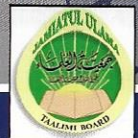


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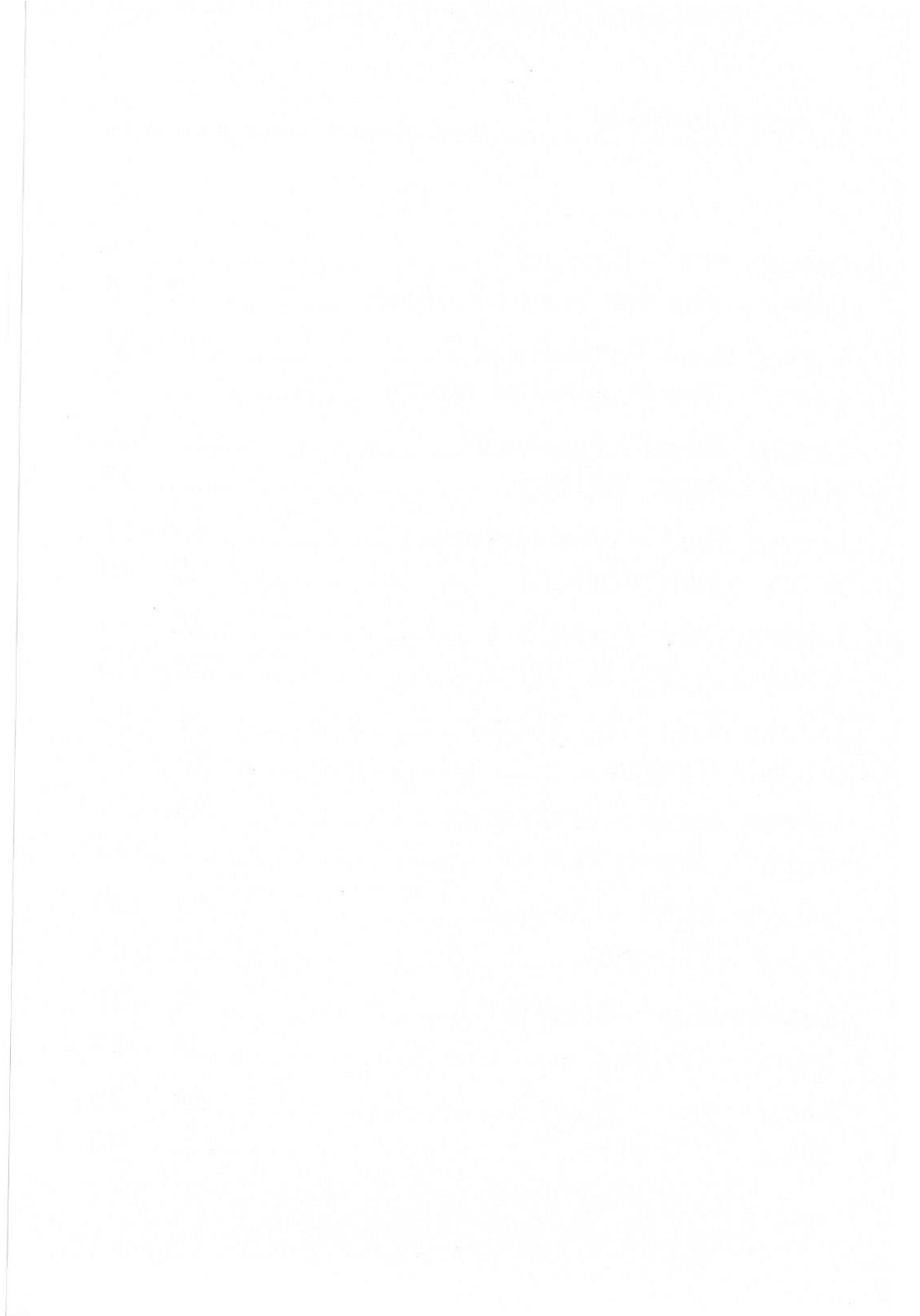
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INTRODUCTION TO AKHLAAQ

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.

He 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.

Conduct

Rasoolullah ﷺ said: "Surely, from among the most noble of you, are those best in character" (Bukharee & Muslim). Honour and greatness do not lie in knowledge, wealth, or beauty. Allaah تَعَالَى does not judge people by their colour, or their family name, but by their conduct. A person with good character is obedient, kind, honest, humble, and generous. The fear of Allaah تَعَالَى and good character are the two most important qualities that will enter people to Jannah.

1. We do not swear or say hurtful things to people.
2. We do not backbite or find fault with other people.
3. We do not call people bad nicknames.
4. We do not steal or take things without asking.
5. We do not show off or praise ourselves.
6. We do not laugh at or insult people.
7. We hide the faults of our friends and family.
8. We serve our parents and neighbours.

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9. We are generous and, helpful to the poor, and needy.
 10. Good conduct creates peace and love among people.
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For the Love of Allaah

Sayyidina Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ and Sayyid'atina Fatima رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا had two sons, Hasan and Husain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا. One day the two boys became very ill. Their parents were quite upset. They made a promise to Allaah that if their sons got well, they would fast for three days.

Allaah answered their prayer. Soon both boys were well. The grateful parents began their fast.

On the first day the parents broke their fast with water. They performed salaah and sat down to eat their meal, of a few pieces of barley bread. They were about to eat when they heard the voice of an old man calling out, "For the love of Allaah give me food. Save my family from dying from hunger". Sayyidatina Fatimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا said to

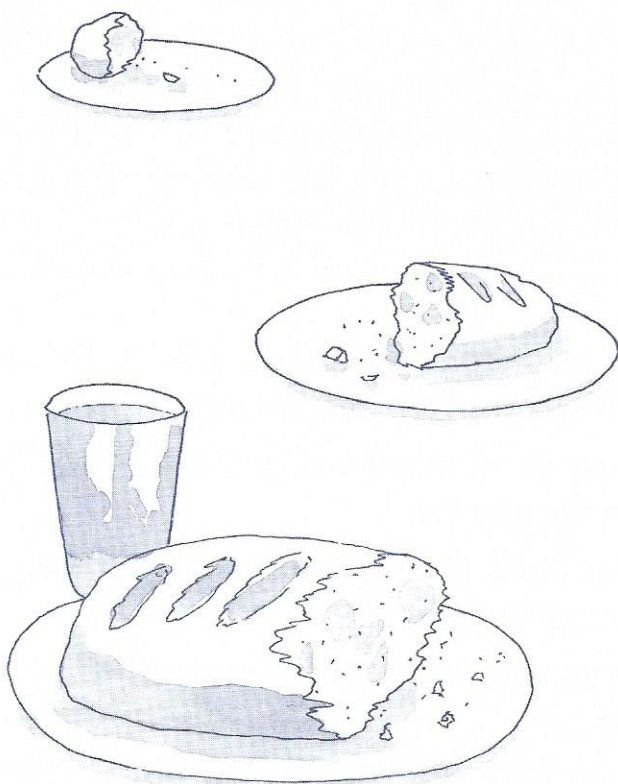
her husband, "How can we eat when these people are hungry?" Her husband agreed with her. All the bread was given to the old man. That night Sayyidina Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ and Sayyid'atina Fatimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا went to bed hungry.

The next day both fasted again. After sunset they sat down to eat a few pieces of bread when they heard someone cry, "For the love of Allaah, give us some food!" At the door were two orphan children. Sayyid'atina Fatimah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا felt sorry for the children. She said to Sayyidina Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ "It is surely the Will of Allaah and His Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that we should help the poor. Let the little ones have our meal". Sayyidina Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ agreed. So for the second night they went to bed without food.

The next day they fasted although they felt very weak. After sunset on the third day they prayed and ate their simple meal.

When Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard of the

incident, he was filled with joy and pleased with his daughter. Indeed! Allaah was also pleased with this act of kindness!



Forgiveness

Rasoolullah ﷺ said: "And you shall forgive one who does wrong to you". (Bayhaqqy)
 No one is perfect! Sometimes we do wrong to people, and sometimes people do wrong to us. If we forgive people, Allaah ﷻ will honour us, and create love among us. Sayyidina Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ says that the following was written on the sword of Nabee ﷺ: "Forgive one who does harm to you; join him who cuts ties with you, do good to one who harms you, and speak the truth even if it is against yourself."

1. Allaah ﷻ has promised Jannah to those who control their anger and forgive people.
2. We must forgive others, just as we wish Allaah ﷻ to forgive us.
3. A person who forgives is loved by Allaah ﷻ and respected by people.
4. A person who forgives is always the better person.
5. Once we forgive a person, we do not remind him of his wrong.

6. We do not expect a favour in return for our forgiveness.
7. We must also be the first to seek forgiveness when we do wrong.
8. Shaytaan does not allow us to admit our mistakes. He encourages us to make excuses.
9. Shaytaan stops us from seeking forgiveness, and makes us proud.
10. A good Muslim is always ready to forgive and seek forgiveness.



The Prophet of Mercy

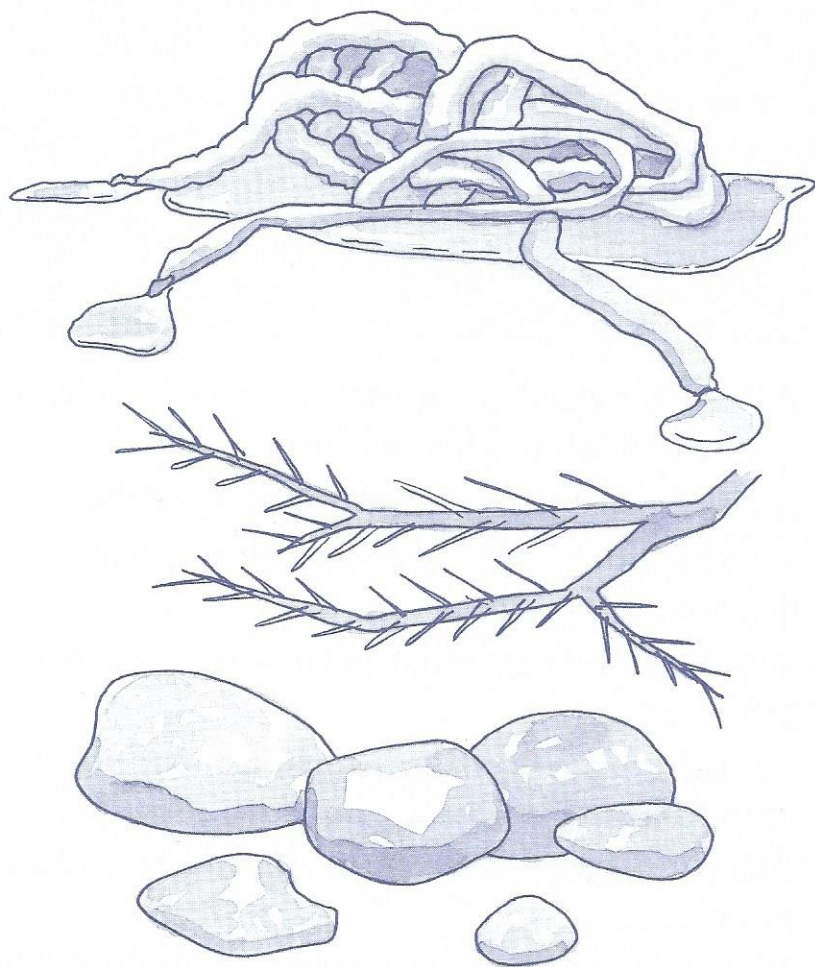
In the early days of Islaam, the disbelievers made life very difficult for Rasoolullah ﷺ. They mocked at him and spat in his face. They threw thorns in his way. They threw the inside of camels on his head. They tried to starve him to death. They stoned him. His tooth was broken in battle. His relatives and friends were killed. They even tried to kill him!

When Rasoolullah ﷺ entered Makkah, victorious with 10,000 men, the enemy were at his mercy. They were weak and helpless, their hearts trembling with fear.

He asked them, "How do you expect me to treat you?"

With kindness and pity, gracious brother and nephew!" they replied.




Tears filled his eyes and he said, "I say to you what Yoosuf said to his brothers, have no fear this day, go your way for you are all free".



Promises

Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "There is no religion [in] a person who does not keep to his promise". (Bayhaqqy). A Muslim is trustworthy and does not make false promises. One sign of a hypocrite (munafeeq) is that he breaks his promise. Allaah تَعَالَى praised Nabee Ismaaeel in the Quraan because he fulfilled his promise to his father and laid down on the ground to be slaughtered.

1. A Muslim's word is his honour. If he breaks his word, he destroys his honour.
2. A Muslim is obedient, honest, and reliable.
3. A Muslim does not cheat by making false promises.
4. People place their trust in you when you make a promise.
5. Do not make a promise, which you may not be able to keep.
6. Allaah تَعَالَى will question you for every broken promise.
7. If you do not fulfill your promises, nobody will trust you.

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8. An untrustworthy person is always in trouble.
 9. He is disliked and has no true friends.
 10. He causes hurt, anger, and suspicion
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Kept Waiting...

A person named Abdullah once bought something from Nabee Muhammad ﷺ. This happened before Nabee Muhammad ﷺ became a Nabee.

As there was still something owing to Nabee Muhammad ﷺ, Abdullah promised to bring it to him at a certain place.

Abdullah forgot his promise. He remembered only three days later. He went to the place where he had to meet Nabee Muhammad ﷺ and found him there waiting for him!

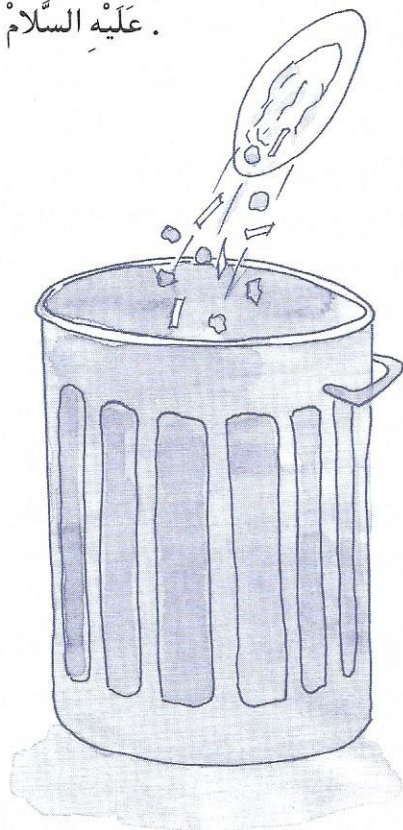
Nabee Muhammad ﷺ said, "You have caused me great trouble and inconvenience. I have been here three days waiting for you".

Wastefulness

Allaah تَعَالَى says in the Quraan "And do not waste! Surely He (Allaah) does not love those who waste". (1) Money, time, water, and food are some of the things people waste. When we waste, we are ungrateful to Allaah تَعَالَى, and He may take away the blessings we enjoy.

1. Water, food, clothing and money are some of the many favours and blessings of Allaah تَعَالَى which we enjoy.
2. These favours and blessings must be used according to the commands of Allaah تَعَالَى.
3. We waste when we do not eat all the food in our plate.
4. We waste when we throw our unfinished lunch in the bin.
5. We waste water if we take too long to shower, wash or make wudu
6. We waste money if we buy unnecessary things.
7. We waste time if we are idle or involved in fruitless activity.



8. We will have to give an account of how we used the blessings of Allaah تَعَالَى.
9. Poor people feel unhappy and hurt when they see us wasting.
10. A person who wastes is ungrateful and follows the path of Shaytaan. Shaytaan was ungrateful to Allaah تَعَالَى when he refused to make sajdah to Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ .



Wastefulness

Naeem and Ra'eesah were bored. It was raining all day and they were in the playroom not knowing what to do. Naeem took a sheet of clean paper and drew a house. Ra'eesah tried to do the same, but the pictures were not quite right. Naeem took a new sheet each time and Ra'eesah followed. After a few tries Naeem squashed the paper into a paper ball and threw it in the bin and Ra'eesah did the same. They decided that they had enough and wanted to play something else. Then Daddy walked in exclaiming "what a mess and what a waste". Then he saw the bin full of paper. From his reaction they knew he was upset and what they had done was not right. Naeem sensed right away that they had wasted the paper as there were very few lines used on most pages and that the pages could be used on the other side.

Daddy sat on the chair, and called the children closer to him and said, "My dear ones on the day of qiyamaah, Allaah will ask us about everything



we use. What will we tell Allaah تَعَالَى when he asks us why we wasted so much paper. We will not be able to say that we were only bored and were playing. Remember that those who waste are brothers of shaytaan".

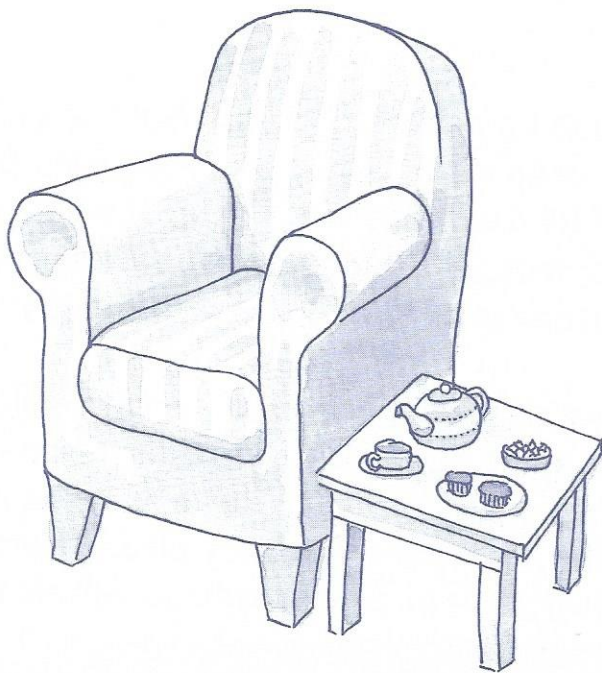
Ra'eesah jumped up and said "daddy I don't want shaytaan to be my brother". Naeem added "neither do I". "Daddy will Allaah تَعَالَى forgive us if we promise not to waste again, even if we are playing", asked Naeem, to which daddy replied "Allaah is most forgiving". Naeem and Ra'eesah together said "we promise not to waste food, water or other blessings of Allaah تَعَالَى.

Parents

Allaah تَعَالَى says, "And your Rabb has commanded that you worship none but Him, and that you be kind to your parents. Whether one of them or both of them reach old age in your lifetime do not say "OOF to them," nor scold them, but say to them honourable words... and say: 'O' My Rabb! Show mercy to them as they had nursed me in my childhood." (Surah Banoo Israaeel)

1. After our duties to Allaah تَعَالَى, we have to fulfill the rights of our parents.
2. Our parents make many sacrifices to feed, clothe, and educate us.
3. Allaah تَعَالَى commands us to be obedient, merciful, and respectful to our parents.
4. Allaah تَعَالَى forbids us to say any word of disrespect to them.
5. Allaah تَعَالَى commands us to make dua'a for them.
6. Allaah تَعَالَى is pleased with those who please their parents.
7. You can help your parents by sharing in their work.

8. You can honour your parents by buying gifts for them, by serving them, and by saying words of kindness to them.
9. When they grow old and become weak, they need your loving care and depend upon you to serve them.
10. Always thank them and show them that you love them.





A Boy in Waiting

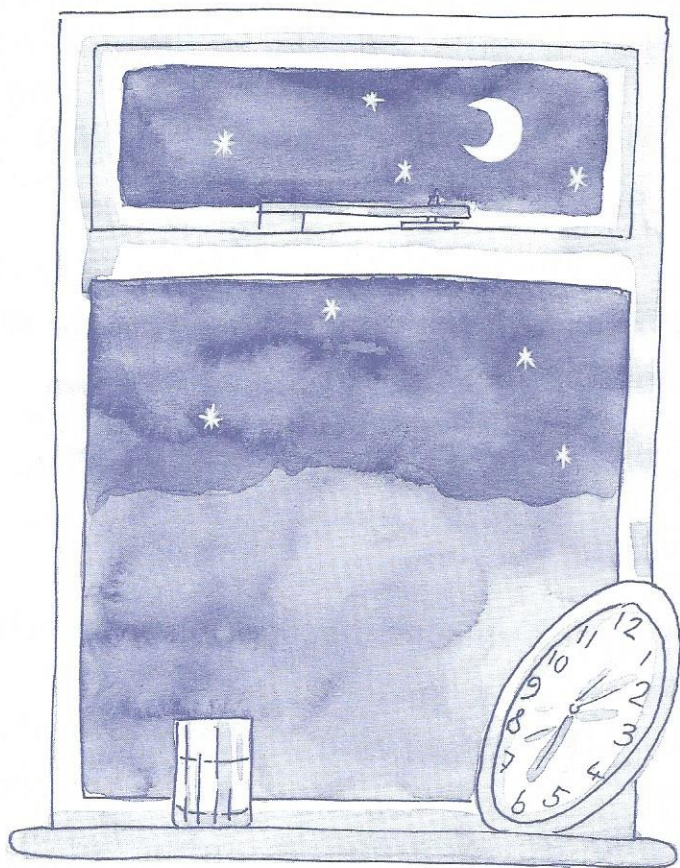
The night was dark and it was late. Bayazid was a boy of tender age. His mother was sleeping while he was learning his lessons.

Suddenly his mother said in a sleepy voice, "A cup of water my son, I am thirsty." Bayazid immediately went to fetch the water but he found the pot empty. He went out of the house to the spring.

By the time he returned his mother had fallen back in a deep sleep. What was the young Bayazid to do? If he awakened his mother it would be giving her trouble. He decided to sit silently next to his mother with the cup of water in his hand.

At last his mother opened her eyes and lo! Bayazid was still sitting by her side. The mother remembered what she had said to her son in the earlier part of the night. She was very pleased with her son and hugged him. She prayed to Allaah to be pleased with him.

The mother's prayer was answered. In later years
the boy grows up to be a pious saint.



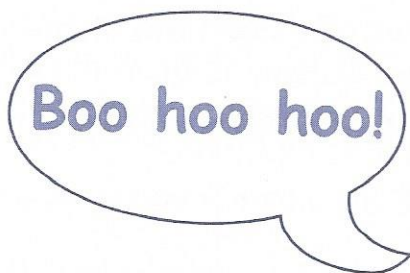
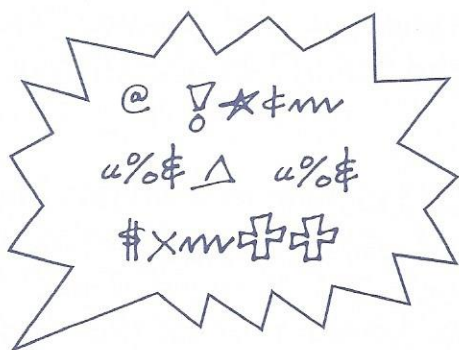
The Tongue

Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "Whoever keeps silent will be safe." (Ahmad)

The tongue is a small piece of flesh that can work miracles. It can make people cry, and it can make them laugh. It can make friends, and it can make enemies. We need to think before we speak. If we have nothing good to say, we must rather remain quiet.

1. To praise Allaah تَعَالَى, to say kind words, or to speak the truth are some of the good we can do with the tongue.
2. To swear, backbite, talk lies, or to insult a person are some of the evils of the tongue.
3. A hypocrite has a sweet tongue and a bitter heart.
4. A Muslim has an honest tongue and a merciful heart.
5. A wound caused by the tongue may never heal.
6. Every word we utter is recorded by the angels. We will have to give an account on the Day of Judgement.

7. The beauty of a true Muslim is that he does not speak of things that do not concern him.
8. The worst of people are those who spread rumours, and cause argument between people.
9. If you speak evil of anyone in his absence, you are sinful though what you say may be true.
10. Nabee صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has guaranteed Paradise for those who control their tongues.



Tongue



Let me tell you a story about a little boy whose name is Zaid. Everyone, loved Zaid.

Do you know why?

Zaid does not speak ill of anyone. He is very kind. He speaks good of everybody. Do you know what he told me when I asked him why he did that? He said, "I would not like anybody to speak ill of me so I don't speak ill of them either". I said, "Masha Allaah". Zaid smiled and ran off to play with his friends.

Soon a little boy began laughing at Zaid and calling him names. Zaid smiled and quietly asked the boy: "Ahmad, are you a Muslim?" "Of course I am!" said Ahmad. Zaid said, "My father told me that the prophet of Allaah Muhammed ﷺ said: "A true Muslim is he from whose hands and tongue other Muslims are safe".

"But I did not hit you with my hands or bite you



with my mouth" said Ahmad. "No" said Zaid, but you spoke ill of me with your tongue". "O, now I get it !" said Ahmad "please forgive me". Ahmad and Zaid hugged one another and to this day, they both try very hard not to speak ill of anyone.




Do you know that prophet Muhammed ﷺ told us that if we speak ill of anyone, it is just as if we are eating their flesh (meat from their body). I'm sure that none of us would like to eat the flesh of all those people we speak ill of.

Nicknames

Allaah says in the Quraan "And do not insult one another by (offensive) nicknames" (Surah Hujuraat)

A Muslim never hurts the feelings of another person. We can cause hurt to another person with our hands or tongue. We must guard and protect the honour of every human being. Bad nicknames embarrass and cause hurt to others.

1. A good name gives honour and value to a person.
2. A bad name disgraces and makes a person feel worthless.
3. Do not shorten or change a beautiful Muslim name, eg Sulaimaan to Solly or Sol.
4. A nickname that is good and expresses love is permissible as long as the person does not mind.
5. Do not call anyone by a nickname because of a physical defect.
6. Do not give anyone a bad nickname because of their race, or because they are poor.
7. Do not call others by names that you yourself would not like to be called.

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8. It is disrespectful to give your teachers nicknames.
 9. It is also disrespectful to give your elders nicknames.
 10. We must not nickname a person after famous people that are sinful.
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Speak Not So

There was a certain preacher who was learned and intelligent. He was pious and true. He was a good speaker but his pronunciation was so faulty that he could not properly pronounce the letters of the alphabet.

Someone said to the pious man, "The youth does not have his front teeth!"

"Speak not so," the pious man replied. "You have seen his fault but your eyes are closed to his many virtues. Thorns and roses grow together, why do you see only the thorns? He who is of bad nature sees nothing in the peacock but its ugly feet."

Friends

Allaah says in the Qur'aan:



"O believers! Fear Allaah and be in the company of the Truthful." (Surah Tawbah)

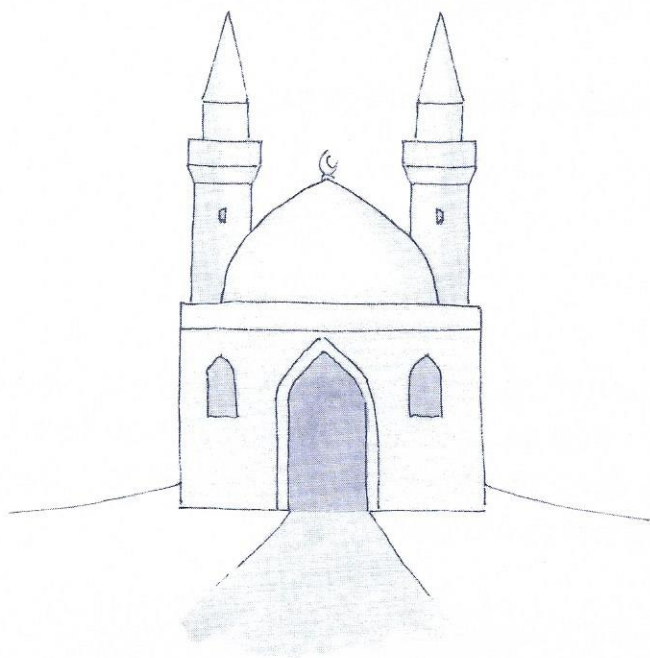
We live in a world surrounded by people.

Each day we meet, sit, play and travel with people who may become our close friends.

Friends have all kinds of habits. We must choose friends that have good habits. We are influenced by the habits of our friends.

1. We must befriend people of Imaan.
2. A friend can help you to become a good or an evil and sinful person.
3. A friend with bad habits will always cause you to be in trouble and will spoil your good name.
4. A bad friend cannot be trusted and will always blame you in times of trouble.
5. It is your duty to stop your friend from doing wrong.
6. It is also your duty to be a trustworthy and helpful friend.

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7. Some bad habits of a friend are taking drugs, stealing, lying, missing salaah, and being disobedient to elders.
 8. Always be first to help your friends in times of need.
 9. Always encourage your friends to be good human beings.
 10. If you are unable to change the evil habits of your friend then do not befriend him.





Friends

The Prophet Muhammed ﷺ is reported to have said, to be alone is better than (to have) a bad companion, and a good companion is better than being alone, and commanding what is good is better than keeping silent, and silence is better than dictating evil.

We must choose our friends carefully. We should not befriend three types of people:

- An immodest and rude person.
- A fool.
- A liar.

An immodest and rude person presents his bad deeds to you as good and he wants you to be like him. He does not help you in good deeds. Being his friend gives you a bad name.



As for a fool he never does anything for your good. Even if he tries to help you, you will gain no benefit and because of his silliness he harms you. His silence is better than his speaking and his distance is better than his nearness.

As for a liar, you will never become happy by his friendship. When ever he gives you some news, he adds something to it, to the extent that if he tells a truth someday no one will believe it. He tells lies about what you say, and tell you lies what others say. He creates enemies and hatred among friends.

If we befriend children who are well mannered we will also be encouraged to be well mannered.

Such children are kind and helpful to others, So remember to find a good friend or stay alone.

Dressing

Allaah تَعَالَى says in the Qur'aan:

"Oh children of Aadam indeed we have revealed to you (the knowledge of making) clothes to cover your nakedness and as a thing of beauty - but the garment of Taqwa (Allaah-conscious) is the best of all." (Surah Aaraaf)

Clothes are a blessing from Allaah تَعَالَى. The object of wearing clothes is to cover our shameful parts and as a means of beautifying ourselves. Our clothes must be modest and decent. Clothes also protect us from hot and cold weather conditions.

1. We must be grateful that Allaah تَعَالَى has given us clothes to wear. Many people do not have anything to wear.
2. We must not demand for new clothes all the time. At times Nabee صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ had only a single garment.
3. We must not wear clothes to imitate famous actors and sports stars.
4. We must not waste money by buying expensive brand-names and designer label clothing.

5. We must not wear clothes to impress or to show-off.
6. Dress must cover a person's awrah. A man's awrah extends from the navel to the knee. A woman's awrah is the whole body except the face, hands and feet.
7. Our clothes must not be transparent and tight fitting.
8. Men should not imitate women in their dress and women should not imitate men.
9. Read the duaa before wearing clothes. It will save one from pride and other evils.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي كَسَانِي هَذَا وَ
 رَزَقَنِيهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ حَوْلٍ مِنِّي وَلَا قُوَّةٍ

All praises are due to Allaah تَعَالَى who has clothed me (with this clothing) and provided it for me without any effort or ability on my part.

10. We must always keep our clothes neat and clean.





Clothing

Musab bin 'Umayr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ was brought up in luxury and comfort. He was the most well-dressed young man in all of Makkah. A set of his clothing would cost 200 silver coins. (This was a lot of money). However, when he embraced Islaam, his mother (who was an idol-worshipper) took everything that he owned away from him. Now he had to wear rags and animal skins.

One day Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw him wearing a single sheet of cloth with many patches on it. Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ thought about the luxury he used to live in and compared it to how he was now suffering and therefore shed tears at his sacrifice.

How did this young man die? He was carrying the flag of Islam at the Battle of Uhad. The enemy cut off his right hand. He therefore picked up the flag with his left hand. When they cut off his left



hand as well he held the flag to his chest with the stumps of his arms. The enemy then killed him.

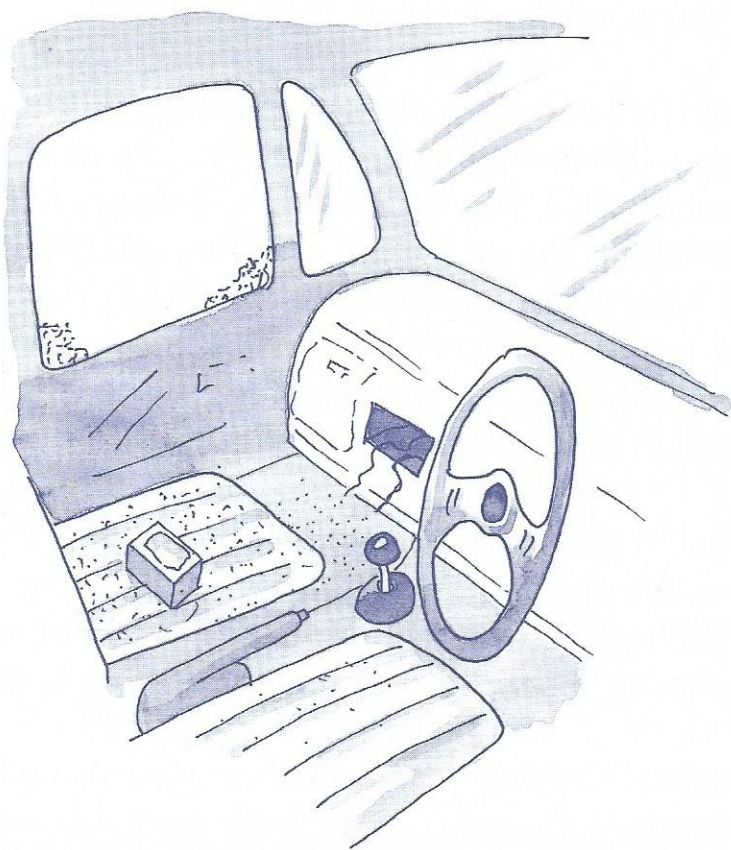
When the Muslims buried him they did not even have enough cloth to cover his whole body. This was that boy who used to wear such expensive cloths but he gave up all that. He knew that Allaah loves us for our good deeds and not because of our clothes.

Theft

Nabee صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "Allaah has cursed the thief...". (Bukharee & Muslim) A thief causes great pain and difficulty to people. A thief lives on the sweat and blood of other people. He does not respect people nor does he respect the property of people. A thief always lives in fear of getting caught.

1. Allaah تَعَالَى commands us to be honest in all our dealings.
2. A Muslim does not harm another person with his tongue or hands.
3. A Muslim respects the honour and property of every person.
4. A Muslim does not take anything that does not belong to him without the permission of the owner.
5. A Muslim does not keep silent if he knows who stole an item.
6. A Muslim does not blame another person without having proof.
7. A Muslim knows that Allaah تَعَالَى sees everything we do.

8. A thief can never hide from Allaah تَعَالَى.
9. A thief will be punished by Allaah تَعَالَى.
10. Allaah تَعَالَى takes away His mercy from people who steal.



Theft

People steal because they want something without paying for it. It is very bad to steal. Stealing means to take what belongs to others without them knowing or taking it away by force. Remember no one has the right to steal

The articles in a supermarket or a shop do not belong to us unless we pay for them. The pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpener, sums of money etc. of a friend in the class belong to him and not you. Cakes, chocolates, ice-cream and juices in the school tuck-shop do not belong to you unless you buy them. Taking these things from home without permission is stealing.

We should never try to take things belonging to others. We should return the books borrowed from a library or a friend in time. We cannot keep them for ever because they do not belong to us.

Remember! Copying in an examination is also a form of stealing.

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