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Leads to Peace of Mind**

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Introduction

The following short book discusses the importance of studying and researching relevant worldly and religious knowledge. This discussion is based on Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, Verse 108 of the Holy Quran:

“Or do you intend to ask your Messenger as Moses was asked before? And whoever exchanges faith for disbelief has certainly strayed from the soundness of the way.”

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 108

أَمْ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَسْأَلُوا رَسُولَكُمْ كَمَا سُئِلَ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعِ الْكُفْرَ
بِالْإِيمَانِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ﴿١٠٨﴾

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Allah, the Exalted, warns muslims not to persist in asking irrelevant questions thereby troubling the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, just like the Holy Prophet Musa, peace be upon him, was troubled by his nation, the children of Israel. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verses 67-71:

“And [recall] when Moses said to his people, "Indeed, Allāh commands you to slaughter a cow." They said, "Do you take us in ridicule?" He said, "I seek refuge in Allāh from being among the ignorant." They said, "Call upon your Lord to make clear to us what it is." [Moses] said, "[Allāh] says, 'It is a cow which is neither old nor virgin, but median between that,' so do what you are commanded." They said, "Call upon your Lord to show us what is her color." He said, "He says, 'It is a yellow cow, bright in color - pleasing to the observers.'" They said, "Call upon your Lord to make clear to us what it is. Indeed, [all] cows look alike to us. And indeed we, if Allāh wills, will be guided." He said, "He says, 'It is a cow neither trained to plow the earth nor to irrigate the field, one free from fault with no spot upon her.'" They said, "Now you have come with the truth." So they slaughtered her, but they could hardly do it.”

And chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 108:

“Or do you intend to ask your Messenger as Moses was asked before?...”

As clearly indicated in the verses discussing the Holy Prophet Musa, peace be upon him, asking irrelevant questions only distracts people from concentrating on what is relevant to them, which in turn makes their life harder. This applies to both worldly and religious matters. A muslim must concentrate on researching and querying those issues which will be questioned about on Judgement Day. Anything else must be left aside as this will only distract them from the things they must be learning and acting on. As advised in a Hadith found in Sahih Muslim, number 3257, muslims must avoid asking pointless questions and instead concentrate on avoiding what they have been prohibited from and fulfilling what they have been commanded to do. Sadly, many muslims, even scholars, have fallen into discussing and arguing over irrelevant issues which will not be questioned about on Judgement Day. This attitude has only caused divisions within the Islamic nation despite the fact they were commanded to remain united. Persisting on this attitude only takes one away from relief belief, which is always connected to relevant issues and topics that will be questioned about on Judgement Day, towards disbelief, which has always been connected to irrelevant topics and issues. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 108:

“Or do you intend to ask your Messenger as Moses was asked before? And whoever exchanges faith for disbelief has certainly strayed from the soundness of the way. And whoever exchanges faith for disbelief has certainly strayed from the soundness of the way.”

This verse could also be warning the people of the book and the non-muslims of Mecca from asking pointless questions in order to cause trouble for the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and in order to prevent others from accepting Islam. The people of the book should have learned from their ancestors, the children of Israel, the importance of avoiding asking irrelevant questions. As their scholars possessed the divine scriptures which discussed the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, they was no need for them to behave in this manner as the truth of Islam was very clear to them. Chapter 6 Al An'am, verse 20:

“Those to whom We have given the Scripture recognize it [the Holy Quran] as they recognize their [own] sons...”

And chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 146:

“Those to whom We gave the Scripture know him [Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him] as they know their own sons...”

And the non-muslims of Mecca lived with the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, forty years prior to him announcing Prophethood and therefore knew he was no liar. Chapter 10 Yunus, verse 16:

“...for I had remained among you a lifetime before it. Then will you not reason?”

And as they were masters of the Arabic language, they knew the Holy Quran were not the words of a created being otherwise they would have easily matched it in its ability to guide people irrespective of the level of their knowledge, their social status, the time they live in and its ability to solve every social, personal, financial and political issue a person or nation could ever face. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 23:

“And if you are in doubt about what We have sent down [i.e., the Qur’ān] upon Our Servant then produce a sūrah the like thereof and call upon your witnesses [i.e., supporters] other than Allāh, if you should be truthful.”

Those who pursued pointless issues in order to misguide others from Islam from the people of the book and the non-muslims of Mecca only exchanged the belief they were offered for disbelief. Chapter 2 Al Baqarah, verse 108:

“...And whoever exchanges faith for disbelief has certainly strayed from the soundness of the way.”

The one who strays from the right path will face nothing but difficulties in this world and their path will not end in Paradise in the next world, as they have forgotten the sincere obedience of Allah, the Exalted, which involves using the blessings one has been granted in ways pleasing to Him, as outlined in the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. 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.""

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