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Rights of Neighbours

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Without any doubt, the teachings and morals codes of Islām promote a decent way of life which is conducive to the set-up of a righteous and wholesome society. Allāh Ta'ālā has placed varying rights upon every individual, for some less and for others more, which may be summarised in two categories:

Huqūqul 'Ibād – rights and dues owed to the creation

Huqūqullah – rights and dues owed to Allāh Ta'ālā our creator

For example, a working person has to fulfil the rights of his co-workers, subordinates, employers etc. along the rights of his own family and society. On the other hand a stay-at-home mom has to fulfil the rights of her husband, children, parents, in-laws, etc. Besides the rights of Allāh Ta'ālā and those of specific individuals, many a time we tend to forget the rights of one particular group of people... **OUR NEIGHBOURS**... A common proverb states: 'Seek a good neighbour before seeking the house.'

AHĀDITH EMPHASIZING KINDNESS TOWARDS NEIGHBOURS

1. In a Hadīth Rasūlullah (s.a.w) said: 'Jibraīl (a.s) always recommended treating neighbours with kindness until I thought that Allāh Ta'ālā would assign a share of inheritance to them.' [Al-Bukhari]

2. Sayyidinā Abdullah Ibn Umar (r.a) narrates that he heard Rasūlullah (s.a.w) saying:

The best companions according to Allāh Ta'ālā are those who are the best with their friends, and the best neighbours according to Allāh Ta'ālā are those who are the best with their neighbours. (Tirmidhi)

Mistreating ones neighbours is an act of Jāhiliyyah:

When Ja'far Ibn Abi Tālib (r.a) was asked by Najashi (r.a) , the king of Abyssinia about the principles of the new religion, he said: 'We were ignorant people before Islām we used to worship idols, partake of carrion; commit adultery; severe family ties; mistreat our neighbours and the strong used to oppress the weak.' [Musnad Ahmad]

Kindness towards neighbours' leads to the forgiveness of Allāh

Rasūlullah (s.a.w) said: 'whoever has three witnesses from his neighbours that testify of his goodness on the Day of Judgment, Allāh Ta'ālā will say: 'I accept their testimonies for what they know and I forgive his sins that I only know of.' [Musnad Ahmad]

Good treatment to neighbours is a sign of Īmān.

1. Rasūlullah (S.a.w) said: "By Allāh, he is not a believer! By Allāh, he is not a believer! By Allāh, he is not a believer." It was asked, "Who is that, O Messenger of Allāh?" He (s.a.w) said: "The one whose neighbour is not safe from his evil." [Bukhari]

2. Rasūlullah (s.a.w) said: "He who believes in Allāh and the Last Day let him not harm his neighbour; and he who believes in Allāh and the Last Day let him show hospitality to his guest; and he who believes in Allāh and the Last Day let him speak good or remain silent." [Bukhari]

How to treat one's neighbours:

- Among the good acts towards neighbours is to be generous with them. Rasūlullah (s.a.w) once told Abu Dharr (r.a): "O Abu Dharr! Whenever you prepare gravy, share with your neighbour even if you have to add extra water to it."

This makes it clear that Islām encourages us not to disregard our neighbours. The teachings of Islām stresses that one must take care of his neighbours, this Hadīth does not imply that one must always increase the amount of water in gravies, soups and other food items when intending to share with one's neighbours but the actual emphasis in this Hadīth is about being generous towards one's neighbours.

- ***Give them gifts.***

Rasūlullah (s.a.w) said: "O Muslim women! No one of you should consider any gift insignificant to give to her neighbour even if it is just the

trotters of a sheep.” [Bukhari and Muslim]`

The mother of the believers, Sayyidatīnā Aishah (r.a) has narrated that she asked Rasūlullah (s.a.w): “O Messenger of Allāh (s.a.w), I have two neighbours, to which of them should I send a present?”

Rasūlullah (s.a.w) replied: “To the one whose door is nearer to you.’ [Bukhari]

Summary of the rights of neighbours:

Our neighbours must be safe and secure. We must not hurt them verbally and physically. To be kind and noble towards them by exchanging gifts as these small acts of kindness creates friendship and are bound to eradicate hatred. On-Muslims neighbours have certain rights upon us which must be fulfilled. Be respectful, kind and honourable to them as these are their rights.

To love for your neighbour what you love for yourself

To preserve his secrets and personal affairs.

To respect and honour his family i.e. his wife and children

Regarding non-Muslim neighbours, we must approach them with kindness and such character which exemplifies Islām and Islāmic manners. Some guidelines regarding non-Muslim neighbours:

- Every sort of interaction or dealings must be within the perimeters of the shariah.
- Being good to your neighbours is not only restricted to those who share the same building with you. Your roommate is your neighbour; the person sitting behind you or next to you on a bus or at a bus-stop is also your neighbour; the one sharing your office at work is also your neighbour.
- In dealing with neighbours, one must deal with those of the same gender as oneself, if possible.
- While socializing with non-Muslims, be cautious of becoming too lenient at the expense of compromising the principles of our Deen.
- Your Islāmi Akhlāq (character) will impress Islām upon them and they will see if we are living the life we are talking about... there must not be any contradiction in our statements and actions.

MADRASAH NOTICES FOR PARENT

- Madrasah holiday for 1 day on **Friday 2nd November 2018**.
- Update contact forms have been sent out via whatsapp. Please confirm your child/ren details and submit the form.
- If your child was born between **1 Sept 2014 & 31 Aug 2015**, then your child will start Madrasah from **Sept 2019**. If you would like to admit your child at the Madrasah then please fill in an admission form and return asap.

🕌 Oct Student of the month 🕌

Zainab Salu	Class 1
Umm Kulthoom Bilal	Class 2
Ahyaan Achala	Class 3
Zainab Sidat	Class 4
Anas Khilghi	Class 5B
Maryam Chopdat	Class 5G
Mohammed Mamaniat	Class 6A
Zaid Patel	Class 6B
Zahra Chopdat	Class 7
Subhaan Ilyas	Class 8
Anas Qasir	Class A1

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

A good neighbour is a
priceless treasure

Proverb