reply to Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam), upon which he replied

in great joy: "Fatimah is a part of me (hence she gave such a wonderful and perfect reply!!!)"

Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha) regarded hayaa (modesty/shame) as among the most valuable and precious possession of a woman. She could not tolerate anything that will compromise hayaa. Hence she could not imagine anything better for a woman than to ensure that no non-mahram ever sets his eyes on her, nor should she ever see a nonmahram, as both these aspects will tarnish and affect the hayaa of a woman. If this is the effect of merely being seen by a non-mahram, one can easily understand the extent to which hayaa will deteriorate or even be destroyed in freely associating and inter mingling with non-mahrams!!!

Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha) lived with this priceless jewel of hayaa and passed away with it. During her last illness she was suddenly gripped by a great worry. It worried her that after a deceased person is washed and then fully wrapped in the kafn (shroud), some aspects of the body can still be perceived despite the shroud, such as one's height, how healthy or thin a person is, etc. It tormented her that these aspects of her physical self may be perceived by those who will perform her janazah salaah and bury her. She expressed this fear to Hazrath Asma bint Umais (radhiyallaahu anha), the wife of Hazrath Abu Bakr (radhiyallaahu anhu). Hazrath Asma bint Umais (radhiyallaahu anha) suggested that a little wooden "frame" be placed over her janazah and a cloth be draped over it so that the mayvit under the "frame" will be completely concealed. Hazrath Asma (radhiyallaahu anha) then asked for some sticks and made a sample of the structure. Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha) became very pleased upon this. In the six months that she lived since the demise of Rasulullah (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam), this was the only occasion she smiled. She was overjoyed that her very high level of hayaa will not be compromised even after death.

DAY OF QIYAAMAH

Those women who wish to stand alongside Sayyidah Fatimah (radhiyallaahu anha) on the day of Qiyaamah and hope to receive her intercession should reflect on their dressing and consciousness of the laws of hijaab. They should endeavour to walk in the footsteps of the Queen of Jannah. Insha Allah they too will then enter Jannah with her.

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Matter of grave concern!

On the authority of Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) who said that the Messenger of Allah sallallaahu alaihi wasallam said "I will not be a witness for two types of people who are destined for the Hell-fire: People with whips like the tails of cows, who beat the people (i.e., tyrannical rulers who are the enemies of their own people), and women who although clothed, are yet naked, seducing and being seduced, their hair styled like the tilted humps of camels. These will not enter the Garden nor its fragrance even reach them, although its fragrance reaches a very great distance." Reported by Muslim.

Thus, the display of women's attractions is a cause for incurring Allah's curse. This display may take various forms like exposing the ornament such as gold and pearls from under the head-covering, wearing revealing clothes, using of fragrant perfumes, etc. unfortunately, most of women today are accustomed to these immoral fashions.

"Allah curses women who wear false hair or arrange it for others, who tattoo or have themselves tattooed, who separate their front teeth for beauty, altering what Allah has created." Reported by 1bn Hibban

Exercising patience with one's wife

Hazrat Thaanwi (Rahmatullahi Alaihi) mentions:

Once, there was a pious person whose wife used to harass him a lot. It reached such a point that people noticed the inconvenience she was putting him through. Some concerned people even suggested to him that he should divorce her. He replied, "I also considered that option. However, when I had given it a moment of thought it occurred to me that if perhaps after divorcing her, she does not remarry; will this not be a means of inconvenience to her? If perchance she does remarry, then she may harass the second husband in the manner I am being treated. Hence, I decided to endure this difficulty and safeguard another Muslim from difficulty and inconvenience. As long as I am alive, why should I cause inconvenience to my wife or be the means for another Muslim undergoing unnecessary difficulty? (Jawaahir Paare)

وعن عبد الله بن عمرو رضي الله عنه قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : الراحمون يرحمهم الرحمن ارحموا من في الأرض يرحمكم من في السماء (الترمذي رقم ١٩٢٤)

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Amr (Radhiallahu Anhu) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: "Those who show compassion and mercy towards the creation, the all merciful Creator will shower His mercy upon them. Hence show mercy to those on Earth, so that the One in the sky may show mercy to you."

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In the light of Shari'ah

The Four Raka'ah Sunnah, before Jumu'ah Salaah

The performance of the four *Raka'ah* before *Jumu'ah Salaah* is *Sunnah*. According to Imaam Abu Hanifah (r), the four *Raka'ah* are *Sunnah Muakkadah*. In regards to this discussion, Shaikhul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah and Hafiz Ibn Qayyim Jawzi have presented a question, that the first *Adhaan*, which is given before Jumu'ah *Salaah* was established in the era of Uthman (ra), and was not in the time of Rasulullah (sallallahualaihi-wa-sallam) but the *Adhaan*, which was called next to the pulpit, in front of the *Khateeb*, was that one *Adhaan*. So what time were four *Raka'ah* performed before *Jumu'ah Salaah*? The answer to this is that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) and the *Sahaabah* made it a habit to come early to the Masjid and perform these four *Raka'ah* with devotion, as established through the *Sahih Ahaadith*.

The performance of these four *Raka'ah*, are not dependent on any *Adhaan*, but rather the four *Raka'ah* were made habitual after the *zawaal*, before the *Khutbah*. Then, in the era of Uthman (ra), these four *Raka'ah* were performed after the first *Adhaan*.

Narrations of the Four Raka'ah before the Jumu'ah Salaah

It has been narrated from Abdur Raz`zaaq from Thawri from `Ataa bin Saa`ib from Abu Abdur Rahman (r) that Sulami (ra) that he said, "Abdullah bin Mas'ood (ra) used to command us to pray four (*Raka'ah*), before *Jumu'ah Salaah* and four (*Raka'ah*) after it." (*Musannaf Abdur Raz*`zaaq 3/248 no. 5525, *I`laa us Sunnan Beirut* no. 1716

It has been narrated from Abdur Raz`zaaq from Mu`amur from Qataadah (r) that Ibn Mas`ood (ra) used to perform four *Raka'ah* before *Jumu'ah Salaah* and four *Raka'ah* after it. (*Musannaf Abdur Raz`zaaq* 3/247 no. 5524)

It has been narrated from Abdullah Ibn Umar (ra) that he used to pray four (*Raka'ah*) before Jumu'ah Salaah, not creating a separation between them with salaam, then, two *Raka'ah*, then four (*Raka'ah*) (after Jumu'ah Salaah). (*Tahaawi Shareef* 1/435 no. 1919)

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It has been narrated from Ibrahim (r) that Abdullah Ibn Mas`ood (ra) used to pray four (*Raka'ah*) before *Jumu'ah Salaah* and four (*Raka'ah*) after it, not creating a separation between them with *Salaam*." (*Tahaawi Shareef* 1/436 no. 1925)

Ibn Fudhail (r) narrates from Haneef from Abi Albeedah from Abdullah (r) that he used to performed four (*Raka'ah*) before Jumu'ah Salaah. (*Musannaf* Ibn Abi Shaibah 4/114 no. 5402)

٦) روي عن عبد الله بن مسعود أنه كان يصلي قبل الجمعة أربعا وبعدها أربعا. (ترمذي ١/١١٧–١١٨)

It has been narrated from Abdullah Ibn Mas`ood (ra) that he used to pray four (*Raka'ah*) before Jumu'ah Salaah, and four (*Raka'ah*) after it."(*Tirmidhi* 1/117-118)

Now, as support, we will present some *Marfoo''* narrations in which *Muhadditheen* have criticized the chains of narrators, but due to various narrations, they have gained strength

It has been narrated from Abdullah (ra) regarding Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), "Verily he used to pray four (*Raka'ah*) before Jumu'ah Salaah and four (*Raka'ah*) after it."(*Al Mu`jamul Awsat* 4/568 page 3971, *Al Mu`jamul Awsat* 3/91 no. 3959)

It has been narrated from Ali (ra) that he said, "Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) used to pray four (*Raka'ah*), before Jumu'ah and four (*Raka'ah*) after it and he performed salaam at the end of them." (*Al Mu`jamul Awsat* 1/440 page 1617, *I`laa us Sunan* 7/10 *Beirut* 7/15 no. 1762)

It has been narrated from Ibn Abbas (ra) that he said, "Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) used to pray four *Raka'ah* before *Jumu'ah* not creating any separation at all between." (*Ibn Majah* page 970 new page 1129, *Al Mu`jamul Kabeer* 12/101 no. 12674)

It has been narrated by Ibn Najaar from Abu Hurairah (ra) (as a *Marfoo'' hadith*), "Whoever wants to perform *Salaah*, so he should pray four (*Raka'ah*), before it and four (*Raka'ah*) after it." (*I'laa us Sunan Bayroot* 7/14, *Kanzul A`maal, Beirut* 7/308 no. 21221)

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من كان مصليا ، فليصل قبل الجمعة أربعا ، وبعدها أربعا : عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه ، قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم "Abu Hurairah (radiyallaahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said: Whoever intends to perform salat, then he should perform four rakats salat **before the jummu'ah** salat and four rakats after jummu'ah salat".(Sharh Mushkil Al-Aathaar,#4108, vol 10, pg 298,

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The Evidence of Folding the Hands below the Navel from Ahaadith

There are many Ahaadith regarding folding the hands below the navel. We will present seven below:

1. The narration of Waa'il bin Hujr (RA):

Muassasah Al-Risalah)

Waa'il bin Hujr (RA) says, "I saw Nabi (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) putting his right hand on his left hand below the navel in *Salaah*." (all narrators of this chain are reliable) (Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaibah 1/390)¹

2. The narration of Ali bin Abi Taalib (RA):

Ali (RA) says, "From the *Sunnah* of *Salaah* is that the hands are placed one above the other, below the navel. (Musnad Imaam Ahmad 1/110 Hadith #875, *Sunan Darqutni* 1/289, Hadith #1089, *Musannaf ibn abi Shaibah* 1/390, 3/324 Hadith #3966.)

3. The narration of Nu'man bin Sa'd (RA)

Nu'man bin Sa'd narrates that Ali (RA) used to say, "Verily, placing the the right hand upon the left below the navel is from the *Sunnah* of *Salaah*. (*Sunan Darqutni* 1/289, Hadith #190)

4. The narration of Abu Hurairah (RA)

Abu Hurairah (RA) says, "Placing the hands above the hands in *Salaah* should be below the navel." (I'laa us Sunan 2182, sunanul- Kubra of Baihaqi 2/819, Hadith #239. Tuhfatul Ah'wazy 2/78 Al- Muhalla bil Athaar 3/30)

5. The narration of Abu Hurairah (RA)

عن ابي هريرة (رضى الله عنه) قال "وضع الكف على الكف في الصلاة تحت السرة" (المحلى بالاثار)

Abu Hurairah (RA) says, "The placing of one hand on another hand in *Salaah* should be below the navel". (*Al-Muhalla- Bilaathar* 3/30 under *the Mas'alah* of 448)

6. The narration of Anas bin Maalik (RA) عن انس (رضى الله عنه) قال "ثلاث من اخلاق النبوة تعجيل الافطار ، تأخير السحور ، و وضع اليد اليمنى على اليسرى فى الصلاة تحت السرة" (المحلى بالاثار ، معارف السنن ، تحفة الاحوذى)

Anas (RA) narrated that, "There are three characteristics of Prophethood, (a) hastening to break the fast, (b) delaying to eat *suhoor*^{II}, and (c) putting the right hand on the left hand below the navel in *Salaah*." (Al Muhalla bil Athaar 3/30, Ma'arifu- Sunan 3/444, Tuhfatul- Ahwazi 2/89)

7. The Athar of Ibraheem Nakh'ee (R)

عن ابراهيم النخعي (رحمه الله) قال "يضع يمينه على شماله في الصلاة تحت السرة" (مصنف ابن ابي شيبة)

Ibrahim Nakh'ee (R) said, "The right hand should be placed on the left hand below the navel in *Salaah*". (Musannaf bin Abi Shaibah 1/290. 3/322 *Hadith* # 3460)

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Misunderstanding with regards to du'aa

Among classical scholars, it has been considered a Sunnah, that when a person makes du'a, then at the completion of the du'a, one should wipe his hands over his face.

Recently there has been an increasing tendency of many "enlighten" people to attack and consider this practice as bid'ah. It is tragic how Sunnah has become bid'ah and bid'ah has become Sunnah.

Omar ibn Khattaab radhi Allaho anho has narrated that "whenever Rasoolullah sallallaho alaihe wasallam would raise his hands in Du'aa, he would not lower them until he had rubbed his face with them. (Reported in Tirmidhi and he has classified it as "saheeh").

-كانَ النَّبِيُّ صلَّى اللَّهُ عليهِ وسلَّمَ إذا رفَعَ يديهِ في الدُّعاءِ لم يحطَّهُما حتَّى يمسحَ بِهما وجهَهُ. الراوي: عمر بن الخطاب المحدث: عبد الحق الإشبيلي المصدر : الأحكام الصغرى - الصفحة أو الرقم: ٨٩٩ خلاصة حكم المحدث: [أشار في المقدمة أنه صحيح الإسناد[

Reported by Umar ibn Khattaab radhi Allaho anho as above in "Ahkaam ul Sughra". Muhaddith Abdul Haq Al Ishbeeli has hinted it to be saheeh in the muqaddimah (the Fore note).

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As above reported by Umar Ibn Khattaab radhi Allaho anho and considered to be "Hasan" by ibn Hajar Asqalaani rahimahullaah.

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Reported by Abdullah ibn Umar radhi Allaho

anhumaa that "When Rasoolullah sallallaho alaihe wasallam would raise his hands in du'aa he would not lower them until he had rubbed them on his face."

Reported by Ibn Humaat Al Damishqi in "Al Tankeet wal Ifaadah". He has concluded that this Hadeeth is not lower than Hasan (as it is reported through many chains), even though individual chains might be weak.

Q. I want to ask: is it allowed (permitted) to listen to the music, which is performed by the musical instruments? And please tell me – is it a big sin (kabair) to listen such music?

A. The Fuqaha (Jurists) have ruled that all types of music are prohibited; be it produced digitally, by the agency of musical instruments or by any part of the body (hands mouth, throat etc.). The underlining factor here is that music is prohibited regardless of how it is produced.

Sayyiduna Anas (Radiyallahu Anhu) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: "There will be people from my Ummah who will attempt to legalize fornication, the wearing of silk (for males), the consuming of wine and the use of musical instruments" (Al-Jaamius Sagheer - Pg. 139)

Yazeed ibnul Waleed (Rahimahullah) said, "Abstain from music for it robs a person of modesty, increases the carnal desires, leaves a person devoid of morals and has a similar effect to that of liquor. In fact, it is more harmful than liquor. If ever you have to listen to music, then be sure to stay away from the opposite sex for it incites one to commit Zina (adultery)". (Rouhul Ma'ani)

Imam Dahhaak (Rahimahullah) said, "Music brings about a loss in wealth, makes the lord (Allah) angry and corrupts the heart" (Rouhul Ma'ani)

It has been recorded that Imam Qaasim bin Muhammed (Rahimahullah) was once asked about Music. He replied, "I prohibit you from it and I do not wish you to soil yourself in it" The questioner asked, "Is it Haraam?" Qaasim replied, "Look, Allah has placed all things into two categories, one is Haqq (truth and good) and the other is Baatil (falsehood and evil). Under which category do you think Allah has placed music?" (Rouhul Ma'ani)

It is recorded by Bayhaqi that Allah has cursed the person who sings and the one who listens to music. (Rouhul Ma'ani).

Sayyiduna ibn Mas'ood (Radiallahu Anhu) said, "Music causes Nifaaq (hypocrisy) in the heart like how water nourishes a plant" (Rouhul Ma'ani)

The gravity of the sin of listening to music becomes evident from the above mentioned quotations. Listening to music is from the Kaba'ir (major sins).

And Allah Knows Best

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Q. I am currently working in the Insurance Industry. Islamically I do 'not know if this is a correct way of earning my Rozi. If I am correct then my question will be of no relevance but I will ask anyway.

I am contemplating becoming an Insurance Broker. Would that be acceptable in our Deen?

A. We appreciate your question and make Dua that Allah guides you towards a suitable career and grants you a permissible and suitable job. Amin.

Insurance is Haraam due to it involving Riba (interest) and Gharar (uncertainty). It is not permissible for a Muslim to be an insurance broker.

Mufti Suhail Tarmahomed

Nasihah (Advice): Sayyiduna Hasan bin Ali (Radiyallahu Anhu) reports that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: "Discard that which is doubtful and choose that which is free from doubt" (Tirmizi, Hadith #: 2518)

Q. *i* wish to purchase a vehicle but i don't have the money to pay it immediately. my brother has offered to purchase the vehicle add a profit onto it & resell it to me over a set period of time. Will this transaction be ok?

A. It will be permissible for your brother to add a markup on the vehicle and sell it to you in installments on condition that:

a) Your brother purchases the vehicle and takes possession of it as his own vehicle.

b) He bears all risks associated with the vehicle whilst he is the owner of it.

c) It is not made a precondition that you have to purchase the vehicle from your brother upon him purchasing it.

d) The price is fixed at the time of him selling the vehicle to you.

And Allah Knows Best

Mufti Suhail Tarmahomed

Walking with the Janaza

Question: Is there any authentic Hadeeth from the books of Hadeeth about:

1. The forty steps for each person to carry the Janazah?

2. When throwing the first handful one should say "Of this we created you", and on the second one should say, "And to it shall we cause you to return," and on the third handful one should say, "And of it we shall cause you to be resurrected a second time".

Answer: 1. The Fuqahaa (Jurists) have mentioned that is Mustahab (preferable) for one carrying the Janazah to take ten steps on each side of the Janazah.[1]

Rasullullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) said:

من حمل جنازة أربعين خطوة كفرت عنه أربعين كبيرة

"He who carries the Janazah for forty steps, forty of his major sins will be wiped out" (Sunan Ibn Majah)

2. The Fuqahaa have stated that it is Mustahab for one to throw three handfuls into the grave at the head side of the deceased. One should recite the following Du'aas upon each handful [2]:

1. First handful: منها خلقناكم

Translation: "We have created you from the Earth"

و فيها نعيدكم :Second handful

Translation: "And we shall return you back to the Earth" 3. Third handful: و منها نخرجکم تارة أخري

Translation: "And we shall resurrect you from the Earth for a second time"

When offering sand in the Qabr, one should reflect and ponder over one's **eventual ending** while reciting these Du'aas. One should contemplate that just as his fellow Muslim has passed away, **one day he too shall also taste death.**

Hadhrat Abu Umamah al-Bahily (Radhiyallahu Anhu) narrates that:

لما وضعت أم كلثوم بنت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم في القبر قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وسلم: (منها خلقنا كم، وفيها نعيدكم، ومنها تخريجكم تارة أخرى

"When Umme Kulthoom, the daughter of Rasullullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) was placed in the grave, Rasulullah (Sallallahu Wa Sallam said: "منها خلقنا كم، وفيها"

(Musnad Ahmed, 5/254)نعيدكم، ومنها تخريجكم تارة أخرى

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٩ و في شرح المنية: و يستحب أن يحملها من كل جانب أربعين خطوة للحديث المذكور رواه ابو بكر النجار (رد المحتار، ج ٢٣٩، ج ٢، ايج ايم سعيد)
 و ينبغي أن يحمل من كل جانب عشر خطوات لما روي في الحديث " من حمل جنازة أربعين خطوة، كفرت أربعين كبيرة (بدائع الصنائع، ج ٢، ص ٢٤، رشيدية)
 و هكذا في البحر (ج ٢، ص ٣٣٨، رشيدية) فتاوي محموديه، ج ٩، ص ٢٤، رشيدية)
 فاروقية امداد الفتاوي، ج ١، ص٢٥٩، كراتشي فتاوي محموديه، ج ٩، ص ٢٤، رشيدية)
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 ما في ابن ماجة عن أبي هريرية أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم صلى على جنازة, ما تي القبر فحثى عليه من قبل رأسه ثلاثاً. شرح المنية.قال في الجوهرة: ويقول في أخلية الأولى: منها خلقناكم, وفي الثانية: وفيها نعيدكم وفي الثالثة: ومنها نخرجكم ماتي أنجري (رد المحتار، ج ٢، ص ٢٢٢) ايج أبي مسعيد)
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A man once came to al-Hasan al-Basri and complained to him: "The sky does not shower us with rain." He replied: "Seek Allah's forgiveness (i.e. say (أستخفر أش. (أستخفر أش)." Then another person came to him and said, "I complain of poverty." He replied: "Seek Allah's forgiveness." Then another person came to him and complained, "My wife is barren; she cannot bear children." He replied: "Seek Allah's forgiveness." The people who were present, said to al-Hasan: "Everytime a person came to you complaining, you instructed them to seek Allah's forgiveness?" Al-Hasan al-Basri said, "Have you not read the statement of Allah? I said "Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving. He will send rain to you in abundance; increase you in wealth and children; grant you gardens and bestow on you rivers."!" [Nuh (71):10-12] There are two things in the earth that give a person safety and security from the punishment of Allah. The first has been removed, whilst the second still remains. As for the first, it was the Messenger of Allah (Allah. The first has been removed, whilst the second still remains. As for the first, it was the Messenger of Allah (allah): (Allah would not punish them while you were among them." [al-Anfal (8):33] As for the second, it is istighfar. "Allah would not punish them as long as they sought forgiveness." [al-Anfal (8):33] ... Do not ever leave istighfar!

At the Majlisul Ma'arif....

Alhamdulillaah the centre is in full swing. At the start of this annual year 2013/2014 the number of total students was 633. All the students are boarders.

Alhamdulillaah, the construction of the residential flats for our Ustadhs is in full swing and near completion. Some of the Ustadhs have already moved in. This will inshaAllaah ease to some extent residential difficulties for our Ustadhs.

Breakdown of students graduating in this year's Graduation Day scheduled inshaAllaah for Sunday 15th June 2014 is as follows:

٠	Ubay bin Ka'b for Tahfeedh-ul-Qur'an	47
٠	Ma'had-ul-iimy for Islamic Sciences to Secondary Level (<i>Thanawiyyah</i>)	19
٠	Darul Arqam for New Reverts to Islam (<i>New Muslims</i>)	135
٠	Imam Course	48
٠	Basic Computer Training	23
٠	Tailoring	12
٠	Arabic Language Course	15



The new addition – The newly constructed residential quarters for our Ustadhs

A Cute Letter from a newly married girl to her mother

Dear mom,

Like every normal girl, I was excited about marriage right from my childhood days. I never thought beyond the time that I would spend happily with my prince charming.

But today when I am married, I realize that marriage is not all roses. It's not just about being with your beloved and having a gala time. There is so much more to it. It comes with its own share of responsibilities, duties, sacrifices and compromises.

I can't wake up anytime I want to.

I am expected to be up and ready before everyone else in the family.

I can't laze around in my pyjamas throughout the day.

I am expected to be presentable every time.

I can't just go out anytime I want to.

I am expected to be sensitive to the needs of the family.

I just can't hit the bed anytime I want to.

I am expected to be active and around the family.

I can't expect to be treated like a princess but am supposed to take care of everyone else in the family.

And then I think to myself, 'why did I get married at all?' I was happier with you, mom. Sometimes I think of coming back to you and getting pampered again.

I want to come home to my favourite food cooked by you every evening after a nice outing with friends. I want to sleep on your laps like I have no worry in this world. But then I suddenly realize, had you not got married and made such sacrifices in your life, I wouldn't have had so many wonderful memories to hang on to. And suddenly, the purpose of all this becomes clear- to return the same comfort, peace and happiness to my new family that I got from you. And I am sure that as time would pass, I would start loving this life equally as you do. Thank you mom for all the sacrifices and compromises you made. They give me the strength to do the same. Love you. It's an excellent letter for all daughters.

whatsapp — Mrs R M B Mithwani

A DAD'S SPEECH AT HIS DAUGHTER'S WEDDING

I thought I would start my speech by addressing you as the "new" family of my daughter. But I think it would be inappropriate because now that she is married, you are "the family" for her. Believe me; I don't have a problem with that. I, in fact, want my daughter to have "you" as her priority now. Its time for us to take a backseat in her life. We would happily accept it but would surely request one thing – *please keep her happy!*

I am more than sure that you will keep her very happy. She will perhaps be happier than what she used to be here. But like all fathers, I obsess over my daughter's happiness which is making me say this over and over again – *please keep her happy!*

She never was and will never be a burden for me. She is in fact the reason why I breathe and smile. I am getting her married because this is what the law of nature demands. I am helpless in the face of our culture and therefore sending her to your home. She was the happiness of my home and will now light up your home. I am giving my world to you.
Please make sure it remains beautiful. I am giving away my princess to you. Please make sure she stays as a queen. I have raised her with my sweat and blood and now she is wonderfully perfect. For all the care, love, beauty and warmth my daughter will bring into your lives, I just want her happiness in return — *please keep her happy!*

If at times you think that my daughter has said or done something wrong, feel free to scold her. But handle her with love. She is very fragile. If at times she feels low, be with her. She just needs a little bit of your attention. If at times she feels sick, show her some care. It's the medicine that works best for her. If at times she fails to fulfill a responsibility, feel free to chastise her. But empathize with her. She is still learning. Do understand her — *please keep her happy*!

I don't mind if I don't get to see her for months. I don't mind if I am not able to talk to her on a daily basis. I would be more than happy if she doesn't remember me much. But, my only motive in life has been my daughter's happiness which is now in your hands. I beg you, please keep her happy.

Dear son-in-law, these words may not mean much to you now but if you are lucky enough to father a daughter someday, you will appreciate them better when you will find every beat of your heart shouting – "please keep her happy"!

When a girl gets married, she steps out of her own heaven and enters into a world full of uncertainties just to keep a family running and lives blooming. For this great sacrifice of hers, even the heavenly angels request just one thing –

"please keep her happy"

'whatsapp' – Mrs. H. M Rafiq Bachelani





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