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Introduction

The following book will discuss an important branch of Noble Character namely, trust in Allah, the Exalted.

According to the Hadith found in Jami At Tirmidhi, number 2003, the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, has advised that the heaviest thing in the Scales of Judgment Day will be Noble Character. It is one of qualities of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, which Allah, the Exalted, complimented in Chapter 68 Al Qalam, Verse 4 of the Holy Quran:

“And indeed, you are of a great moral character.”

Therefore, it is a duty on all Muslims to gain and act on the teachings of the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, in order to Achieve Noble Character.

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Those who trust in Allah, the Exalted, not only show gratitude when the outcome of a situation fits their desire but they also show patience when the result is not what they desired. They always remember that the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, advised in a Hadith found in Sahih Muslim, number 7500, that a believer is blessed irrespective of the outcome. If something good happens they demonstrate gratitude to Allah, the Exalted, by using the blessings they possess in ways pleasing to Allah, the Exalted. If something which contradicts their desires occurs they remain patient and in turn Allah, the Exalted, blesses them.

Unfortunately, many possess the opposite characteristics and believe that an outcome occurs because of their efforts. They fail to recognize that everything only occurs because of the will of Allah, the Exalted. For example, even if the entire creation came together to move a small pebble they could not achieve it until Allah, the Exalted, willed the pebble to move. This is closely related to a Hadith found in Jami At Tirmidhi, number 2516, where the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, advised that if the entire creation came together to harm someone they could not unless Allah, the Exalted, willed it. Similarly, if the entire creation came together to benefit them they could not unless Allah, the Exalted, willed it. This positive belief can only find a home in the hearts of those who do not question destiny. Instead they submit to the commands of Allah, the Exalted, and face destiny patiently.

When one fails to trust in Allah, the Exalted, they become paranoid regarding their destiny. For example, a person would refuse to spend the

night in a room where a corpse is kept. Even though, they fully believe that the corpse will not attack them but paranoia prevents them from doing this. This mentality is similar to the one adopted by those who do not trust in Allah, the Exalted. Muslims believe in Allah, the Exalted, His infinite and ultimate power yet because of this paranoia they fail to completely trust Allah, the Exalted, in their affairs. Instead they rely on their own efforts.

Paranoia can affect any person regardless of their faith. Because of the way the world was created this paranoia strikes during hardships more and therefore challenges the trust one has in Allah, the Exalted. It does not make them question their faith but instead questions their trust. The Devil uses paranoia to discourage performing voluntary good deeds by stating that if one leaves their work and spends their time performing righteous deeds then how will their work get completed. But the one who trusts remembers the Hadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, found in Sunan Ibn Majah, number 257, that when one concentrates on pleasing Allah, the Exalted, by preparing for the hereafter Allah, the Exalted, suffices them from all their worldly concerns.

A muslim's duty is to use their intelligence and physical strength which have been given to them by Allah, the Exalted, to strive in order to achieve success in both worldly and religious matters. But they must leave and accept the result and outcome of their efforts to Allah, the Exalted, knowing He only chooses what is best for His servants. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 216:

“...But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah knows, while you know not.”

One must struggle as this is the physical tradition of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and believing that the outcome is down to the choice of Allah, the Exalted, and relying on His wise choice is the inner state of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him.

Muslims possess faith but many lack certainty of faith which the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, adopted. Muslims nowadays have more trust in people than they do in Allah, the Exalted. For example, they will find peace of mind when a wealthy person promises to help them financially but fail to show even an ounce of this contentment even though Allah, the Exalted, has guaranteed provision for all creatures. Chapter 11 Hud, verse 6:

“And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in a clear register.”

Life for most of the modern day muslims is much better than the lifestyle of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, yet their faith was unfaltering.

The persecution the muslims face now is easier compared to what they faced yet, many muslims now so easily compromise on their faith and fail to live with certainty of faith. This causes them to lose trust in the mercy of Allah, the Exalted. Chapter 41 Fussilat, verse 30:

“Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allah" and then remained on a right course - the angels will descend upon them, [saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.”

This was the reason why a small number of Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, overcame superpowers and spread the word of Islam to all corners of the globe.

When muslims face difficulties they must review the lives of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, and trust that Allah, the Exalted, will help the believers as long as they sincerely obey Him by fulfilling His commands, refraining from His prohibitions and by facing destiny with patience. Chapter 30 Ar Rum, verse 47:

“...and incumbent upon Us was support¹ of the believers”

A lack of trust always encourages one to disobey Allah, the Exalted, and turn to the unlawful whenever times get hard. For example, one is encouraged to earn unlawful provision when they fail to obtain lawful provision. But trust in Allah, the Exalted, will always remind a muslim that Allah, the Exalted, guaranteed lawful provision for all. Chapter 11 Hud, verse 6:

“And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in a clear register.”

When one adopts trust in Allah, the Exalted, they reach a level that whenever they perform a good deed they place the outcome of the deed in the hands of Allah, the Exalted. They understand that their duty is to struggle in this world but the outcome always lies with Allah, the Exalted. One should not give up struggling and claim they trust Allah, the Exalted, to provide for them without any effort. When the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, was asked in a Hadith found in Jami At Tirmidhi, number 2517, by a Companion, may Allah be pleased with him, whether he should tie his camel up to prevent it from wondering off or should he instead have trust Allah, the Exalted, will take care of it. The Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, advised him to tie the camel up and trust Allah the Exalted, will protect it. In most cases, both aspects need to be addressed in order to achieve true success.

Even though wealth is more abundant now it is absent of grace and never seems enough. This is because muslims have stopped placing their trust in Allah, the Exalted, and instead have placed it with the

material world. When one adopts this mentality then it opens the door of sins. For example, if one fails to trust the countless verses of the Holy Quran and Hadiths that guarantee their sustenance they turn towards the unlawful in order to earn it. The Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, has advised in a Hadith found in Jami At Tirmidhi, number 2344, that if one possessed full trust in Allah, the Exalted, they would be provided provision like birds that leave their nests in the morning with an empty stomach and return in the evening satiated. Another Hadith found in Sahih Muslim, number 6748, advises that the provision for all of creation was appointed over 50,000 years before the creation of the Heavens and the Earth. This will not change irrespective of one's greed.

A lack of trust in Allah, the Exalted, can cause one to live life on the edge. These muslims live in such a way that when they are blessed with good fortune they are very pleased. But the moment a trials affect them they become angered and turn away from Allah, the Exalted. They are heedless of the promise that everyone will be tested one way or another but if one overcomes these obstacles with trust and patience then they will be rewarded immensely. These misguided people are cursed in this world and in the next unless they sincerely repent. Chapter 22 Al Hajj, verse 11:

“And of the people is he who worships Allah on an edge. If he is touched by good, he is reassured by it; but if he is struck by trial, he turns on his face [to unbelief]. He has lost [this] world and the Hereafter. That is what is the manifest loss.”

When Allah, the Exalted, has made it clear in the following verse that everything including life, provision and death are in His hands then why do people stress, turn to others and journey down the avenues of the unlawful in order to gain the material world? Why do some perform righteous deeds for the sake of people and the material world instead of doing them for the pleasure of the One who has power over everything? Why do some humble themselves to the creation in order to gain wealth, authority and worldly respect when all these things are under the control of Allah, the Exalted? Some muslims place more hope in people with regards to their provision and help rather than placing hope in Allah, the Exalted, who provides for all from the tiny creatures that are hidden from sight to the largest animals found in the oceans. Chapter 30 Ar Rum, verse 40:

“Allah is the one who created you, then provided for you, then will cause you to die, and then will give you life. Are there any of your "partners" who does anything of that?...”

Allah, the Exalted, created the universe, in such a way that a person must struggle and then place trust in Allah, the Exalted, regarding the outcome. For example, a person cannot close their eyes and claim Allah, the Exalted, does not give them the power to see. Allah, the Exalted, has given the power to see but a person must struggle by opening their eyelids. The struggle comes from the person but they should trust Allah, the Exalted, for the outcome such as seeing in the example given.

Allah, the Exalted, has created the universe in such a way that the more a thing is required by the creation the more readily available it is. The

less one requires something the more effort is required to obtain it. Oxygen is so vital to human beings that without it they will only last a few minutes. Therefore, Allah, the Exalted, created the Earth in such a way that it is readily available and it has not been placed under the control of people. Water is required less but is still essential and without it a person will face death after a few days. Therefore, water is less available than oxygen and requires more struggle to obtain. Muslims must accept this system and act accordingly by struggling for things that benefit them but they must ultimately trust in the system of Allah, the Exalted.

Unfortunately, some have abandoned this important characteristic and instead have placed trust in their own strength and in others. This always drives muslims to avenues of the unlawful as their strength and the aid of others comes and goes. When people live like this then they honor others based on their usefulness. For example, they will show great respect to those who possess authority and wealth but treat their own elderly parents like rubbish as they have become useless in their eyes. They will humble themselves before worldly people and turn their backs on those who deserve respect. When one relies on the creation they will always, sooner or later, let them down as people are not perfect. But when one trusts Allah, the Exalted, and His total and absolute power and authority they will always remain within the laws of Islam.

As difficult as it may be to accept when Allah, the Exalted, decides to give something to someone the entire creation cannot prevent them from receiving it. Similarly, if Allah, the Exalted, decides a person will not receive something then the entire creation cannot grant that thing to them. This is confirmed in a Hadith found in Jami At Tirmidhi, number 2516. This is the reason one must rely on Allah, the Exalted, for everything after struggling for what is lawful and beneficial. Allah, the Exalted, is free from those who place their trust and hope in others.

Allah, the Exalted, reminds muslims in the following verse that if they desire the best and most powerful supporter then they must obey Him and trust He will fulfil His promise of granting them ultimate success. Chapter 31 Luqman, verse 22:

“And whoever submits his face [i.e., self] to Allah while he is a doer of good - then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold...”

Unfortunately, some trust banks, building societies and the government more than they trust, Allah, the Exalted. They place more faith in the promises made by them regarding their finance over what Allah, the Exalted, has guaranteed. For example, they place full faith in their promises to gain profit on their investments but remain heedless to the promise of a guaranteed profit when one donates charity for the pleasure of Allah, the Exalted. When muslims fall to this level then they run the risk of being excluded from the mercy of Allah, the Exalted. As advised by the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, in a Hadith found in Sahih Bukhari, number 7505, Allah, the Exalted, responds to people according to their perception of Him. In other words, if they place full trust in Him then He in turn showers them with uncountable reward and blessings. If they place their trust elsewhere then His mercy will turn away from them. This is one of the major reasons why muslims are suffering across the world. Trust in Allah, the Exalted, is a branch of faith. When one turns away from these branches then their faith can never be complete. It is important to remember that Allah, the Exalted, always does best for His servants. As advised in a Hadith found in Sahih Muslim, number 7500, every situation is blessed for a believer. Muslims must truly understand that the knowledge of Allah, the Exalted, is unlimited whereas theirs is limited

therefore He knows what is best for them. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 216:

“...But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you; and perhaps you love a thing and it is bad for you. And Allah knows, while you know not.”

A lack of trust will always encourage one to act as if they know better than Allah, the Exalted. They will then prefer to dictate what He should decree for them, which is clear misguidance. Successful muslims use the strength provided to them by Allah, the Exalted, to gain benefit and trust that Allah, the Exalted, will choose an outcome which is best for them.

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