

AS A MUSLIM BE TRUSTWORTHY

i. Surah An-Nisaa 4:58

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا

4:58 Hakika Mwenye-ezi-Mngu anawaamrisha mzirudishe amana kwa wenyewe.

[Allah commands you to deliver (return) whatever you have been entrusted with to their rightful owners,]

وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ ۗ

Na mnapo hukumu baina ya watu mhukumu kwa uadilifu.

[And whenever you judge between people, to judge with justice.]

إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ ۗ

Hakika haya anayo wapa waadhi Mwenye-ezi-Mngu ni mazuri sana.

[Most excellent is what Allah instructs you to do.]

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا - 4:58

Hakika Mwenye-ezi-Mngu ndiye Mwenye kusikia, Mwenye kuona.

[Surely, Allah hears and sees everything.]

ii. Surah Al-Mu'minun 23:8 (+Al-Maarij 70:32-33)

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ - 23:8

23:8 & 70:32 Na (Waumini wa kweli ni wale) ambao wanazitimiza amana zao na ahadi zao,

[(True Believers are those) “Who are faithful to their trusts and to their pledges (promises).”

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِشَهَادَاتِهِمْ قَائِمُونَ - 70:33

70:33 Na ambao wanasimama imara katika ushahidi wao,

[And those who stand firm for the truth when they bear witness]

iii. Surah An-Nahl 16:90

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ

16:90 Hakika Mwenye-ezi-Mngu anaamrisha kufanya uadilifu, na hisani, na kuwapa jamaa;

[Allah commands justice, kindness (to all), and generosity to one’s relatives;]

وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ۗ

Na anakataza uchafu, na uovu, na dhulma.

[And He forbids all that is shameful, evil and oppressive.]

يُعِظُكُم لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ - 16:90

Anawapa waadhi ili mupate kukumbuka.

[He teaches you, so that you may be mindful.]

TEACHINGS

- i. The Prophet (ﷺ) was well-known among his people for honesty even before his *Prophethood*, and used to be called "al-ameen" (the trustworthy). He earned this title for being exceptionally truthful, trustworthy and upright.
- ii. Trust and justice are the main obligations placed on the Muslim community and these sum up its moral code: namely, fulfilment of trust and maintaining justice
- iii. Trust in dealing with people and delivering to them whatever they have entrusted to you. That includes:
 - Honesty in daily transactions,
 - Giving honest advice to people,
 - Taking good care of young children,
 - Protecting the interests of the Ummah
 - And defending it against hostile forces
 - And observing all duties and obligations outlined by the Divine code.
 - All these are trusts that must be fulfilled.
- iv. The order to maintain justice is stated in the most general terms so as to make it obligatory between all people.
 - It does not mean that justice should be confined to Muslims only,
 - Or to dealings between them and the followers of other religions alone.

- Justice is due to every individual human being.
 - Justice should be extended to all: Muslims and non-Muslims, friends and enemies, etc.
 - Both, Muslim individuals and Muslim Ummah alike, must honour their pledges and discharge their trust.
- v. Surah Al-Mu'minun 23:1-10 gives a detailed list of the characteristics of a true Muslim.
 - vi. Surah Al-Maarij 70:19-35 gives the characteristics of man – the exceptional qualities of a Believer are in 70:22-35.
 - vii. They draw for us the character and quality of a Muslim at its highest level. Read the 10 Ayahs in Surah 23 and the 15 Ayahs in Surah 70. See the qualities of a True Believer and what Allah has promised them.
 - viii. There are four elements of trustworthiness. They are just, responsibility, integrity and accountability
 - ix. Responsibilities can be classified into four dimensions which are:
 - Being responsible towards one-self,
 - Being responsible towards family members,
 - Being responsible towards members of the society
 - And being responsible towards Allah

- x. A person is responsible for the choices that he or she makes in life. A person's existence is justified by how he or she leads the life as Allah's creature
- xi. It is natural for a person to live with others; no man is an island. Mankind is the social creature; in order for a person to be human, he needs to communicate with others and learn how to live among others with being fully responsible toward each other
- xii. It is our responsibility to carry out our duties so that Allah is contented with us and in doing this, we may have to make a lot of sacrifices

HADITH No. 119

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Amesema Mtume wa Mwenye-ezi-Mngu, Rehmani Amani za Mwenye-ezi-Mngu zimshukie yeye.

[The Prophet of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him said:]

لَا إِيمَانَ لِمَنْ لَا أَمَانَةَ لَهُ، وَلَا دِينَ لِمَنْ لَا عَهْدَ لَهُ

Hana Imani mtu asiyekuwa na uaminifu, wala hana dini mtu asiyekuwa na ahadi

[Whoever cannot be trusted has no faith, and whoever breaches contracts has no religion.]

((رواه الإمام أحمد))

((Hadithi hii imepokewa na Imam Ahmad))

[[Reported by Imam Ahmad]]

Hadith Qudsi:

يَا عِبَادِي: إِنِّي حَرَّمْتُ الظُّلْمَ عَلَى نَفْسِي وَجَعَلْتُهُ بَيْنَكُمْ مُحَرَّمًا فَلَا تَظَالَمُوا

“O My slaves, I have forbidden injustice for Myself and forbade it also for you. So avoid being unjust to one another.” (Sahih Muslim)

The Importance of Justice

- Islam, considers justice to be a supreme virtue.
- It is a basic objective of Islam to the degree that it stands next in order of priority to belief in God (*Tawheed*) and prophet-hood.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ

- “O you who believe, be upright for God, and (be) bearers of witness with justice!...” (Quran 5:8)

“O you who believe, stand firm for justice even against your own selves”

Surat An-Nisa 4:135

Surah An-Nisa - Ayah 58-59

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِي الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِن تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِن كُنتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

Ya'ayy. Allah commands that you should render back the trust to those to whom they are due, and that when you judge between men, you judge with justice. Verily, how excellent is the teaching which He (Allah) gives you! Truly, Allah is Ever All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, and those of you who are in authority. If you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you believe in Allah and in the Last Day. That is better and more suitable for final determination.



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