

Verse-12

Self respect

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تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَب بَّعْضُكُم بَعْضًا أَيُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَن يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ
أَخِيهِ مِمَّا فَرَغْتُمُوهُ وَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ

“O you who believe! Avoid suspicion as much (as possible): for suspicion in some cases is a sin. Do not spy (on one another), nor backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Surely you would hate it. Have fear of Allah. He is the one who accepts repentance and Merciful.”

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The focal point of this verse is to shed light on the hidden and secretive sins that are prevalent amongst the Muslims. The fact that these sins are born, sustained and conducted from within one's self gives it a more lethal effect in destroying Islamic brotherhood. Islām seeks to uproot and destroy these evils from the very beginning.

Suspicion is the stepping-stone that the Shaytân uses to exploit the Muslims to the other evils mentioned in the verse, namely; backbiting, gossip and spying. Allâh's Messenger (S.A.W) stressed to the believers the dangers of suspicion saying: