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**Adopting Positive Characteristics
Leads to Peace of Mind**

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Introduction

The following short book discusses some of the rights of the Holy Quran which must be fulfilled by every Muslim. This discussion is based on Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, Verse 121 of the Holy Quran:

“Those to whom We have given the Book recite it with its true recital. They [are the ones who] believe in it. And whoever disbelieves in it - it is they who are the losers.”

Implementing the lessons discussed will aid a Muslim to Adopt Positive Characteristics. Adopting Positive Characteristics Leads to Peace of Mind and Body.

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Chapter 2 – Al Baqarah, Verse 121

الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَتْلُونَهُ حَقَّ تِلَاوَتِهِ أُولَٰئِكَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ۚ وَمَن يَكْفُرْ بِهِ ۚ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ

الْخٰسِرُونَ ﴿١٢١﴾

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As the people of the book were mentioned in the previous verses and are mentioned in the latter verses, this verse could be referring to them also. In that case, Allah, the Exalted, as per usual, makes it clear that not all members of the people of the book, who He criticized, behaved in the same manner. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 121:

“Those to whom We have given the Book recite it with its true recital...”

This indicates the importance of avoiding criticizing an entire group based on the actions of some members of that group. Behaving in this manner easily leads to discrimination, such as racism. Instead, each person must be judged based on their own actions. An entire organization or group can only be criticized if there is clear evidence they all behave in the same manner.

Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 121:

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Whether this verse refers to some members of the people of the book and the Torah or the muslims and the Holy Quran, either way reciting a divine book correctly goes far beyond merely reading it. The Arabic word for recitation actually means to follow, meaning, to follow practically. Truly reciting the divine scriptures therefore means understanding and acting on its teachings. The issue with merely reading the Holy Quran without understanding or action only leads to one contradicting what they are reciting through their actions. This cannot be defined as believing in the Holy Quran at all. This verse also means they apply the teachings of the Holy Quran correctly into their lives. Meaning, they avoid intentionally misinterpreting it in order to justify fulfilling their worldly desires. Sadly, a form of this can even occur amongst scholars whose blind loyalty to their school of thought and teachers encourages them to interpret the Holy Quran in order to fit their school of thought instead of interpreting it with an unbiased and open mind. It is important for a muslim to show respect to their teachers and peers but their loyalty must only be to Allah, the Exalted, and His Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. This will ensure they interpret the Holy Quran correctly in an unbiased manner, just like the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, did.

Those who avoid understanding and acting on the Holy Quran or those who intentionally misinterpret it therefore do not believe in it correctly. It is as if they believe in the Holy Quran through their tongues but not through their actions. As a result, they will contradict the teachings of the Holy Quran when they misuse the blessings they have been granted. This only leads to trouble and difficulties in both worlds. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 121:

“...And whoever disbelieves in it - it is they who are the losers.”

And chapter 20 Taha, verses 124-126:

"And whoever turns away from My remembrance - indeed, he will have a depressed [i.e., difficult] life, and We will gather [i.e., raise] him on the Day of Resurrection blind." He will say, "My Lord, why have you raised me blind while I was [once] seeing?" [Allāh] will say, "Thus did Our signs come to you, and you forgot [i.e., disregarded] them; and thus will you this Day be forgotten.""

A muslim must therefore accept and act on the Holy Quran according to the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, in order to achieve peace of mind and success in both worlds, even if its teachings contradict their desires. Chapter 16 An Nahl, verse 97:

"Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do."

They must accept and act on it just like a wise patient accepts and acts on the advice of their medical doctor knowing it is best for them, even though they are prescribed bitter medicines and a strict diet plan.

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