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Q 1: Translate the Following verse with background description. (10) يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لاَ تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلاَ تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَخْبَطَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لاَ تَشْعُرُون.

Ans1:

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 of Revelation:

Narrated 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 "Umar 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 voices to such a level that a Prophet (S.A.W) voice was drowned out. Name: Nasir Farooqi ID# : 15796

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

> وَالَّذِينَ لاَ يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَمَّا آخَرَ وَلاَ يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّه إِلاَّ بِالحُقِّ وَلاَ يَزْنُونَ وَمَن يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا.

Ans2:

Translation:

"And those who invoke not any other ilah (God) along 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, i.e.

- Who invoke not any other ilah (God) along with Allah. In this Ayah Allah clearly described his true servants, they are the ones who dedicate their very existence only to the service of Allah, so in times of difficulty and need they do not call on anyone except Allah.
- Nor kill such life as Allah has forbidden except for just cause. So the soul whose killing Allah has made forbidden is the soul of the Muslim, and we see from this how hateful it is to Allah for the blood of a Muslim to be spilled. We know the hadith where the Prophet (S.A.W) said "one drop of Muslim blood is more sacred than the entire Kabbah", although except that if Muslims becomes guilty of a such a terrible crime for which Allah has prescribed death penalty.
- Nor commit illegal sexual Intercourse. Islam Does not consider women(or men) an object of sexual pleasure but with a legal framework of relationship fulfilling the will of Allah. This commandment is meant both for individuals and society as a whole. It warns each individual not only to guard' against adultery or fornication itself but against all those things that lead to or stimulate it As regards society as a whole the commandment enjoins it to make such arrangements as prevent adultery and eradicate the means and stimulants that lead to adultery. Therefore, the society should employ all those legal and educative means that help develop such an environment as prevents and eradicates indecency.

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Q 3 Translate the Following verse and describe it. (10) يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُم مِّن ذَكَرٍ وَأُنثَى وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِندَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ .

Ans3:

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 honorable of you with Allah is (believer) that who has Taqwaa(Allah consciousness, fearing Allah). Verily Allah is All-knowing, All-Aware."

Explanation:

Islam came to finalize the equality of all humans. It came to a 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. Under this modus operandi, the poor would always be poor and subservient to the rich until their deaths. Contemporaneously, some were debating the true nature of women: did they have souls, and if so, were they pure evil?

Finally, Islam insisted that the only things that would benefit mankind on the Day of Judgment are sound belief and good deeds done solely for the sake of Allah.

Division of man into nations and tribes is also an expression of Allah's unique Attribute; 'al-Khaliq' 'the Creator', that He created infinite number of people with distinct features extending from one soul, Allah explained that these differences of colour and language are a sign of His Greatness and Power, He said:

"And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge"

The main concern of this verse is to demonstrate equality and brotherhood. Imam Ibn Kathir (Rahimullah) says: "This is the wisdom behind revealing this verse after the verses, which prevent one from Ghibah (backbiting), Spying, Nicknaming, etc. so that everybody might contemplate that in regards to their lineage, they are all equal."