Social Etiquettes Series: 1.1

SALAM

- The person who makes Salaam first, receives more reward. He is also free of pride. (Baihaqi)
- The person making or responding to a Salaam should do so verbally and not just suffice on nodding the head or waving the hand, etc.
- It is preferable that the response be better. In other words, if the person making Salaam says: "Assalaamu Alaikum", the person responding should preferably say: "Wa Alaikumussalaam Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuh". (One should not add any other words to this)
- If one person from a gathering makes Salaam, this Salaam will suffice on behalf of everyone in the gathering. Similarly, if one person from among the gathering responds to a Salaam, the response would suffice on behalf of the entire gathering.

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