

## ***A Systematic Study of Societal Values in the Light of the Holy Quran***

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### ***Abstract***

*Social values and manners are very important for any society and nation. Values can be both good and bad, but in the Holy Qur'an, Allah has given great importance to human social values and manners, and has given man a complete system of social values and manners, which is not only for Muslim societies, but also for the whole world. It has the importance of a guide for human societies. Materialism is a matter due to which human societies have moved away from their values. If any civilization in the world creates values and manners keeping in mind the teachings of the Holy Qur'an, it can surely prosper, because the Holy Qur'an is the only one. It is a book which gives teachings to humanity as a whole. And the path is the means of deliverance. We pray to Allah Almighty to accept this effort.*

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Allah is the Creator and Master of the universe. The beginning of human society dates back to the arrival of the first humans on Earth, namely Prophet Adam (peace be upon him) and Eve. Allah has bestowed countless blessings in this universe upon humans. For the guidance of humanity and to establish a clear path, Allah initiated the chain of prophethood and messengership. In this chain, heavenly, inspired, and celestial books and scriptures were revealed upon prophets and messengers for the education of humans. They were taught fundamental rules and regulations for living in society and were endowed with the blessing of intellect to adopt the best societal values.

### ***Definition of Society:***

"A group of individuals living together based on the principle of common interests."

However, this definition of society does not necessarily mean that all people belong to the same ethnicity or religion.

## **Status of Social Values:**

Social values are the backbone of any nation. The nations which do not give importance to their social values can never set the goals of development in the world. Social values are strengthened only when members of a society value it individually or as a nation. Social values are evaluated in many ways around the world. Values in a society are such that people are judged by things that can be bought with money. For example, if a person has a small house, then he will be considered small in rank, and if a person has a big house, then he will be considered big. Apart from this, it also happens in a society that people's values are such that they cannot be bought with money. For example, this person is very honest, that person is just, such a person is truthful, etc. But this division of values shows which society is civilized and which society is not civilized. As it is evident from the examples that ethics are both good and bad, the society that gives importance to these ethics is civilized and the society that does not give importance to ethics is not civilized.

## **Quran and social values**

Among all heavenly, universal, divine revelations, the effect of change is included in all the others, but only the Holy Quran is a book in which there is no room for doubt.

"This is the book without doubt."

The Holy Qur'an is not a book that only describes the events of the past, nor is it a book of stories, but the Holy Qur'an is the constitution of life and a book for the reformation of all humanity. The Holy Qur'an provides the highest foundations of an ideal life, which Allah has provided equally for both individuals and society. It has the best teachings of rights for the society. The Holy Quran has also told the way to make the human society completely virtuous and pure.

This book, the Holy Qur'an, was revealed by Allah for the guidance of mankind, although it is written in the Qur'an that it is a guidance for the pious, but its overall study is a complete code of life for humanity in all respects until the Day of Judgment.

Now here it is about the Holy Qur'an and social values. There are many societies in the world. But we are talking about basic social values here and it is necessary to explain these values in the light of the Holy Quran. The Holy Quran is a complete code of life.

### Order for payment of trust:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمَانَاتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ<sup>1</sup>

(O you who believe, do not betray Allah and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and do not betray your trusts even though you know)-

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا<sup>2</sup>

"Indeed, Allah commands you to entrust your trusts to their families, and when you judge between people, do it with justice and equity. Allah gives you the best advice. Indeed, Allah is All-Hearer." And is the seer"-

As in verse 27 of Surah Al-Anfal and verse 58 of Surah Al-Nisaa, there are orders that do not betray Allah and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), that is, enter the religion completely, and do not betray each other, the trusts in these Return to the original condition until entitled. And the second thing is that when there is an opportunity to make a decision between people, hold on to justice and make the right decision, this is an advice from Allah. Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.

### Rulings regarding sanctity of other people's houses

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَدْخُلُوا بُيُوتًا غَيْرَ بُيُوتِكُمْ حَتَّىٰ تَسْتَأْذِنُوا وَتَسَلِّمُوا عَلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ<sup>3</sup>

"O you who believe! Do not enter the houses of others except your own, unless you seek permission and greet the family members. This is better for you, perhaps you will be advised-"

Now, as it is clearly taught in this blessed verse about social values and manners, do not enter other people's houses except your own, that is, respect other people's houses like your own and do not enter their houses without permission. Do not enter and greet and enter with permission. Now, very important social values and manners have been mentioned here which any society or nation can benefit by adopting. In this blessed verse, what is prohibited from entering the houses of others? Therefore, it is forbidden that no one should interfere in the personal

1 Al-Infal: 27

2 Al-Nisa: 58

3 Al-Noor: 27

affairs of another, nor should he know and divulge any of his hidden things without permission.

### Prohibition of usurping the rights of servants:

وَلَا تَبْخَسُوا النَّاسَ أَشْيَاءَهُمْ<sup>4</sup>

"Don't give people less than they deserve."

In this blessed verse, it has been taught that a human being has many rights over another human being, for example, if someone trusts him, he should return it to its original state, not betray it, fulfill his right to someone. As a human being, he should fulfill all his responsibilities. Therefore, every human being should fulfill these human rights in a good way or he should destroy the rights of the society.

### Self-control

Self-control is important in social life. This term refers to the techniques and activities by which a person tries to order and organize his emotions, rationality, and spirituality. Self-restraint is important in social stages, because: act with forgiveness and do not lose your temper over every small and trivial matter.

وَالْكٰظِمِيْنَ الْغَيْظَ وَالْعٰفِيْنَ عَنِ النَّاسِ<sup>5</sup>

Angry and forgiving people.

وَ اَنْ تَعْفُوْا اَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوٰی<sup>6</sup>

If you forgive, it is closer than piety.

وَلْيَعْفُوْا وَلْيَصْفَحُوْا<sup>7</sup>

They should forgive and be merciful.

وَلَمَنْ صَبَرَ وَغَفَرَ اِنَّ ذٰلِكَ لَمِنْ عَزْمِ الْاُمُوْر<sup>8</sup>

And whoever is patient and works with mercy, then these are deeds of great courage.

Self-control provides discipline and organization to the social system. It helps a person to understand his actions, speech, and attitude so that he can communicate with others better and with respect. It helps to have opportunities. It makes social connections more stable and fundamental.

<sup>4</sup> Hood: 85

<sup>5</sup> Al-Imran: 134

<sup>6</sup> Al-Baqara: 237

<sup>7</sup> Al-Noor: 24

<sup>8</sup> Al-Shoora: 43

Self-discipline is also important in educational institutions, as it helps students to be disciplined during studies, exams, and practical tasks. Self-control is great for a person's mental health, as it protects a person from stress, anxiety, and grief and helps them lead a healthy life. Self-control is also important in moral and religious training, because it helps man to understand his own values and opinions and enables him to act on principled and moral values. Basically, self-control is important in social life because it enables man to interact effectively with others. It enables one to pace with respect, and with its help one can achieve improvement in various aspects of life.

### Social Values in the Light of Surah Hujarat:

Now here we will examine some social values and manners from Surah Hujarat of the Holy Quran and how the Holy Quran sheds light on these values.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنْ جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَنْ تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصْبِحُوا  
عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَادِمِينَ<sup>9</sup>

"O you who believe, if a transgressor brings any news to you, investigate it carefully, lest you fall upon a nation unawares and then start regretting what you have done"-

In this blessed verse, it is ordered to research the news because most of the people react without research as soon as they hear any news and then face regret and shame for the damage caused by it. Therefore, the Holy Qur'an provides the best social values so that people can avoid negligence and do not harm any person, nation, or individual for no reason.

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ<sup>10</sup>

(All) the believers are (among) brothers - so make peace between your two brothers, and fear Allah so that you may be shown mercy

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِّنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِّنْ نِّسَاءٍ  
عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّمَّنَّ ۗ وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ ۗ بِئْسَ الْإِسْمُ الْفُسُوقِ  
بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ ۗ وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ<sup>11</sup>

"O you who believe! No nation should make fun of another nation, it is possible that they are better than them, and neither should women make fun of other women, it is possible that those women

<sup>9</sup> Al-Hujraat: 06

<sup>10</sup> Al-Hujraat: 10

<sup>11</sup> Al-Hujraat: 11

are better than them, and do not mock and accuse each other. And do not call each other by the opposite names, after believing, calling him a transgressor is a very bad name, and those who do not repent, those are the wrongdoers"-

In this blessed verse, it is said that no nation should make fun of another nation, because it may be better than that nation and closer to Allah, and women should not make fun of other women, it may be that they be better than others, and do not slander or accuse each other, because these are acts of mischief. That is, a false accusation can make an innocent person guilty of punishment, in the same way, calling each other names. It is also prohibited. And those who do not repent and reject all the teachings, then they are the cruelest, and they do this cruelty only to themselves. The lesson in this verse is that no one should be considered inferior because no one but Allah knows who is pious and pious in His eyes.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبِ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا ۚ أَيُّحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ<sup>12</sup>

"O you who believe! Beware of most conjectures. Verily, some conjectures are sins, and do not fall into the trap of anyone, and do not do evil to one another behind one's back. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother?" So you hate him, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Oft-Repentant, Most Merciful."

In this blessed verse, it is forbidden to think too much, that certain thoughts are also sins. And it is forbidden to spy on someone, and it is also forbidden to do evil behind one's back, that is, it is commanded to avoid backbiting, because backbiting is like eating the flesh of one's dead brother, while the truth I do not like him, and fear Allah, repent, for He is Oft-Repentant, Merciful.

### **Negation of malevolent attributes**

According to the Qur'an, all those attributes are reprehensible, which affect the moral atmosphere of the society and damage the unity and discipline of Muslims and which threaten to render the whole society untrustworthy. For example, lies, discord, slander, mistrust, backbiting, backbiting, hypocrisy and contempt, etc., that these are the motivations that can affect the atmosphere of a society. To avoid all these instructions are given as follows:

وَاجْتَنِبُوا قَوْلَ الزُّورِ<sup>13</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Al-Hujraat: 12

<sup>13</sup> Al-Hajj: 22

And avoid lying.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ<sup>14</sup>

Hold fast the rope of Allah.

كُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ<sup>15</sup>

Stay with the truth.

Anger: If a person is irritable, he may become uncontrollable and unable to interact with others due to excessive anger. It can affect social interactions and create tension between relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Egoism: Egoists tend to think of themselves as better or greater than others, which can create differences among their peers and negatively affect social interactions.

Cheating: Cheaters tend to be more skeptical and hesitant to trust others. This can lead to failure in attempts at social integration and frustration among others.

Arrogance: If a person suffers from arrogance, his social behavior and communication shows pride and arrogance, which can create conflicts and differences with others.

Immorality: Immorality can pollute the social environment of individuals, such as cheating, lying, stealing, etc. Such habits distort the social morals and may create evil in others.

Such malevolent traits, if possessed by a person, can have a negative impact on the people around them and affect the social life in a negative way. Trying to negate these traits and develop good ones is essential for a perfect social match.

## Social values and their analytical study

"The most important role in every society is its values. They see one society as unique from another society based on values. The human and moral values that are born in any person are also owed to social values. I promise."

It is social values that can make a person both right and wrong. Social values only teach that humanity should not be harmed but work for the welfare of humanity, and on the other hand, there are social values that teach that humanity should be humiliated, people's rights should be eaten, etc. In fact, these values indicate the civilized and uncivilized nature of the society because the values are both good and bad.

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<sup>14</sup> Al-Imran: 103

<sup>15</sup> At-Taubah: 119

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Holy Quran offers a comprehensive framework for societal values that emphasize justice, compassion, and the welfare of the community. It underscores the importance of integrity, respect for others, and social responsibility. By adhering to these principles, societies can achieve harmony, stability, and prosperity. The Quran's guidance remains timeless, providing ethical foundations that can address contemporary social challenges. Embracing these values fosters a society rooted in mutual respect, equality, and the pursuit of collective well-being.