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INTRODUCTION TO AKHLAAQ

Allaah ﷻ has created man in the best of forms and as the best of creation. He sent Nabee Muhammad ﷺ to perfect the character of mankind. In order to live as decent human beings, we need to have good manners regarding our own conduct and regarding other people. This is known as having good *Akhlaaq* / character. A person with good *Akhlaaq* is always clean, respectful, honest, and caring. He is loved by Allaah ﷻ and liked by people. People feel safe from the evil of his tongue and hands. He himself enjoys a peaceful life and he makes it possible for others to do the same. The difference between human beings and animals is that human beings lead their lives based on mercy and respect, while animals lead their lives based on power and strength. When people fail to bring good *Akhlaaq* in their lives, they become worse than animals.

Nabee Muhammad ﷺ had the best of character and was sent by Allaah ﷻ to teach us noble Character.

Quraan:

And verily You (O Muhammad ﷺ) will be exalted (standard of character) S. 68 V.4

Nabee ﷺ said that:

"I have been sent to perfect good character."

Muslim manners are derived from the teachings of Allaah ﷻ and His Nabee ﷺ. The noble character of Nabee ﷺ is based on the Qur'aan. If we follow, his example we will be following the Qur'aan. Nabee ﷺ has said that: *"Fear of Allaah and good manners will admit us into Jannah."*

Muslim manners do not change with time nor go out of fashion. Muslim manners are for everybody; the rich, poor, male, female, young and old. A Muslim's conduct must first touch those nearest to him, his family, and neighbours.

Knowledge

Knowledge helps us to understand our religion correctly. It prevents us from wrong beliefs and protects us from the control of Shaytaan. It is the duty of every male and female to seek knowledge. "He who goes out to learn, is in the path of Allaah, even the angels spread their wings out of honour for the student of deen." (Ahmad, Tirmizee) Knowledge is like light and ignorance is like darkness!

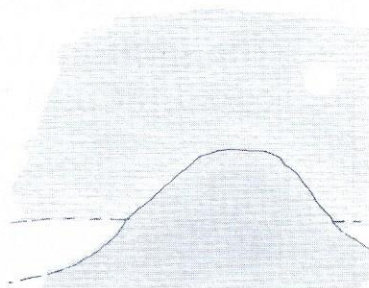
1. I learn so that Allaah becomes happy with me.
2. I learn so that I can become a better Muslim.
3. I learn so that I can understand my deen.
4. I learn so that I can defend my deen.
5. I learn so that I can protect myself from Shaytaan.
6. I learn so that I can spread Islaam.
7. I spend time in the company of the learned and pious people.
8. I spend time reading Islaamic books.
9. I listen to Islaamic lectures.
10. I am not shy to ask questions.

Three questions

There was once a man who was an enemy to Islaam. He had three famous questions that no person could answer. No Islaamic scholar in Baghdad could answer his three questions...thus he made fun of Islaam in public.



He constantly made fun of Islaam and the Muslims. One day a small boy, who was 10 years old, came along and heard the man yelling and screaming at Muslims in the street. He was challenging the people openly to answer the three questions. The boy stood quietly and watched. He then decided that he would challenge the man. He walked up and told the man, "I will accept your challenge".

The man laughed at the boy and made fun of the Muslims. Even more by saying, "A ten year old boy challenges me. Is this all you people have to offer!" But the boy patiently remained certain of his challenge. He would challenge the man, and with Allaah's help and guidance, he would put this to an end. The man finally accepted. The entire city



gathered around a hillock where open addresses were usually made. The disbeliever climbed to the top, and in aloud voice asked his first question. "What is your God doing right now?" The small boy thought for a little while and then told the man to climb down the hill and to allow him to go up in order to address the question. The man says "What? You want me to come down?" The boy says, "Yes. I need to reply, right?" The man made his way down and the little boy, made his way up. This little child's reply was "Oh Allaah Almighty! You be my witness in front of all these people. You have just made it so that a disbeliever be brought down to a low level, and that a Muslim be brought to a high level!" The crowd cheered and screamed "Allaah-hu-akbar!!!"

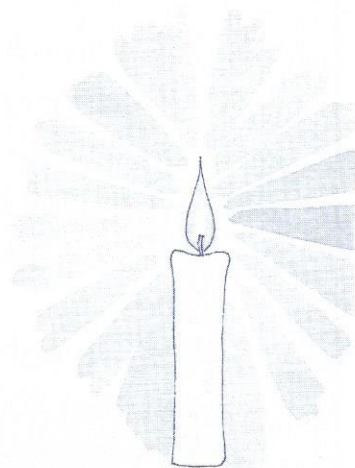
The man, was humiliated, but he boldly asked his second question "What existed before your God. The small child thought and thought. Then he asked the man to count backwards. "Count from 10 backwards." The man counted..."10, 9 ,8 , 7 , 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1,0" The boy asked, "What comes before 0? "The man: "I don't know...nothing." The boy:



"Exactly. Nothing was before Allaah, for He is and will be forever." The crowd cheered again, "Allaah-hu-akbar!!!!"

The man, now completely angry asked his final question, "In which direction is your Allaah facing? The boy thought and thought. He then asked for a candle. A candle was brought to him. The blessed child handed it to the man and asked him to light it. The man did so and remarked, "What is this supposed to prove?" The young boy asked, "In which direction is the light / nur from the candle going?" The man responded, "It is going in all directions." The boy: "You have answered your own question. Allaah's nur goes in all directions. He is everywhere.

There is no where that He cannot be found. "The crowd cheered "Allaah-hu-akbar!!!" The man was so impressed and so moved by the boy's knowledge and spirituality, that he embraced Islaam and became a mureed (student) of the young boy.



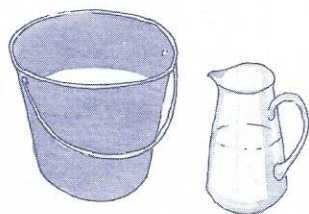
Helping the Needy

Muslims are not selfish people who only care for themselves. They give charity to the poor, and help those in need. They find happiness in helping someone in difficulty and always show care for the sick, aged and the poor. Nabee ﷺ has said: "Allaah will not show mercy to him who does not show mercy to others." (Bukharee)

1. We help the needy for the pleasure of Allaah.
2. We do not expect a favour in return for our help.
3. We do not remind people of our favours to them.
4. We hide the good we do and make known the good done to us.
5. We ask Allaah to reward us for our kindness.
6. We make dua for the poor and needy.
7. Allaah's mercy comes down because of the orphans, the poor, the weak, and the needy.
8. We do not only help when people come to our door, we also go out to look for the needy and poor.
9. We can help people in many different ways. We can help them with our money, our time, our knowledge, and our strength.

10. Allaah helps those who help their fellow brothers.

The Mysterious Helper



In the city of Madeenah there lived a poor, blind woman. She had no one to take care of her. Sayiddina Umar رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ used to fetch her water, sweep the floors and milk her goat.

During the time when Sayiddina Aboo Bakr رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ was khalifa, there was a change. Sayiddina Umar رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ would find that when he arrived at the house of the blind woman, the work he used to do, was already done!

One day, he decided to go earlier than usual, hide himself and see who the mysterious helper was. And who do you think this mysterious helper was? It was none other than the Khalifa himself.

Sayiddina Aboo Bakr رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ believed that the khalifa was not the ruler of the Muslims but rather their servant.

Care for Animals

Allaah تَعَالَى created animals for the benefit of man. Man has been given the power to control animals. He also has the responsibility to look after and care for them. Once Nabee صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw a camel, which was not fed by its master and had become very thin. He said: "Fear Allaah in respect of these animals who do not speak, ride them when they are in a good condition and get off them when they are tired". (Aboo Da' wood)

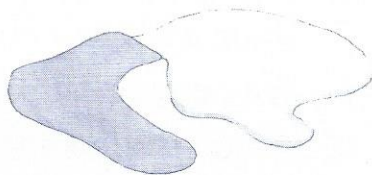
1. Animals are created for the benefit of mankind.
2. We have to protect and care for the surroundings of animals.
3. We do not destroy the surroundings of animals, by chopping down trees or polluting our rivers, seas, and land.
4. We slaughter an animal in a kind manner using a sharp knife.
5. We do not kill animals for sport or without a reason.
6. We do not overwork or flog our animals.



7. We are allowed to kill harmful animals, like snakes and scorpions.
8. We do not make animals fight against each other. Dog -fights and bull -fights are cruel sports.
9. We do not frighten or harm animals.
10. Animals are a sign of the might and power of Allaah.

The Thirsty Dog

A woman was once passing through a jungle. She began to feel very thirsty, so she went down a well to drink some water. When she came out, she saw a very thirsty dog licking the mud. The woman felt very sorry for the dog, but had nothing with which to draw water from the well. The only way to fetch water was to use her leather sock. She went down the well and filled her sock with water. As she came up, she held the socks filled with water in her mouth. She then gave the water to the dog to drink. Allaah تَعَالَى was pleased with this woman's deed and forgave her.



Kindness

A kind person is one who is generous, forgiving, merciful, and friendly. An unkind person is one who is selfish, cruel, and unfriendly. A kind person is loved by Allaah and loved by people, while an unkind person is far from Allaah taala and far from the hearts of people. Nabee صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "He who does not show kindness to our young, and does not respect our elders, is not one of us." (Tirmizee)

1. We show kindness to people of all colour.
2. We show kindness to people of all religions.
3. We show kindness to the young and old.
4. We show kindness to man and woman.
5. We show kindness to animals.
6. We are most kind to our parents, relatives, and neighbours.
7. We treat those who work for us with respect and kindness.
8. We do not bully, laugh at other people, or call them with bad nicknames.
9. We remove harmful objects from the road.
10. Allaah is kind and He loves kindness.

The Slave and the Hungry Dog

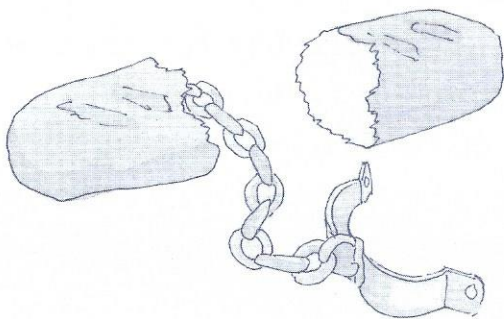
One day, Sayyidina Hasan رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was passing through a date garden. He noticed a slave sitting in a corner.

The slave was eating his bread. A hungry dog was sitting at a distance. The slave ate a piece of bread and threw a piece to the dog. In this way the bread was shared equally.

Sayyidina Hasan رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was curious. He said to the slave, "Why don't you drive the dog away?"

The slave looked up and said, "I feel ashamed to eat and drive the dog away."

Sayyidina Hasan رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was very pleased with the slave. He bought the slave and the garden. He set the slave free and gave the garden to him as a gift.

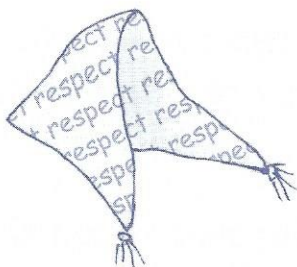
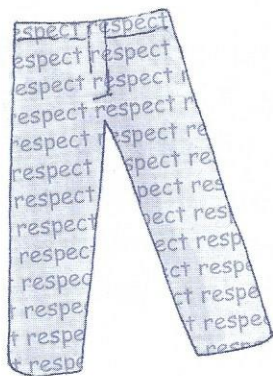
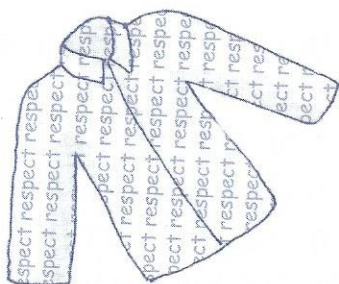


Respect

A respectful person is polite, well behaved, humble, and obedient. A disrespectful person is rude, disobedient, and stubborn. Nabee صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "No young man respects another person because of his age, except that Allaah ta'ala will appoint someone who will respect him when he is old." (Tirmizee) Respect is like clothing on your body. It beautifies your character and protects your honour.

1. We are always first to make salaam.
2. We allow our elders to enter first and if necessary, offer our seat to them.
3. We speak to our elders, teachers, and those who work for us with respect.
4. We do not address our elders or teachers by their first names.
5. We do not say anything that is disrespectful.
6. We do not laugh or make fun of our elders, teachers, or those who work for us.
7. We obey our elders in all that is lawful.
8. We do not obey them if they command us to do what is against the teachings of Islaam.

9. We are most respectful to our parents. We may not even say "Oof" to our parents.
10. If we respect our elders when we are young, people will respect us when we are old.



The Rude Prince

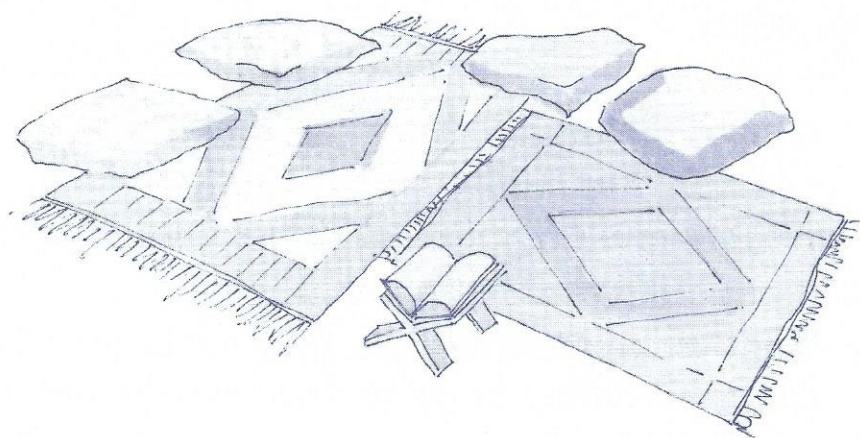
Maamun was the son of king Harun-Ar-Rashid. He was naughty and stubborn. He wanted to have things his own way. The servants in the palace grew tired of his rude behaviour. The boy was spoiled. Nobody could tell him anything.

A teacher arrived at the palace to teach prince Maamun. The teacher called for him but he was busy playing and making fun. The servants were sent again but he did not turn up. The servants complained, "The prince has no respect for anybody. We have no patience for his devilish actions.

Somehow the teacher managed to get the prince to come. The first thing the teacher did was to give him a good hiding.

Maamun did not expect this sudden and severe punishment. Out of respect for the teacher, he did not cry aloud but tears did flow from his eyes.




He did not complain to anybody, not even to his father, the king. When the teacher asked Maamun why he did not complain, Maamun said, "it was for my own good that you punished me."



Truthfulness

We need to be truthful in our words, deeds, and intentions. We need to be honest even when playing or joking. Nabee صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ cursed a person who speaks lies simply to make people laugh. He also said that: "When a person speaks lies, the angels go one mile away from him because of the bad smell that comes from him." (Tirmizee) Lies create hatred, and mistrust.

1. Allaah knows the secrets of our hearts. We can never hide the truth from Him.
2. Whatever we say is recorded in our Book of Deeds.
3. Allaah has cursed those who speak lies.
4. When you do something wrong, do not be afraid to be honest. Rather be guilty than being dishonest.
5. Always think before you speak. Are you telling the truth?
6. Fulfill your promises. One who does not fulfill his promise is a sinner.
7. A truthful person is liked and trusted by people.
8. A dishonest person is not trusted, nor does he have true friends.

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9. Always encourage your friends to be honest.
 10. Truthfulness leads a man to good actions, and falsehood leads him to sin.
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The difference Between Sweet and Sour

Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ used to be a rich king. He later became a saint.

He once worked for a rich man. He worked as a gardener in his orchard.

One day, his master asked him to pick some sweet pomegranates from the orchards. Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ brought several pomegranates but all of them were sour. His master was displeased and scolded him thus, "You have been working in my orchard for some months and yet you do not know the difference between sweet and sour fruit!"

Mubarak رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ replied, "You told me to work and look after the fruit trees in your orchard. You did not give me permission to taste the fruit to find out which is sweet and which is sour."

Salaam

Salaam is a dua of peace for our fellow Muslims. It creates love and unity among believers. It shows that we are all equal brothers and sisters in Islaam. When two Muslims meet each other and greet each other by shaking hands, Allaah forgives them before their hands separate.

Nabee صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said that: "The dearest person to Allaah is one who greets first. (Tirmizee)

1. We must always be the first to make salaam.
2. A younger person must greet those elder than him.
3. A person walking must greet one who is sitting.
4. A small group must greet a bigger group.
5. We make salaam by shaking hands as far as possible.
6. We make salaam to those we know and to those we do not know.
7. We make salaam in a loud voice so that the other person hears our salaam.
8. We also answer the salaam of a person in a loud voice so that he can hear our reply.

9. We make salaam each time we meet and when we depart.

10. Allaah rewards us for making salaam.

Only to Offer Salaam سلام

Sayyidina Abdullah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was the son of Sayyidina Umar رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. He had seen Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ greet everybody, young and old, rich and poor. He offered salaam also to the children.

Abdullah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ loved Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ so he tried to imitate him in the saying of the salaam. He made it a habit to pass through the bazaar only to greet the people. He greeted everybody he met, the shopkeepers, the passersby and the children.

One day someone asked him, "you come daily to the shops but you never buy or sell anything. You don't even stop to chat to anyone. Why then do you come to the bazaar?"

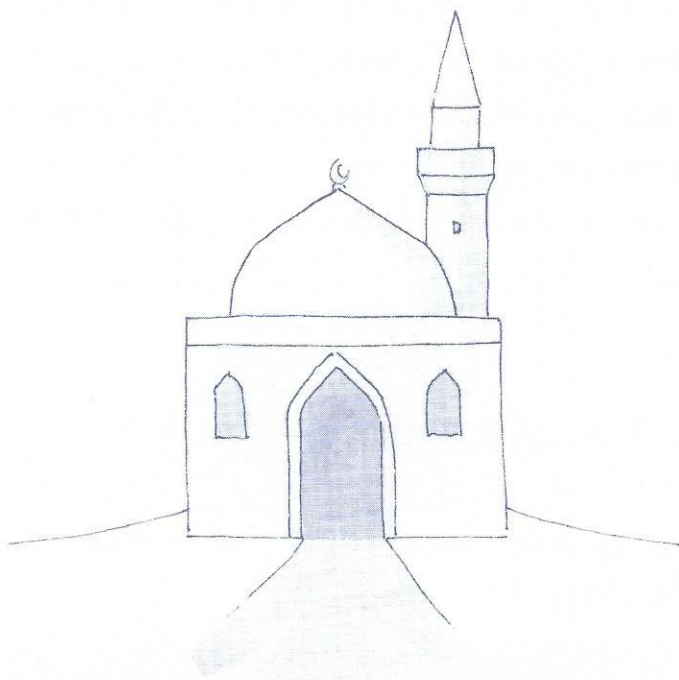
Sayyidina Abdullah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ replied, "I come out to the bazaar only to offer salaam to the people."

The Masjeed

A Masjeed is the House of Allaah, which must be respected and honoured. How will you behave if you enter the palace of a king or the offices of the President of a country? Will you be dressed in a respectful manner? Will you make noise or dirty the place? Every time you enter the Masjeed, think that you are in the most respected place on earth. Make sure that you do not make noise, joke, talk about soccer games or worldly matters. Respect for the House of Allaah is a sign of our Eemaan.

1. We enter the Masjeed with respect, not while talking to our friends.
2. We make sure that we place our shoes in the shelves.
3. We do not dirty the toilets or waste water while making wudhu.
4. We enter the masjeed with the right foot and read the du'a.
5. We do not talk or make noise in the Masjeed.
6. We do not jump around or walk in front of those reading salaah.

7. We sit quietly and remember that we are in the House of Allaah.
8. We do not dirty or leave dirt lying around in the Masjeed.
9. We leave the Masjeed with the left foot and read the du'a.
10. We give some of our pocket money towards caring for the Masjeed.

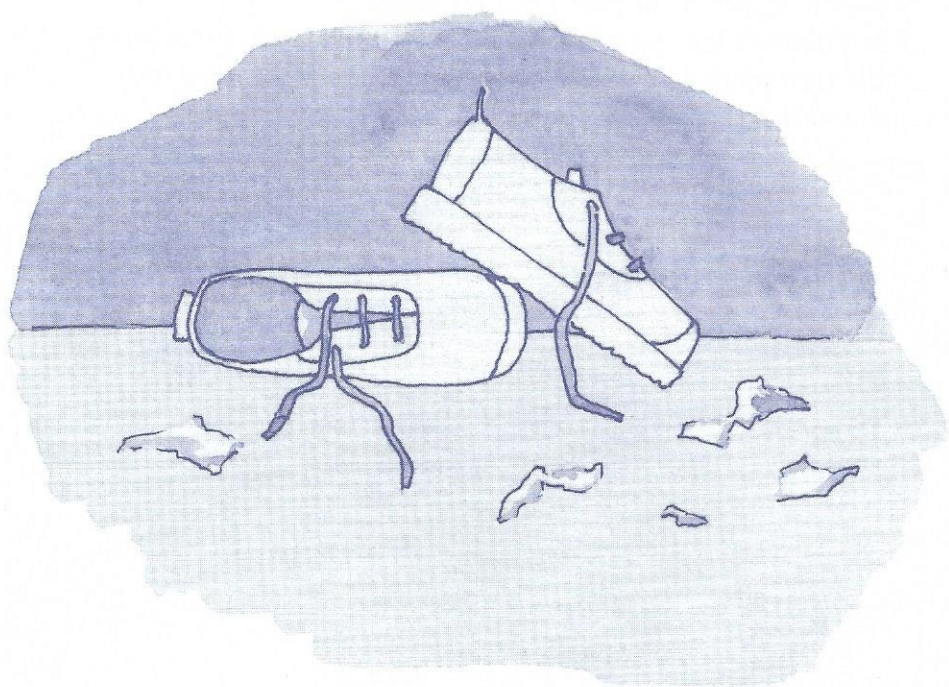


Behave in the Masjeed

Yacoob and Yoosuf were going to the Masjeed with their Dad. Yacoob went to the shelf putting his shoes on it while Yoosuf kicked everyones shoes out of the way and left his shoes at the entrance. He then rushed in, jumped over some people performing salaah and sat next to some of his friends. They began talking loudly about the soccer match they had seen. He took out some sweets from his pocket and put some in his mouth. Mean while bits of paper fell out of his pocket onto the Masjeed carpets. He did not bother to pick it up. When the salaah began he continued talking before joining the imaam. The imaam had just finished the salaah and Yoosuf rushed out to join his friends in playing.

Do you think what Yoosuf did is right?

How do you think we should behave when we go into the Masjeed?



Game - Good and bad actions

You can play this game with a friend or by yourself.

Mark 6 small cards of the same size with numbers 1 to 6, also have an object or button for each player.

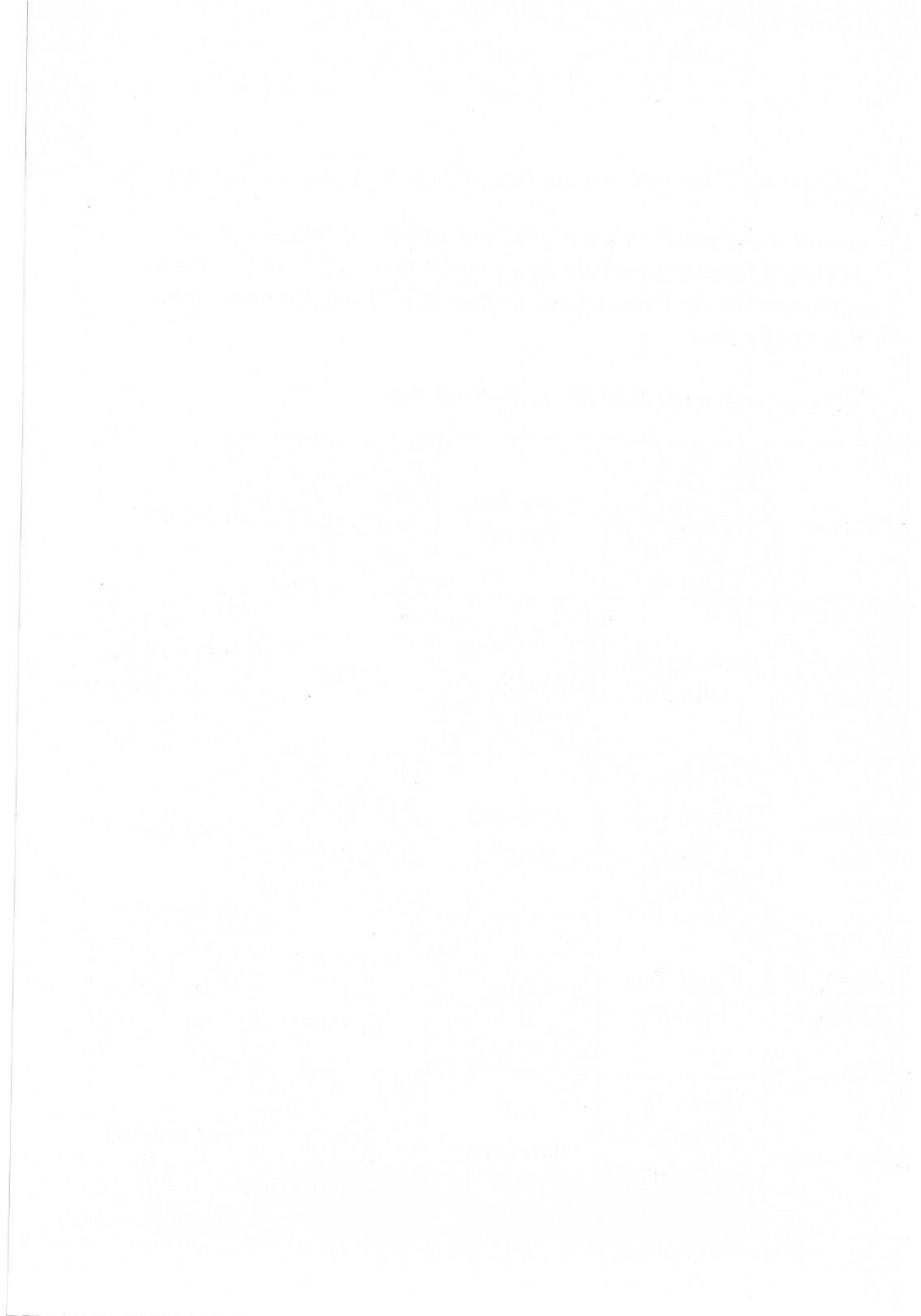
Each player picks up a numbered card and moves the number indicated on the card. It is easy, for when you land on any good action you add 10 points (As we are taught Allaah تَعَالَى is

1 Help Widows	2 Serve Parents	3 Give Zakaat	4 Carry Tales	5 Call Bad Nick Name
11 Respect Adults	12 Jealous	13 Share Lunch	14 Smile	15 Share Money
21 Look After Abandoned Animals	22 Spit At People	23 Donate To The Orphanage	24 Smoking	25 Fighting And Arguing
31 Cheat	32 Respect	33 Truant From Madressa	34 Teach	35 Make Salaah
41 Put Litter in Bin	42 Swearing	43 Run in Masjeed	44 Work Hard at School	45 Keep your room tidy

merciful and multiplies our good actions by 10 Blessings), but when you land on a bad action you only subtract 1 point (as Allaah only records 1 sin in our book of deeds.) To win you must obtain the most points.

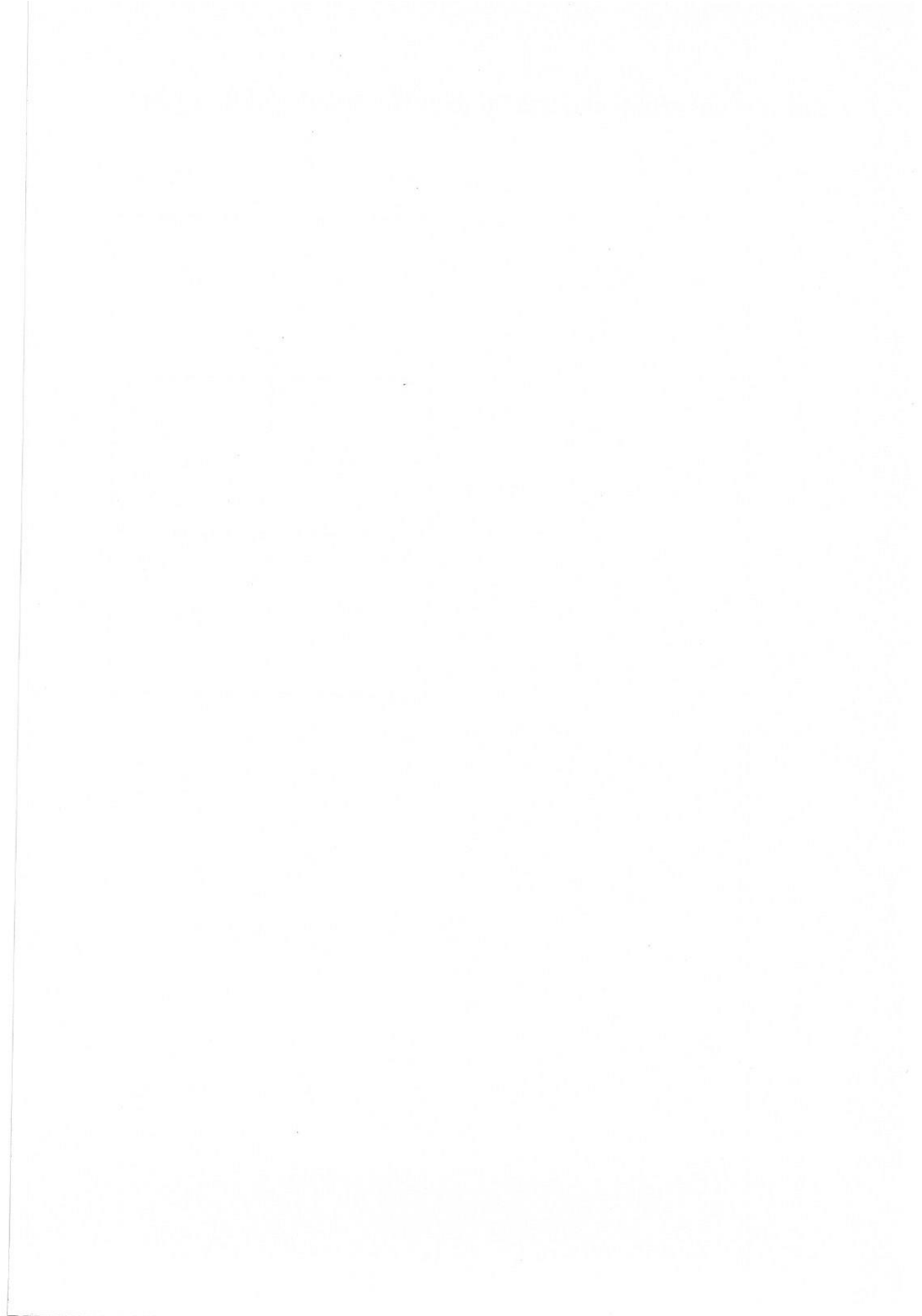
Have a good, enjoyable and beneficial time.

	7	8	9	10
Patience	Anger	Lose Two Points	Greet	Impatience
5	17	18	19	20
Speak Kindly	Kindness To Animals	Lie	Salaah	Kindness To Young Ones
6	27	28	29	30
Plant A Tree	Visit The Sick	Minus 5 Points	Cheeky And Rude	Keep Clean
6	37	38	39	40
Add 2 Points	Feed The Hungry	Steal	Support Good Causes	Greed
6	47	48	49	50
Drop Litter	Help Neighbours	Modesty	Add 5 points	Eat Haram Foods



Cut out carefully and use to play the Good and Bad game.

1	2
3	4
5	6



3 Akhlaaq and aadaab made easy

