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**“Difficulties in maintaining personal values & beliefs all around the world in accordance with Islam”**

Introduction:

In this century, there are lot of difficulties in maintaining personal values and beliefs and the biggest reason is that Muslims today often feels shy in asking about their doubts. They think that someone will embarrass them if they will ask about their doubts. Quran provides every logical reason about the doubts of Muslims. The best solution is to read and understand Quran. While some Muslims knew about religion and its rules, but they are unable to follow them just because of Shaitan.

* Islam is a monotheistic and Abrahamic religion articulated by the Qur’an.
* Holy book that is considered by its adherents to be the verbatim word of God **(Allah)** and the teachings of Muhammad, who is the last prophet of God.
* An adherent of Islam is called a Muslim.

Most Muslims are of two denominations:

* Sunni (75–90%).
* Shia (10–20%).

The five pillars are:

1) Shahadah (Kalmaa Tayiba)

2) Salat (Namaz)

3) Sawm (Rozza)

4) Zakat

5) Hajj

**Difficulties in beliefs:**

Now, the main problem is that not every Muslim follow all these five beliefs but 90% of them knows that if they do not follow these beliefs, they will be punished. Shaitan restricts the Muslims not to follow these beliefs. A true Muslim always stays away from him by continuously asking Allah for help.

In The Last Sermon, the Prophet Muhammad warned Muslims about Shaitan:

“Beware of Shaitan, he is desperate to divert you from the worship of Allah, so beware of him in matters of religion.”

The Last Sermon or Farewell Speech of the Prophet:

“Most Muslims believe they have free will in the sense that they are responsible for everything they do in a particular situation. They must choose between right, using the guidance of Allah, and wrong, following the temptations of the Devil. However, most Muslims do not believe they have absolute free will, as Allah can intervene in their lives at any moment.”

Holy Prophet (PBUH) has already cleared every doubt and Allah explains every problem & its solution in Quran. It means Quran is not only a holy book but also every aspect of life is discussed in detail. The biggest reason which leads to difficulties is **“Evil”.**

**Evil (A very common property in mostly Muslims):**

Evil is a cause of human suffering. There are two types of evil:

* moral evil - the acts of humans which are morally wrong.
* natural evil - natural disasters, such as earthquakes or tsunamis.

These two types of evil can work together, e.g., human evil can make natural evil worse. If natural evil, e.g. a drought brought on by lack of rainfall, causes crops to fail, the policies of a government can make the food shortages for the poorest people worse (moral evil).

**Why Muslims attract to evil and suffering?**

Many Muslims believe they are only on this earth for a short time, and this life is a test from Allah where they must endure evil and suffering as preparation for Paradise.

**Origin of Evilness and Islam:**

The Qur’an teaches that evil originates from the refusal of Sheitan, also called Iblis, to bow down to Adam when ordered to by Allah. For his disobedience Iblis was cast out of Heaven by Allah, and he vowed that in revenge he would spend eternity trying to tempt humans to do evil.

'O Iblis! What is your reason for not being among those who prostrated themselves?'

**Iblis said:**

'I am not one to prostrate myself to man, whom Thou didst create from sounding clay, from mud molded into shape.'

**Allah said:**

'Then get thee out from here; for thou are rejected, accursed. And the curse shall be on thee till the Day of Judgement'.

**(Qur'an 15:28)**

**Anger:**

Some Muslims finds it difficult to keep control on their anger. This is one of the Gunna which leads towards wrong actions. Anger, also known as wrath or rage, is an intense emotional state involving a strong uncomfortable and non-cooperative response to a perceived provocation, hurt or threat.

Anger becomes the predominant feeling behaviorally, cognitively, and physiologically when a person makes the conscious choice to act to immediately stop the threatening behavior of another outside force. In order to stay away from anger, seek refuge from Allah, deviate your mind and perform ablution.

Today Muslims are facing serious crisis in certain different regions of World. Some are listed as:

* India
* Kashmir
* Palestine
* Kenya
* Liberia
* Egypt

**Solution for the problem of Muslims of Palestine:**

Muslims of Palestine are really in a great difficulty & its responsibility of each Muslim to help them as far as possible. We can help Muslims of Palestine by many methods:

* Organizing in your community to show solidarity World Peace Council (WPC).
* Rising Palestine’s Issues on Social and Electronic Media.
* Lifting our voices and creating awareness about Palestine.
* Hold corporations accountable for their role in violating the rights of Palestinians in Gaza.
* By Donating for people that lives there.

**Difficulties in Moral values:**

The "basic aim" of Islamic morality and ethics is "to achieve" **Raza-e Elahi** (the Pleasure of God)"

* To make God's pleasure "the objective of man’s life
* Morality in the sense of "practical guidelines" or "specific norms or codes of behavior" for good doing (as opposed to ethical theory).

These are primarily based on the Quran and the Hadith – the central religious texts of Islam – and also mostly "commonly known moral virtues" whose major points "most religions largely agree on". They include kindness (to people and animals), honesty, patience, justice, and controlling one's anger.

Islam also commands love—love of God and those God loves, love of his messenger (Muhammad) and of believers.

***Important Moral values with difficulties in accordance with Islam:***

**1)Kindness:**

Kindness is a topic of interest in philosophy and religion. Kindness was one of the main topics in the Bible. In Book II of "Rhetoric", Aristotle defines kindness as "helpfulness towards someone in need, not in return for anything, nor for the advantage of the helper himself, but for that of the person helped".

[1] Nietzsche considered kindness and love to be the "most curative herbs and agents in human intercourse".

[2] Kindness is one of the Knightly Virtues.

God is synonymous with kindness:

"God is so kind that it is impossible to imagine His unbounded kindness!"

Kindness is a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, consideration, or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward.

2)**Charity:**

The practice of charity is the voluntary giving of help to those in need, as a humanitarian act. There are several philosophies about charity, often associated with religion. Allah says if we give charity, our wealth will be increased more & more.

**3)Forgiveness:**

This property is the virtual of a true Muslim who is kindhearted. The property exists greatly in our Rasool Pak (PBUH). Forgiveness is the intentional and voluntary process by which one who may initially feel victimized and overcomes negative emotions such as resentment and vengeance (however justified it might be). In certain legal contexts, forgiveness is a term for absolving or giving up all claims on account of debt or other claims. If someone feels guilt to his mistake Allah forgives him.

***Public Survey on Morality:***

Public opinion surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center between 2008 and 2012 in 39 countries and territories in Africa, Asia and Europe found "most Muslims agree on certain moral principles." About whether it "is necessary to believe in God to be a moral person", nine out of ten Muslims answered yes in Southeast Asia; "There also is widespread agreement that some behaviors – including drinking alcohol, sex outside marriage, homosexuality and committing suicide – are immoral."

***Important problems in today Muslims review:***

Nowadays, even Muslim society is also faced with social problems due to rapid, social change that both directly and indirectly affects the way of life. These are causes of disobedience and many other areas Muslim youths deviating from the correct way of life. For example, they commit sins and taboos as a habit and without shame; they do such wrong openly; they have friends of the opposite sex and have relationships that exceeds being just friends; and they dress in such a modern way that is against religious principles. As can be seen, youths nowadays have more freedom in the changing society with rapid development. In addition, the person's behavior is influenced by training, upbringing, religious studies, and socialization with Islamic teachings that reinforce the person's behavior, personality, and characteristics.

Six important causes of a lack of Islamic ethics in adherence to the faith among Thai Muslim youths in that study:

**1)** Family Background **2)** Drug Addiction

**3)** Lack of Knowledge in Islamic Ethics **4)** Socialization

**5)** Influence of the Media and Technology **6)** Peer Pressure

These are the problems that need to be solved promptly, and youth behavior urgently needs to be changed before the problems become more severe and more difficult to solve.

**Conclusion:**

Islamic principles physically, mentally, and verbally to be happy physically and mentally in this world and the next world. They must behave and practice with a purpose which means that they behave well because they believe in and practice the way Prophet Muhammad did with the hope of receiving mercy from Allah not to be accepted by society or for something in return from human beings. Nowadays, Muslim society is faced with a problem of youths lacking ethics, and it has long been a chronic problem that is frightening in its complexity and has become increasingly more severe because it is a problem that no one can completely solve as it has similar evolution as the changing technology that has advanced very quickly. They follow, apply, and imitate such cultures without distinguishing right from wrong which is an important cause that makes youth fascinating to follow Islam. Muslims should follow and understand the teachings of Islam to overcome these difficulties.

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