



ISLAMIC ETIQUETTE AND MORAL PRINCIPLES: EXAMPLES FROM HADITHS

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Abstract: *Today, along with other countries, our nation is also developing on a broad scale. However, some of our youth imitate the cultures of European countries, which sometimes leads to the violation of moral principles. This article aims to shed light on the moral principles in Islam and ethical lessons from hadiths.*

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Islam and Moral Principles

Islam is the religion of etiquette and morals.

One can say that the greatest lesson in Islam is the lesson of morals. In this regard, Abdullah ibn Mubarak, may Allah have mercy on him, said:

“Two-thirds of religion is manners.”

If we pay attention, Allah the Almighty, when describing His beloved Prophet Muhammad did not mention his lineage, wealth, or physical appearance. Instead, He said:

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

This verse highlights the exemplary character and manners of the Prophet Muhammad [2].

The Influence of Foreign Cultures

Due to the introduction of various foreign cultures into our society, some of our youth have started imitating them. As a result, certain young people no longer adhere to moral principles, such as respecting elders, greeting others, and even showing disrespect to their parents. This trend can potentially lead to the erosion of our cultural values.

The Role of Islam in Promoting Morality

Islam's foundation rests on moral principles. Even before his prophethood, Prophet Muhammad was renowned among the people of Mecca for his truthfulness and exemplary character. The people honored him with the title “Al-Amin,” meaning “The Trustworthy.” This is clear evidence of the Prophet's moral excellence.

Instilling Morality from Childhood





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A hadith narrated by Imam Muslim highlights the importance of teaching children good manners:

“I was a young boy under the care of the Messenger of Allah. During meals, my hand would wander all over the dish. So the Messenger of Allah said to me: ‘O boy! Say Bismillah, eat with your right hand, and eat from what is in front of you.’”

This illustrates the vital role of Islam in shaping the morals and manners of the younger generation [4].

The Qur'an and Hadith: Comprehensive Guides to Morality

The Qur'an and hadith serve as perfect guides for moral and spiritual development and provide solutions to social problems. They address ethical perfection, honesty, purity, faith, and conscience while condemning negative traits like disbelief, wickedness, envy, hostility, betrayal, lying, and exploitation [1].

The Sunnah, as a source of morality, originates from the light of the Qur'an. When Aisha, may Allah be pleased with her, was asked about the Prophet's character, she replied:

“The character of the Messenger of Allah was the Qur'an.” [5]

The Teachings of Sahih al-Bukhari

Imam Bukhari dedicated a specific section called the “Book of Manners” in his famous collection *Sahih al-Bukhari*. This section begins with hadiths encouraging obedience to parents and highlights the virtues of serving them.

For example, Abdullah ibn Mas'ud asked the Prophet Muhammad:

“What deed is most beloved to Allah?” The Prophet Muhammad replied: “Performing prayer on time.” Abdullah then asked: “What comes next?” The Prophet said:

“Being good to your parents.” This hadith emphasizes the great importance Islam places on respecting parents [3].

Avoiding Moral Flaws

The Condemnation of Lying

Lying is one of the most severely condemned sins in Islam. Prophet Muhammad said:

“The liar is not of my followers.”

Lying can bring numerous calamities upon individuals and society. It is listed among the gravest sins, alongside associating partners with Allah (shirk).

Slander and its Consequences

Anas ibn Malik narrated that the Prophet Muhammad once said:

“The greatest sins are: associating partners with Allah, committing suicide, and disobedience to parents. And among the gravest sins is false testimony.” [6]

This hadith underscores the seriousness of slander and false testimony, which are considered major sins in Islam.

Conclusion. If everyone strives to live according to the teachings of the Qur'an and hadith, adhering to moral principles, it would lead to the betterment of society. Instilling





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these values in children from an early age and encouraging a culture of reading and learning are crucial steps in achieving this goal.

By nurturing children with knowledge from the Qur'an and hadith, we ensure they grow into upright individuals. Promoting these teachings and discouraging excessive time spent on social media can protect them from the negative influences of foreign cultures. Each of us must make a dedicated effort to achieve this.

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