



Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah (radiallahu anhu) narrated that the Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) said:

“Of the beauty of one’s Islam is that he leaves that which does not concern him.” (Tirmidhi)

The honourable Imam Shafi (rahmatullah alaihi) states, “Time is like a sword, if you do not cut it then it shall cut you.”

This hadith which mentions the beauty of Islam is one of the four ahadith that are mentioned in the Sunan of Abu Dawud.

Allah mentions about those who are the righteous servants of the Most Merciful:

“... and when they pass by frivolous (useless) acts, they pass by gracefully (without participating and without unnecessarily arguing with the participants).” (25:72)

There is no need to look at those things that are of no concern to us.

When there are two people speaking to each other, if they have not included us in their conversation, then a person should not go and intrude. Those things that are not beneficial for us in this world or the Hereafter, for example, gossiping or wasting time in futile things; we need to avoid these things.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah (radiallahu anhu) reported that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alaihi wassallam),

“Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the most false of tales. Do not seek out faults, do not spy on each other, do not contend with each other, do not envy each other, do not hate each other, and do not turn away from each other. Rather, be servants of Allah as brothers.” (Bukhari and Muslim)

We should have good thoughts regarding our Muslim brother. A person, for example, may have picked up a wine bottle along the way as litter in order to dispose of it in the bin but another person upon seeing this, becomes suspicious and assumes the worst in thinking that this person is drinking and as a result, begins to spread slanderous lies about the other person. We should always have good thoughts regarding others and not immediately jump to the worst possible conclusion.

Once a person came to Sayyiduna Isa (alaihi salam) and made the claim that the person had ripped his both eyes out. Before Sayyiduna Isa (alaihi salam) gave his verdict he replied that it is quite possible that he had taken the eyes out of the other individual and then taken his own eyes out. In other words, what he was trying to say is that he needed to hear the other side of the story before he could draw a verdict.

Abu Dawud collected 500,000 ahadith and in his collection, included 10,000 ahadith. From these ahadith, he chose four ahadith which he felt encompassed what was in his entire collection, and the hadith:

1) “Of the beauty of one’s Islam is that he leaves that which does not concern him,” (Tirmidhi) is mentioned as being one of them.

The other three ahadith which form the foundation of the din that Abu Dawud mentioned in his Sunan are as follows:



2) Narrated by Sayyiduna Umar Ibn Al-Khattab (radiallahu anhu) that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) said,

“Actions are only according to intentions.” (Bukhari, Muslim)

3) Sayyiduna Anas ibn Malik (radiallahu anhu) narrated that the holy Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) said:

“One will not become a perfect Muslim until he desires for his brother what he desires for himself.” (Bukhari, Muslim)

4) Sayyiduna Nu'man Ibn Bashir radiallahu anhu) narrated that the holy Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) said:

“Surely the Halal (permissible) is clear and the Haram (impermissible) is clear and between the two are doubtful, unclear matters that many of the people do not have knowledge of. So, whoever abstains from the doubtful matters has saved his religion and his honour...” (Bukhari and Muslim)

The above four ahadith form the foundation of the din which Islam is based upon.

“O You who have believed, spend from the good things which you have earned and from that which We have produced for you from the earth. And do not aim toward the defective therefrom, spending (from that) while you would not take it (yourself) except with closed eyes. And know that Allah is free of need and praiseworthy.” (2:267)

Abu Hanifah (rahmatullah alaihi) in addition to this included another hadith:

5) A true Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hands Muslims are safe. (Bukhari, Abu Dawud)

We should desire for others what we desire for ourselves, not leaving our leftover things to give to others.

Triple Filter Test

Before we speak, we need to go through the following filters:

- 1) Is what we are saying true or not.
- 2) Is what we are saying good?
- 3) Is what we are saying useful?

If the response to these questions are sound, then we may say what we intended, otherwise we should remain silent.

The Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) said:

“He who introduced some good practice in Islam which was followed after him (by people) he would be assured of reward like one who followed it, without their rewards being diminished in any respect. And he who introduced some evil practice in Islam which had been followed subsequently (by others), he would be required to bear the burden like that of one who followed this (evil practice) without theirs being diminished in any respect.” Muslim.

Jabir (radiallahu anhu) reported that the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) said,



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“A great many from my nation who die, after the judgment, decree, and providence of Allah, die by the evil eye.” (Abu Dawud)

Many of us have the habit of splashing everything on social media regarding our day-to-day affairs not realising the enmity and jealousy that may develop in others and as a result, we become affected by the evil eye. May Allah save us all. Ameen

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