

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

## **HAND IN HAND TO REDUCE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS**

Praise be to God who made the earth smooth for us and have made therein spacious roads for us to pass through. I thank and praise Almighty Allah asking Him therein to bestow us with His bountiful blessed graces and seeking refuge in him from the inflictions of his great avenges. I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad (Pbuh) is His Servant and Messenger. He (Pbuh) fulfilled the noblest characters and made them clear as well as explained road manners and advocated people to stick to them. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed them in truth to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of Allah!

We hear a lot about the calamities of road accidents and here, the reasons are multiple and the circumstances are different. Still, the consequences thereof are always shocking, as people get killed, bloods get shed and souls ere reaped by death before reaching the destination. This is a young man in the prime of his life died in a car accident and this is a young woman whose life was also ended due to a horrific accident. This is a child, who lost his father and is deemed to spend his childhood as orphan, and this is also a girl, who has become widow after the death of her husband, broken down in the tears of anguish and her heart is torn out of memories. How many young men who are responsible for affording the living of their family, relatives and dependants have become paralyzed, not able to move a finger in their homes. They, therefore, become dependent on others for taking care of them. Have we visited hospitals? Here the scene would be complete as hospitals are a whole world of tragedies, pains and woes. There are people who have been lying on the beds of pain for months and months counting the long nights and days. There is somebody whose limbs are cut off and amputated, next to him lies a

person whining out of the pain of his fractures. [There was certainly in their stories a lesson for those of understanding. Never was the Qur'an a narration invented, but a confirmation of what was before it and a detailed explanation of all things and guidance and mercy for a people who believe]<sup>1</sup>.

Actually the use of the road slowly and gently is one feature of the servants of Most Gracious who are praised by Him in His saying [And the servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk upon the earth easily, and when the ignorant address them [harshly], they say [words of] peace]<sup>2</sup>. The servants of the Most Gracious walk slowly and humbly in the road. They do not feign, pretend, behave snobbishly or vauntly. They keep such walk which reflects a balanced personality and a reassured soul that is free of abjectness or humiliation. They follow the role model Muhammad (Pbuh, who in his walk, he used to urge folks accompanying him by saying ((‘O people, calmly, calmly!)). The prophet (Pbuh) used to pull the reins of his camels tight so that they walk slowly for fear that his fellow Muslims get tired in their walking or any one of them gets distressed on his way. Where is this wonderful conduct for those drivers who overtake other vehicles while it is prohibited and clearly disregard the values and defy the rules and regulations and expose the lives of people and their properties to risks?

Gentleness is one of the most beloved qualities of good character to Allah which attract His bountiful blessings and graces. Abu Ad-Darda reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said: (Whoever is given his portion of kindness has been given his portion of goodness, and whoever is deprived of his portion of kindness has been deprived of his portion of goodness). Therefore, all Muslims should be characterized with gentleness and tranquility in their affairs in general and when driving vehicles in particular.

O servants of Allah

Among the road manners which the driver should stick to is to refrain from anything which may waste his concentration or block the sight before him, such as the use of mobile phones and other. Furthermore, people have better not to drive vehicles when they are tired or feel drowsy. As the Prophet (Pbuh) prohibited people from establishing prayers while they are drowsy, people should likely abstain from driving to protect themselves and prevent risks. A'isha (May Allah pleased with her, related that the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, "If you are drowsy in prayer, sleep until sleep leaves you, because if you pray while

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<sup>1</sup> Surat Yūsuf –111

<sup>2</sup> Surat Al-Furqān–63

you are drowsy, you do not know whether you may intend to ask for forgiveness but (in fact) ask for harm."

O servants of Allah

Fear Allah and beware of carelessness and negligence as well as recklessness and increase in speed because figures are very telling and in which is a reminder for whoever has a heart or who listens while he is present [in mind].

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 Generous, the All-kind, who created Human beings and made livelihoods and safety easier for them. He prohibited them from carelessness and negligence as well as recklessness and increase in speed. May Allah grant peace and honor to the Messenger of Allah who was sent by His Lord as guidance, giver of glad tidings, and Warner, his family and companions and whoever followed them in truth to the Day of Judgment .

O Muslims

Traffic accidents have caused a great deal of damage to individuals, families, communities and states. They entailed orphanage of innocent children, loss of young people full of energy and waste of time and money in treatment and medication. If we refer to the figures issued by statistics, we will find out that the driver of the vehicle is the immediate cause in almost all traffic accidents because of neglect, misbehavior, prohibited overtaking and irresponsibility.

Actually figures tell precise facts and certified incidents which because of their graveness put the individual and the group in front of direct responsibility. The issue seems much serious and its entailed damages and calamities are even more dangerous when we learn that the majority of victims in these death cases are young people and heads of families who are the backbone of production in society. Isn't this one form of corruption on earth? It actually threatens the security of individuals and communities and exposes the economic stability of the country to risks. How do causers of these accidents interact when they hear this verse of Almighty God in which He says [whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land – it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one – it is as if he had saved mankind entirely. And our messengers had certainly come to them with clear proofs. Then indeed many

of them, [even] after that, throughout the land, were transgressors]<sup>3</sup>. Overspeed leads to the death of people apart from the injuries and impairments it caused. Almighty God says [O you who have believed, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly but only [in lawful] business by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful. And whoever does that in aggression and injustice – then We will drive him into a Fire. And that, for Allah, is [always] easy]<sup>4</sup>. So will this person who does not abide to the rules of traffic and expose others 'lives to risks be aware? The Prophet (Pbuh), in order to instill in people's souls the respect for human rights, one day stood in front of the Ka'bah and said (how pure and good you are! how pure and good your fragrance is! how great and exalted you are! and how great and exalted your sanctity is! But by Him in Whose hand is Muhammad's soul, the sanctity of a believer's blood and property in the sight of Allah is greater than your sanctity!)

So servants of Allah, fear Allah and beware of whatever puts your life and life of others into risks and never be the cause for the waste of your money and your sickness.

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>5</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.

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.

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<sup>3</sup> Surat Al-Mā'idah-32

<sup>4</sup> Surat An-Nisā'-29-30

<sup>5</sup> Surat Al-Ahazab 56

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.]