

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE**

## **BETWEEN PASSION AND REASON**

Praise be to God, the creator of all things in their best shapes and who is all wise in His command. Almighty be to Him who created human beings and favored them by giving them the grace of mind to guide them to the right paths and keep them away from the traps of vices. I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah. I also bear witness that Muhammad (Pbuh) , His Servant and Messenger, is the most sapient human being amongst the people and the most sincere in all his sayings. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed his teachings and adhered to his message to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of God

I recommend you as I recommend myself to fear Allah and seek His satisfaction in all your deeds. [O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice]<sup>1</sup> .You should know –May God bless you–that Allah has created people in their best images and favored them over the all other creations. Among the wondrous works of God in this creature is that he combined in him a mixture of passion and reason and has devoted for him what ensures balance between them. Actually, passion grows with the increase of desires and accumulation of influences. However, Allah who is aware of his creation, all-wise in his command, has blessed the human self with the grace of mind so that it would be closer to righteousness and to be favored and appreciated by Him. [And [by] the soul and He who proportioned it , and inspired it [with discernment of] its wickedness and its righteousness, He has succeeded who purifies it, and he has failed who instills it [with corruption]<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Surat Al-'Ahzab-70

<sup>2</sup> Surat Ash-Shams-7-10

Actually Islam does not make from the mind, controller of passion, a means to repress or curb it. It is nevertheless a way to controls and directs this passion it in a way that pleases the Human being and gives him happiness and reassurance. Indeed, this is the reason why we find in the Holy Book and the Sunnah of the most awed Prophet (Pbuh) the causes that lead the soul from vain passion to the right guidance and forbids it from following the paths of deviation and corruption.

O Muslims

The deviation of passion is illustrated in many images and different shapes. Yet, the worst illustrations appear at the situations of anger and dispute because an angry person is driven by the feelings of revenge. Therefore, he reacts without thinking and utters words unconsciously. Undoubtedly, the Prophet (Pbuh) has considered the control of passion in these difficult situations one of the best images of strength. He said (The strong person is not the good wrestler. Rather, the strong person is the one who controls himself when he is angry).

In effect, Islam has commanded believers when being angry to adhere to the balance of wisdom and justice and to control their passions thereof by giving priority to the call of reason which advocates patience and forgiveness with the purpose to win the Afterlife reward. Besides, patience is one of the strong resolves which come only in proportion to men of determination. [And whoever is patient and forgives – indeed, that is of the matters [requiring] determination]<sup>3</sup>. It has been narrated that one day when the Prophet (Pbuh) was sitting with some of his companions, a man reviled Abû Bakr As Siddîq, May Allah be pleased with him, and insulted him. The prophet remained silent but Abû Bakr got angry and took revenge on that man. At that point, the Prophet (Pbuh) got up and took leave. Abû Bakr As Siddîq followed him and asked “He insulted me in your presence, and when I took revenge you went off?” The Prophet (Pbuh) replied (An angel came down from Heaven and he was rejecting what he had said to you. When you took revenge, a devil came down. I was not going to sit when the devil came down).

In other words, harm, in all its forms, leaves a bad impact, hurts the feelings and breaks the hearts; this is why God forbids it in all its aspects, i.e. whether in speech or acts. Almighty God says [And those who harm believing men and believing women for [something] other than what they have earned have certainly born upon themselves a slander and manifest sin]<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup> Surat Ash-Shûraá-43

<sup>4</sup> Surat Al-'Aḥzāb-58

Hypocrites used to abuse the Prophet and say, "He is an ear.", meaning that he believes whatever is told to him. They intentionally spread it as a vice. Therefore, Allah has revealed the following verse to reply to them .He says [And among them are those who abuse the Prophet and say, "He is an ear." Say, "[It is] an ear of goodness for you that believes in Allah and believes the believers and [is] a mercy to those who believe among you." And those who abuse the Messenger of Allah – for them is a painful punishment]<sup>5</sup>. Actually this type of abuse includes mocking the Holy Prophet (Pbuh) and his Sunnah , underestimating his honorable position, and asking people not to follow his teachings. The punishment of this abuse is so severe and illustrated in the following words of Almighty God who says [Indeed, those who abuse Allah and His Messenger – Allah has cursed them in this world and the Hereafter and prepared for them a humiliating punishment]<sup>6</sup>.

O Brothers in Faith

The true Muslim is whoever has been caused hurt in his feelings by a saying that is uttered by him to avoid all nonsense and to imitate the manners of the servants of the Almighty whom He described by saying [and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace]<sup>7</sup>. This person declares words of peace following the example of the best among the creatures, May Allah grant him the best blessings and peace. It is also the case when our Prophet used to be hurt in his personality. However, when it comes to his principles and moralities, he used to overcome that abuse with reason and defeat those who offend him with foresight and wisdom. Therefore, he could refute lies with evidence and proof. The prophet also used to present his evidences through the most obvious illustrations. Almighty God says [Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best]<sup>8</sup>.

Indeed, Religious passion shall not transform into a legitimate means of abuse and insulting against those who offend it, believing that a Muslim will be rewarded and will eventually grant victory to Islam. Yet this behavior stands against the instructions of the true religion. Almighty God says [And do not insult those they invoke other than Allah, lest they insult Allah in enmity

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<sup>5</sup> Surat At-Tawbah-61

<sup>6</sup> Surat Al-'Aḥzāb-57

<sup>7</sup> Surat Al-Furqān-63

<sup>8</sup> Surat An-Naḥl-125

without knowledge. Thus We have made pleasing to every community their deeds. Then to their Lord is their return and He will inform them about what they used to do]<sup>9</sup>.

So, Brothers, you should be merciful to mankind, whatever is the case, lets you guide them to the straight path of God. Indeed this is the way how the companions used to deal with others and even with those who are disobedient. It has been narrated that Ibnu Mas'ud, May Allah be pleased with him, said « If anyone sees his brother committing a sin, he should not help the devil against him and say:”O Allah disgrace him , O Allah curse him , you should rather ask the wellness of Allah. We , companions of Muhammad, used not to say anything that offends others until we know the cause of their death .If their end was good then we deduce that he used to do good, yet if we know that his end was bad , then we get concerned of the consequences of his deeds)).

If Muslims follow these noble moralities in treating each other, then a big deal of hatred and hostility will disappear and bridges of cooperation in righteousness and piety will be built between the Human beings.

So, Muslims, fear Allah and get your tongues accustomed to good sayings and whatever leads to your unification. Beware of whatever causes grudge, hatred and resentment and weigh your emotions with the balance of mind and reason so that you win the worldly life and the hereafter and attain unto the two best (things).

I say this saying of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, and to the rest of the Muslims, so ask Him for forgiveness, He is the forgiver, the Merciful and call upon Him, He will respond to you, as Allah is the most generous.

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Praise be to God, the advocate of good deeds and righteousness and forbidder of evils and falsehood. I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad his Servant and Messenger, the best of all the people in good manners, and the most tolerant among them .May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed his teachings and adhered to his message to the Day of Judgment.

O brothers in faith

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<sup>9</sup> Surat Al-'An`ām-108

Islam is a religion that advocates the deep thinking of the consequences of matters and the use foresight and wisdom in whatever saves the self from vices and keeps it away from vain desires and forbids it from following the paths of wickedness. Indeed, Islam commands its believers to use their sound minds and not to react to every ideology or follow any propagandist. Muslims should think about consequences, control themselves, preserve their hearing and eyesight and use their minds and reason in whatever works they intend to achieve or refrain from achieving. Thus representing the words of the Almighty [And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart – about all those [one] will be questioned]<sup>10</sup>. And His saying [Say, "This is my way; I invite to Allah with insight, I and those who follow me. And exalted is Allah ; and I am not of those who associate others with Him"]<sup>11</sup>. Therefore, The acting of people and declination from acting depends on goodness, that is to say, if they expect whatever good they go upon it but if they expect otherwise , they refrain from it and if they get confused they just don't react. It is narrated that one of the Hadiths of the Prophet (Pbuh) said (There are three types of affairs: ones that are clearly right and you can follow; ones that are clearly wrong and you should avoid; and ones that are doubtful which you must leave up to God).

O, Servants of God , Fear Allah and try your best to use your minds , control your passion ,do what your Lord has instructed you to do and adhere to the Sunnah of your Prophet (Pbuh) in order to succeed in the present life and the Hereafter.

So, send your blessings upon the leader of Messengers, as Allah has ordered you in the Holy book by saying: [Indeed, Allah and His Angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings on him and greet him (with) greetings]<sup>12</sup>.

O Allah! Send your mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. And send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. Verily You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious.

O Allah! Be content with his Righteous Caliphs, his wives mothers of believers, his companions all together and the believers, men and women to the Day of Judgment, and be content with us too by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful.

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<sup>10</sup> Surat Al-'Isrā'-36

<sup>11</sup> Surat Yūsuf-108

<sup>12</sup> Surate Al-Ahazab 56

O Allah! Bless our gathering here today and make us disperse in peace and in protection from sin and not to make us deficient in our religion.

O Allah! We ask you guidance, piety, chastity and wealth.

O Allah! We ask you to grant each of us honest tongue, humbled penitent heart, righteous deeds, useful knowledge, firmly belief, pure faith and lawful and blesses sustenance. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! And grant support and unity to Islam and Muslims, O Allah! Let down tyrants and infidels. O Allah! Grant peace and security to all your servants.

O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! Grant us long-lasting safety and stability in our homeland! Grant glory to our Sultan and support him with the truth and make him a guide to truth.

O Allah! Send upon us rain from the sky in showers and make us among those who remember you during day and night and who seek your forgiveness during evening and dawn.

O Allah! Bestow us the blessings of the sky and the bounties of the earth and bless our fruits and crops and our entire livelihood. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Give us in this world good and in the Hereafter good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

O Allah! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

O Allah! We have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

O Allah! Forgive all the believing men and women, those of them who were living and those of them who were dead, you are the most hearing and respondent.

Slaves of Allah! [Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that you may remember.]

