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Belief in Allah's Knowledge (14)

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Fulfilment of trust (husband and ⁽⁷⁾wife)

My beloved husband: Let's have a new start.

Last week we answered 30 questions related to "concept of marriage in Islam" and the goal was to help every husband and wife to realize ^(her) his attitude and ^(her) his manners towards his ^(her) spouse and what is the best manners of the ideal spouse.

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Today, insha Allah we will learn some practical concepts that can help our marriage to be a successful one and also can be the gates of a new start of our marriage life.

Before knowing about these gates of happiness we must remember the following verse of the Quran which Allah the Almighty mentioned in the Sariat:

Surat AL-Râad (13) V. 11.

"Indeed, Allah does not change a people's condition unless, they first change what is in their hearts"

The meaning of this verse is that : Allah does not change any hardship, position of weakness or any harm, until the people have changed their actions, feelings and conditions.

(2) Related to marriage, it is we (the husband and the wife) who have to change our attitudes and behaviour first towards each other then Allah will make the love-affection, peace, mercy and happiness to be the consequences for our change. We are not supposed to just say: I will change my attitude and I will live Islam as a way of life, just a saying, but not actions at all. This saying will not lead to any improvement in our marriage life except

when it is translated into actions proving my belief. At that point, Allah the Almighty will show ~~our~~ marriage bond with love and mercy

2. We also need always to remember that marriage is the most important source of peace - love - affection and stability in our life. It is the base for our success, so we must be very serious regarding making it a happy one by trying and following all the Islamic rules of marriage i.e to live marriage as an act of worship so that we can be sure that Allah will grant us His Help, Mercy and Support to our marriage.

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3. Also, as muslims we must follow the guidance of our prophet who was the best to his wives, so that we can have the reward of following the Sunna of our Prophet (S.A.W) and get the blessings of his guidance.

"The gates of happiness
in marriage."

(Bridges of Love)

The happiest people in the world are not those

who have no problems, but those who learn to live

with the things that are less than perfect.

The gates of the happy marriage:-

1- Marriage is not fun journey.

A person visited the matchmaker for marriage

4 and requested "I am looking for a spouse. Please

help me to find a suitable one. The matchmaker said:

Your requirements, please? "Oh, good looking, polite

humorous, sporty, knowledgeable, nice talking.

Willing to accompany me the whole day at home

during my free hours, she will stay with me,

telling me interesting stories, when I need

companion for conversation and be silent

when I want to rest. The matchmaker

listens carefully and replied: I understand

you need a television not a spouse.

There is a saying that perfect match can only be found between a blind wife and a deaf husband, because the blind wife cannot see the faults of the husband and the deaf husband can not hear the complaints of the wife.

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In reality most couples are blind and deaf regarding the dream of the perfect relationship at the first months of marriage. Unfortunately, when the excitement of Love wears off, they wake up and discover that marriage is not a bed of roses. The nightmare begins.

In Islam, Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W)
taught the muslim husbands this following

Hadith regarding their wives:

Not believing man should hate his believing wife. If he dislikes a part of her conduct - he would surely like another

The meaning of this Hadith is that, we need to be realistic and optimistic i.e. (1) we need to remember that our spouse is a human being and not an angel so to expect perfection from them is far away from reality. The reality is that: there must be a good part of her conduct which we need to always remember and appreciate, but there is also a part of her conduct which we may hate and we need to try to improve it kindly and smoothly and if it looks too difficult to change, so be patient and just forget about it completely (ignore it) and always keep in heart and mind the good part of her conduct.

In this Hadith, our Prophet Mohamed (S.A.W) is teaching us (muslims) the way to handle the human spirits in the realistic form so that we can continue life together in the most accepted way.

2. Mutual trust:

Mutual trust is a very important factor for all relationships. When trust is broken, it is the real end of the relationship. Lack of trust leads to suspicion, which leads to anger which causes enmity which always leads to separation and divorce.

1 A female telephone operator said that one day, she received a phone call. She answered, Public Utilities Board. There was silence. She repeated (PUB). There was still no answer. When she was going to cut off the line, she heard a lady's voice, Oh so this is (PUB) - Sorry I got the wrong number from my husband's cellphone but I do not know whose number is this

Without mutual trust, just imagine what will happen to the couple if the female

telephone operator answered with just "Hello Hello" instead of PUB.

This is the trust between the husband and the wife.
an essential basic factor for a successful marriage?

And let us ask ourselves this following questions?

If we believe that we (husband and wife) are created from the same spirit and we are garments to each other, also we are partners in a company owned by both of us, so can all the above be a reality without mutual trust!!!

So if we all muslims follow the rules of Islam i.e believing that

Allah is the One watching all our sayings and deeds
i.e we fear Allah and we obey him in His Commands

∴ there will be no place for any suspicion

regarding any behaviour of our spouse who is

fearing Allah and is trying to fulfill his trust
(her) to his spouse in the best shape.

and there is a very important quranic rule which every husband and wife needs to remember regarding mutual trust. Allah The Almighty said in

Surat AL-Hujrat(49) - V(12)

" O you who believe / Avoid much suspicion, indeed some suspicion is sin. And spy not, neither backbite one another." This is the Rule of Allah regarding the

Prohibition of unfounded suspicion which includes

having doubts and suspicions about the conduct of your spouse or other people in general.

The problem of suspicion is that it leads to

Lack of mutual trust which can lead to spying in order to know the truth. All these bad manners are the opposite of the manners of trust, truthfulness

and respect which are the fundamental basic

manners of the husband and wife who live

marriage as an act of worship of

Allah The Almighty.

3. No overpowering: - No for oppression.

Many of the marriages are failing because one of spouse is always trying to overpower the other one to make himself (herself) the ^{only} leader of the family. This is actually the quick way to distance the hearts and to build the walls between them.

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Allah the Almighty said in Surah AL-Imran (3) V. 159, "And by the Mercy of Allah, you dealt with them gently. And had you been severe and harsh hearted they would have broken away from about you so pass over faults"

This overpowering is a form of oppression which means transgression of boundaries and transgression upon a soul, its honour and ^{causing} its harm. It has different forms e.g oppression with violence, insult or taking advantage of another's e.g your spouse ^{weakness} weakness.

Every husband and wife needs to realize that

oppression is forbidden in Islam as Allah The Almighty

said in hadith qudsiy spoken by Prophet Mohamed

(S.A.W):

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"O My slaves, I have forbidden myself oppression

and I have made it between you forbidden, so

do not oppress one another."

We (^{hu}sp^w band and wife) who live marriage as an act of worship, we need to remember always that

Allah The Almighty commanded the husbands to treat

their wives kindly (Surat 4. V(19)) because of their

weak nature and also because they are prisoners at husband's

house, so it is the manners of the righteous husband to

respect his wife and to treat her in the best way as

our Prophet (S.A.W) was with his wives. Unfortunately,

there are some husbands and wives whom they transgress

the rights of their spouse, but they must remember

that overpowering is against Allah's Rules and can lead to punishment in this life and Hereafter.

4- Right speech

Allah the Almighty said in Surat Ibrahim (14)

V (24-25 - 26).

13 24¹¹ Do you not see how Allah compares a good word to a good tree? its roots are firm and its branches reach the sky¹¹.

25 "It yields its fruits all the time by its Lord leave. Thus Does Allah set parables for people so that they may reflect."

11 26. And an evil word is like a corrupt tree, born up onto the face of the earth. It can't have a stable position¹¹.

A good word of truth, kindness and mercy is
associated in these verses with the good firm tree which has firm roots, and its branches stretching wide in the horizon giving the impression of strength, benefit and firmness while the evil word of falsehood, insult, backbiting, lying, arrogance which is weak and hollow i.e no benefit or stability.

It is always the wrong speech that causes a lot of hurt and hatred between the husband and wife.

It is the story of a husband (very rich) who married a poor woman working in his company. Once, she asked him to accompany her to visit her family in her own country. There, he treated her family in a very arrogant way so she was very upset.

14 So when she asked him to change his attitude, he replied: They never imagine that their daughter can marry a millionaire like me and so they need to remember this fact always. So she replied: But who told you that wealth can make a good lovely respectable person.!!

This is totally Forbidden Language in Islam between 2 Muslims especially the husband and wife whom their marriage is based on Kindness, respect, trust, love and affection.

and let's always remember that "a speech can either prosper or ruin a nation."

These words are sometimes the reason for the divorce especially if one of the spouse is short tempered.

(funny
story)

15 A little girl asked her father "How did the human race appear?" The father answered Allah (SWT) made Adam and Eve and they had children and so was all the mankind made. When the daughter asked her mother the same question, the mother said: many years ago, there were monkeys, scientists are believing that the human race evolved from these monkeys. So the girl returned to her father confused regarding these 2 different answers. So the father said: Well it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your mother told you about hers.

5. Personal Perception: Forget about the people criticism
so long that you are obeying Allah.

This is a very important gate of the happiness
in marriage and in the whole life.

The wise man called Luqman said to his son'
O son do not pay attention to what the people
say. Instead tell yourself always to seek
the pleasure of Allah.

It is always noticed that when the muslim
wife will live Islam as a path of life. practicing
its rules in her marriage, she will be always
criticized by the relatives and friends that
she is a servant and slave to her husband, she
does not have any rights, she has a weak personality
she is grade II human-being as her husband is
not respecting her and so This is the
way which evil is trying through its followers
to destroy the marriage bond as it is mentioned

in the hadith

that the most beloved act to Shitan (devil) is

to cause divorce between a husband and his wife,

∴ Let's us all believe that: A person can build

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a wall across the river to stop the flow of water, but

it is not possible to shut the mouth of the people

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from criticism. But when a believer is sure that

what she is doing will please Allah, then

she must never worry what others ^{will} speak.

We must always do what we believe

to be the right thing and not bother

our heads or burden our souls with

whether the people will like it or not.

In marriage the only important is Allah,

i.e. to follow His rules, looking for His

reward in the worldly life and in

the Hereafter.

And inshaAllah to continue more about the bridges of
Love and mercy next week

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