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By: Hazrat Maulana Ebrahim Devla (DB)

In recent times we have observed a great amount of strife and tension particularly among Ulama, institutes, organisations, movements and even generally among the lay people. These conditions have led to breakdown in family and other relationships and have caused immense hurt and pain. Much of this has been caused by misinformation. intolerance, and a lack of respect and etiquette when differing with others. The problem has been exacerbated through social media when ignorant lay people, spread the information to ridicule Ulama and institutions. Lack of respect and etiquette is contrary to the way of the Sunnah and a cause of deprivation.

Our pious seniors have always adopted the approach of balance and moderation in matters pertaining to Figh and Islamic jurisprudence. Even when they differed, they did so with caution and respect. Hazrat Moulana Ebrahim Devla Saheb (DB) calls on the Ummah to adopt moderation, respect and to differ with dignity. May Allah grant all the ability to practise.

# **IKHTILAF IS NOT A NEW CONCEPT**

There is always a possibility of Ikhtilaf (difference of opinion) in various issues, and it is permitted. On the other hand mukhalafat

(opposition, hostility) is detested and not permitted. Ikhtilaf - having disagreement and differences is absolutely normal and occurs on a daily basis. We witness it between husband and wife and at times between colleagues and coworkers. Ikhtilaf existed in the time of the honourable Sahabah & . But they used to exercise i'tidal (moderation) in all matters. Hence, ikhtilaf without mukhalafat (hostility) is called i'tidal (moderation).

It is mentioned that during the conflict between Hazrat Ali 🐇 and Hazrat Mu'awiya 🐇, Hazrat Abu Hurairah 🐇 was on the side of Hazrat Ali 🐇. But he used to partake his meals in the camp of Hazrat Mu'awiyah ... His famous reply used to be 'the food tastes better on that side' (Havatus Sahabah)

### THE IKHTILAF OF THE SINCERE

Definitely there was ikhtilaf among our seniors but this was the ikhtilaf of the mukhliseen (sincere ones). There was also a difference of opinion among Sahabah & during the Haji period in the time of Hazrat Usman 🔈 Hazrat Usman 📥 used to perform four rakats at Mina whilst Hazrat Abu Zarr 🍇 and many others used to perform two rakats. However, Hazrat Abu Zarr 🐞 never opposed Hazrat Usman & when performing behind him. He used to say 'alkhilafu ashadd' (opposition is most severe).

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This should always be the approach and attitude of a mukhlis (sincere one). It is about practicing upon what is right with justice and sincerity, and to avoid being aggressive or hostile in opposition.

# **OUR ELDERS ARE OUR EXAMPLE**

Our elders and pious forebears (may Allah reward them) are shining examples for us. During their lifetime they are like shields for the Ummah against all types of trials and tribulations. But as soon as the elders leave us, we find ourselves surrounded by challenges from all directions. Even in the time of our Nabi %, many challenges arose after his demise. It appeared in the form of irtidad (apostasy) and the denial of paying Zakah. Ameerul Mu'mineen Hazrat Abu Bakr handled the situation with steadfastness. He taught the Ummah a great lesson, and that is to hold firmly upon the example of Nabi and the help of Allah shall come.

Fitan and trials shall be quelled if we follow the way of the Ambiya and our elders. This is promised in the Quran: "Surely We shall help Our Messengers and the believers in the life of this world and on the Day when witnesses will rise to testify" (40:51)



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Never leave the path of the elders if you want salvation. The steadfastness of Abu Bakr spielded great results in a very short time. The trials were subdued swiftly. This is the example of Sahabah that has to be followed. Salvation shall be guaranteed upon following their example.

### **WORKING WITH UNITY**

In the effort of Deen, we should not make our own circles and groups. Rather, we should work together and commend each other's efforts. To claim that we are the 'Tablighi' group and they are the 'Madrasah' group is incorrect. Whatever Deeni effort that is taking place in the world in whatever form is all for the propagation of our Deen. Be it in the field of Ilm (knowledge), Zikr, Da'wah or social and welfare work, etc. We should be broad-minded and think good of others because everyone has a status in the sight of Allah Ta'ala.

Be a Da'ee (inviter) not a mudda'ee (claimer). The latter will not have space in his heart for others. It is stated in a hadith 'Treat people according to their status'

### APPRECIATE THE WORK OF OTHERS

In the work of Deen, there should be no tension, but rather there should be Ta'awun (mutual assistance). We should work together as rafeeq (friends), not as 'fareeq' (oppositions). Along with that, regard colleagues in other fields of service of Deen as a favour upon us. Because they are doing such work and fulfilling such a responsibility of Deen, which we are unable to do ourselves.

# DO NOT BELITTLE OTHERS

Nabi % taught this lesson to the Muhajireen. Never did they belittle others. Sadly, today due to 'nafs' and ego people become jealous and tend to ridicule and degrade others. We should refrain from this and make Dua for all those that are doing Deeni work in whichever field.



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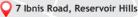
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# UAE president calls for 'negotiation and diplomacy' to end Ukraine war

JEDDAH: The president of the UAE called on Tuesday for dialogue, negotiation and diplomacy among all parties to end the war in Ukraine.

On a visit to Russia for talks in St. Petersburg with President Vladimir Putin, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan said his country sought to contribute to strengthening the foundations of peace and stability in the world.

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The floods, caused by abnormal monsoon rains and glacial melt, have submerged vast swathes of the South Asian country since mid-June and killed almost 1,700 people, most of them women and children.

Hundreds of thousands of displaced people are living in the open, exposed to malaria, diarrhea, dengue fever, and severe skin and eye infections, with stagnant floodwaters, which officials say will take months to recede, increasing disease transmission.

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# The SUBLIME CONDUCT of NABI

The character of Nabi & is described most aptly by his dear wife Hazrat Avesha (RA) who said: "His character was the Qur'an." (Musnad Ahmad)

The noble character of Nabi & conformed perfectly with the teachings and guidance of the Noble Our'an.

Hazrat 'Ali & said that 'exalted quality of character' signifies the 'good manners taught by the Qur'an'. This signifies that Nabi 🍇 possessed such character and excellence that qualified him to be the true guide and inspiration for humanity. Nabi ﷺ was a complete embodiment of all good that a human is capable of possessing.

Rasulullah # himself said: "I have been sent to perfect noble conduct." (Musnad Bazzar)

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Hazrat Anas bin Malik & savs: "I remained in the service of Nabi & for ten years. He never once told me 'oof.' When I did something, he never asked me: 'Why did you do so?'. If I did not do a certain task, he never asked me as to why I had not done so?" (Bukhari, Muslim)

This is indicative of the sublimity and consistency in conduct with such a young person who was in the service of the Master مَلَالِهُ

Hazrat Anas 🚓 narrates, "Nabi 🕷 had the best of Akhlag. One day he sent me for some task - I said to myself that by Allah I will not do what Nabi & had instructed me to do. I passed by some boys playing in the market place and got occupied with them. Suddenly Nabi # placed his hand on my neck from behind me. I looked at him and he smiled at me asking, "O Unais! Did you go where I instructed to go?" I replied, "Yes. I'm going now O Nabi ..." (Muslim)

Hazrat Ayesha (RA) said: "Rasulullah 🖔 never struck anyone with his hands, except when he was in battle. He did not hit any servant, nor any woman. He would never take revenge for any harm or mistake done. He would only implement the required punishment on those who violated Allah's laws." (Muslim)

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# SAHABA 8



The honourable companions sof our beloved Master Nabi Muhammad were indeed the most righteous group of Believers the world has ever seen. The status of the Sahaba is unparalleled. They are revered and emulated for centuries by Muslims of every era. They are crowned in the Quran with the title, 'Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah.'

Numerous Our'anic verses as well as the

Ahadith contain praises of the Sahaba ...

Notwithstanding their lofty and divinely accorded rank, certain individuals and groups revile, abuse and curse them, out of sheer hatred and prejudice. This is done with total disregard for Qur'an and Sunnah and realities of history. However, such lowly and despicable behavior shall be met with strong condemnation from those who love

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and honour the Sahaba &. The offenders must realise the gravity of their crime and the deprivation that such actions bring.

It is extremely dangerous to a person's Iman and could exterminate it. Nabi sounded strong warnings in respect of those who denigrate the status of the Sahaba in the following words: "Do not revile my Companions, do not revile my Companions. By Him in Whose Hand is my life, if one amongst you would have spent as much gold as Uhud it would not amount to one or half saa' of one of them." (Muslim)

"(Fear) Allah! (Fear) Allah! concerning my companions. Do not take them as a target (for criticism) after me, for he who loves them, loves me and he who hates them, hates me, and he who offends them, offends me and in turn offends Allah and he who offends Allah, Allah will seize him" (Tirmizi)

"The sign of faith is love of the helpers (Ansar), and the sign of hypocrisy is hatred of the helpers (Ansar)." (Bukhari and Muslim)

If there was no other accolade awarded to Sahaba , it would suffice for their honour and excellence, that they were blessed with gazing upon the countenance of, and benefitting directly from the company of Nabi Muhammad ... READ MORE

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What is the ruling regarding reading Qur'an before the Ghusal of the deceased is done?



Is it Makrooh only by the body or does this apply to those reading at home (away from the body) too?

If one is not in the same room as the body then it will not be Makrooh to recite Qur'an before Ghusl. If one is in the same room, then it is Makrooh.

If I intentionally read Surahs in the wrong sequence for example Surah Falaq in first Rakaat and Surah Feel in second, do I have to do Sajdah Sahw?

The Salah will be Makrooh but valid. It does not necessitate Sajdah Sahw.

If Salah becomes Qada whilst a Musafir, should Qasr be made when making Qadha?

If a Musafir misses Salah whilst being a Musafir then when making Qadha he should make Qadha of Qasr Salah (2 Rakats). As far as possible Salah should not be missed.

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There are different interpretations given by exegetes. According to Ibn Abbas and others Al Baqiyatus Salihat refers to the five daily Salah. Another opinion of Ibn Abbas is that it refers to every type of good action, be it a physical action or a verbal utterance, which will remain and help a person in the Hereafter (Akhirah).

Others have mentioned that it refers to the Zikr (remembrance) of Allah, be it Takbeer (Allahu Akbar), Tahleel (La Ilaha Illallah), Tahmeed (Alhamdulillah), Tasbeeh (Subhanallah) or La Hawla Wa La Quwata Illa Billah

Some Ulama have mentioned that it refers to daughters for parents. It is mentioned that daughters are a means of great Thawab (reward) for their parents.



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# Isipingo school compliments **Darul Ihsan for stellar counselling**

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"Counsellor, Sister Shaik Ally, has achieved splendid results at the school, assisting learners with social, psychological, behavioural, and educational challenges in order to cope with the school and home environment" said school principal, Mr MS Ismail.

The school acknowledged her achievements which included communication with and counselling of both learners, parents, and the educators in order to identify and develop strategies to assist them.

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Close to 40 Ulama and students attended the workshop held at Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre in Sea Cow Lake, where guest speaker Hafiz Advocate Mahomed Vahed; of the Young Leaders Academy; delivered an impressively insightful and informative presentation.

The esteemed presenter highlighted the importance of Masjidul Aqsa and the region to participants, as well as various historical events that took place there. Furthermore, details relating to Umar (R.A), the great Salaudin, and others were featured in the discussion, highlighting their strategic thinking and planning in the liberation of Masjidul Aqsa...READ MORE



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# MENTAL HEALTH AND IMAN

'Mental health' is a term widely used both online and offline. It is, by no means, a new term, but is more widely conversed about now than ever before.

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environmental factors is what shapes your mental health, and social media has the potential to either foster this, or disrupt it. Whilst poor mental health does not necessarily indicate low Iman, it is evident that when we care for our mental health, it has a profound impact on our faith.

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