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Q 1: Translate the Following verse with background description. (10)

لَا وَأَنْتُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ تَحْبِطُ أَنْ لِبَعْضٍ بَعْضُكُمْ كَجَهْرٍ بِالْقَوْلِ لَهُ تَجْهَرُوا وَلَا النَّبِيَّ صَوْتِ فَوْقَ أَصْوَاتِكُمْ تَرْفَعُوا لَا آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ أُيِّهَا يَا تَشْعُرُونَ.

A: Translation:

“O you who believe! Raise not your voices in the presence of Allah’s Messenger (S.A.W) nor speak aloud to him in talk as you speak loud to one another, lest your deeds may be rendered fruitless, while you perceive not”

Background Description:

Narrated by Az-Zubayr (R.A): “when a delegation from tribe of Tamim came to the Holy Prophet (S.A.W), Abu Baqr (R.A) suggested to the Holy Prophet that al-Qa qa ibn Ma bad (R.A) be sent to meet them and Umair ibn Khattab (R.A) said that al Aqra bin Qays (R.A) be sent instead. Abu Baqr (R.A) was irritated by Hazrat Umar (R.A)s counter proposal so he turned to Umar (R.A) and said “You only said that to contradict me Umar (R.A) In turn replied that he did not do it to be contrary. A quarrel aroused and both of them raised their voice to such a level that the Prophet (S.A.W) voice was drowned out.

Q 2: Translate the following verse and explain prevention from Shirk, Innocent killing and illegal intercourse in the light of following verse. (10)

أَتَا مَا يَلْقَى ذَلِكَ يَفْعَلُ وَمَنْ يَزْنُونَ وَلَا بِالْحَقِّ إِلَّا اللَّهُ حَرَّمَ النَّبِيَّ النَّفْسَ يَفْتُلُونَ وَلَا آخَرَ إِلَهًا اللَّهُ مَعَ يَدْعُونَ لَا وَالَّذِينَ

A: Translation:

“And those whoever invoke not any other ilah (god) with Allah, nor kill such life as Allah has forbidden, except for just cause , nor commit illegal sexual intercourse and whoever does this shall receive the punishment”

Explanation:

In this verse , Allah has described three characteristics of a true believer,

- 1:Who invoke any other ilah (god) along with Allah .
- 2:Nor kill such a life as Allah has forbidden, except for just cause.
- 3:Nor commit illegal sexual intercourse.

Prevention from shirk:

In this ayah the description that Allah gives of His true Recall how we did said that an allah is anything that fills your heart and your allah is what is always on your mind, you naturally have put all your hopes in your illah to save you from troubles and difficulties. For a true Muslims this illah has to be Allah. That is why Allah describes His true servants in this ayah as those who do not call on any

other allah besides Allah. They are the ones who dedicate their very existence only to service Allah. At another occasion, says Allah in the Holy Quran: "Verily, joining others in worship with Allah is a great Zoom (wrong) indeed."

No Killing:

when we look to the sunnah of Prophet (S.A.W) where he said "I have been ordered to fight against the people until they testify that there is none worthy of worship

except Allah and Muhammad (S.A.W) is the Messenger of Allah, establish the prayer and pay the zakat". If that do that their blood and their wealth will be protected.

From this ayat we learnt that the blood of Muslim is sacred and it is not permitted to shed the blood of Muslim except if that Muslim becomes guilty of such a terrible crime for which Allah has prescribed the death penalty. Thus says Allah at another occasion: "If anyone Killed a person not in retaliation of murder, or (and) to spread mischief in the land-it would be as if he killed all mankind."

No Illegal Sexual Intercourse:

Islam is a natural religion. It recognises the power of sexual need, and the subject is discussed in Quran and the saying of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) in a serious manner, in context with the marital life and family life. Says Allah : " Nor commit illegal sexual intercourse."

Islam does not consider women or men an object of sexual pleasure with legal frame work of relationship fulfilling the will of Allah. while the sex outside marriage is punishable sin, sex with one's spouse is an act of worship. The Islamic laws regarding sex are fixed and do not change with peer pressure or changing values of Islamic morality. Says Allah in the Holy Quran: " Truly, Allah likes not the transgressor ." and on another occasion Allah says " And Allah does not like the zalimoon (polytheists and wrong doers)."

Q 3 Translate the Following verse and describe it. (10)

خَيْرٌ عَلَيْهِمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اتَّقَاكُمْ اللَّهُ عِنْدَ أَكْرَمِكُمْ إِنَّ لَتَعَارَفُوا وَقَبَائِلَ شُغُوبًا وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ وَأَنْتَى ذَكَرٍ مِّنْ خَلْقِنَاكُمْ إِنَّا النَّاسُ أَهْيَا يَا

A: Translation:

"O mankind ! We have created you from a male and female , and made you into nations and tribes , that you may know one another. Verily , the most honourable for you with Allah is that (believer) who has taqwa (Allah consciousness, fearing Allah) Verily, Allah is All-knowing , All-aware

Explanation:

Islam came to finalize the equality of all humans . It came to people who worshipped many gods , during a time when the blood of the nobility was considered far superior to that of the common man , to a mindset that based society on all –pervasive social strata that could never be breached. The poor would always be poor and subservient to the rich until their deaths. Finally , Islam insisted that the only things that would benefit mankind on the Day of Judgement are sound belief and good deeds done solely for the sake of Allah

The beginning of human race:

Allah states that He created all humans from one soul Hazrat Adam (AS). From him, He created his wife Hawa , and through them the human race spread

Tribes and Groups:

Any Muslim who feels superior to the other on the basis of tribe or family or nation or color cannot be true worshipper of Allah as this leads to arrogance which is quite contrary to the very concept of Ibadah. One who worships Allah must obey and follow the concept of equality of all human beings.

Legal Equality:

The practical application of equality in Islam is the equality among people in front of the law and regulations . What is allowed is for all people and what is forbidden as well upon all people. The obligations are upon everyone, and whoever deserved punishment gets it, regardless. An example of such was when some of the companions talked to Osama Bin -Zaid, the favorite of prophet Muhammad (S.A.W),to intervene for the sake of the well reputed woman from Qurach tribe who deserved punishment for stealing (that is cutting her hand),Osama talked to the prophet (S.A.W) the prophet (S.A.W) got angry and said, "Those before you were districed,that is because the renowned is untouched when he steals, and the poor is punished, verily if Fatima daughter of Muhammad (S.A.W) stole, I would have cut her hand."

Social Equality:

Islam is the greatest unifying force in the world. It is a religion to all humans regardless of color, race and language. It is a religion that tolerates other religions and orders its followers to respect and protect all humans. According to a Hadith of the holy prophet (S.A.W) all persons belong to Adam and Adam was from soil. The racial discrimination has been strictly prohibited in Islam. Muslim countries do not discriminate . Islam gives clear injunctions for the respect, safety, security and prosperity of the non-Muslims as well.

Equality in worship:

Regular prayer five times a day the congregational prayer on Friday and the two feasts is a sign of brotherhood and equality, where Muslim stands before Allah as equal. They all stand together in straight rows shoulder to shoulder to offer their prayer to Allah. The first row is not reserved for anyone but the one who comes first. The worshippers who come later occupy the following rows. Saum originates in man the real spirit of social belonging, of unity and brotherhood, of equality before Allah as well as before the law. This spirit is the natural product of the fact that when man fasts, he feels like the he is joining the whole Muslim society in observing the same duty in the same manner at the same time for the same motives to the same end. During Hajj,Muslims witness the most excellent example of equality ,submissiveness, and human brotherhood. This is accomplished by removing the outer difference and donning the dress of unity Iharam. The result is that all feel a oneness among the human race, brotherhood and equality .

Equality in status:

The holy prophet (S.A.W) lived simple and pious life. He was also very humble. He taught his followers : "None will enter paradise who has within his heart an atom's weight of pride."He used to sit on the floor and eat. He forbade his companions from standing in honor when he entered the room. When he walked,he never expected anyone to move out of the way . He never allowed himself to stand out in his dress or his steed. He never seated himself in a place of honor when he was in the company of others.

Equality in Practice:

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) is the finest example of a perfect man in every sense of the term. The Almighty distinguished him from all and sundry by instilling in this sublime personality such fine qualities as modesty, truthfulness, kindness, patience, loyalty, honesty, courage, bravery, generosity, magnanimity. By studying his lofty character and the amazingly simple life he led with his household, companions, wives and others. We are apt to learn valuable lessons from his conduct and accordingly mould our own lifestyle.