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Brotherhood for Allah's sake

Dear Muslims,

Brotherhood is one of the great feelings that a man can express to his fellow human. It is strong link that persist when other links are weakened. It is even stronger and more favorable if it is combined with worship i.e. if someone feel his religion mate is his brother. If so it result in creating peace among people in this life and great rewards at the Judgment day.

Islam encourages us to strengthen brotherhood connections with our fellow Muslims and considers it one of the grace Allah has given to us. **"The Believers, men and women, are protectors one of another: they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil: they observe regular prayers, practise regular charity, and obey God and His Apostle. On them will God pour His mercy: for God is Exalted in power, Wise" Al-Tawbah 71.**

"The Believers are but a single Brotherhood: So make peace and reconciliation between your two (contending) brothers; and fear God, that ye may receive Mercy" Al Hujurat 10.

"And hold fast, all together, by the rope which Allah (stretches out for you), and be not divided among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah's favor on you; for you were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His Grace, you became brethren; and you were on the brink of the pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus do Allah make His Signs clear to you: That you may be guided". Al-Imran 103

Nu'man b. Bashir reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: (The similitude of believers in regard to mutual love, affection, fellow-feeling is that of one body; when any limb of it aches, the whole body aches, with sleeplessness and fever) Narrated by Muslim.

Brotherhood in Allah has great advantages for those who practice it:

- 1- **Love and bless from Allah. Abu Huraira reported Allah's Apostle (May peace be upon him) as saying: (A person visited his brother in another town and Allah deputed an Angel to wait for him on his way and when he came to him he said: Where do you intend to go? He said: I intend to go to my brother in this town. He said: Have you done any favor to him (the repayment of which you intend to get)? He said: No, except that I love him for the sake of Allah, the Exalted and Glorious. Thereupon he said: I am a messenger to you from, Allah: (to inform you) that Allah loves you as you love him) Narrated by Muslim.**

They will be under the shelter of Allah in the Judgment Day. Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: (Verily. Allah would say on the Day of Resurrection: Where are those who have mutual love for My Glory's sake? Today I shall shelter them in My shadow when there is no other shadow but the shadow of Mine) Narrated by Muslim.

Abu Huraira reported that the Prophet (p.b.u.h) said, (Seven people will be shaded by Allah under His shade on the day when there will be no shade except His. They are:

- (1) a just ruler;**
 - (2) a young man who has been brought up in the worship of Allah, (i.e. worship Allah (Alone) sincerely from his childhood),**
 - (3) a man whose heart is attached to the mosque (who offers the five compulsory congregational prayers in the mosque);**
 - (4) two persons who love each other only for Allah's sake and they meet and part in Allah's cause only;**
 - (5) a man who refuses the call of a charming woman of noble birth for an illegal sexual intercourse with her and says: I am afraid of Allah;**
 - (6) a person who practices charity so secretly that his left hand does not know what his right hand has given (i.e. nobody knows how much he has given in charity).**
 - (7) a person who remembers Allah in seclusion and his eyes get flooded with tears.)**
- Narrated by Al bukhari.**

They are given special rewards that are not given to anyone else even the Prophets and Martyrs. Prophet Mohamed said: **(There are worshipers of Allah who are not prophets or martyrs but are envied by both prophets and martyrs on the Day of Judgment due to their superior level." The companions asked, "Who are they?"**

and the Prophet (PBUH) said, "They are the people who love each other for Allah's sake without having kinship ties or mutual interest. By Allah, their faces shall be as light and they shall be in a light. They shall not fear when people fear and they shall not grieve when people grieve) Narrated by Abu Dawood.

- 2- It is indication of the good and strong faith. The prophet said (**Each of you cannot be a believer, until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself**) Narrated by Al Bukhari and Muslim.

He also said (**If anyone loves for Allah's sake, hates for Allah's sake, gives for Allah's sake and withholds for Allah's sake, he will have perfect faith**) Narrated by Ahmad.

He also said as reported by Anas: (**Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith:**

1. The one to whom Allah and His Apostle becomes dearer than anything else.

2. Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake.

3. Who hates to revert to Atheism (disbelief) as he hates to be thrown into the fire) Narrated by Al Bukhari and Muslim

Dear Muslims,

Brotherhood for the sake of Allah is not a choice but rather a religion obligation and requirement. Moreover, it is essential to establish health and strong community. That is why it was the first thing that Prophet Mohamed did when he arrive to *Al-madinah*. That is also why he linked it to faith and encouraged Muslims to express their good feelings to the other Muslims in many *hadith*.

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah (may peace and blessing be upon him) observed: (You shall not enter Paradise so long as you do not affirm belief (in all those things which are the articles of faith) and you will not believe as long as you do not love one another. Should I not direct you to a thing which, if you do, will foster love amongst you: (i. e.) give currency to (the practice of paying salutation to one another by saying) as-salamu alaikum) Narrated by Muslim.

He also said: (Exchange gifts, and mutual love arises; shake hands, and enmity will fall away) narrated by Malik.

It is not difficult to express your love and strengthen your brotherhood with another Muslim. The requirements are fairly simple. It can be by nice words and shaking hand but it can also involve actions such as visits, giving gifts and provide help and sincere advice when needed.

(It was narrated from Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) that, a man was with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) when another man passed by and he said: O Messenger of Allah, I love this man. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to him: "Have you told him?" He said: No. He said: "Tell him for it will strengthen the love between you." So he caught up with him and said: I love you for the sake of Allah. He said: May the one for Whose sake you love me also love you). Narrated by Abu Dawood

In al-Muwatta', Imam Malik gives a report with a sahih isnad from Abu Idris al-Khulani who said: "I entered the mosque of Damascus, where I saw a young man who had a bright smile, and I saw the people gathered around him. When they disagreed on some matter, they referred it to him, and accepted his opinion. I asked who he was, and they told me, 'This is Mu'adh ibn Jabal (May Allah be pleased with him).'" Early the next day, I went to the mosque but I found that he had arrived even earlier than I. He was praying, so I waited until he had finished, then I approached him from in front, greeted him and said, 'By Allah I love you.' He said, 'For the sake of Allah?' I said, 'For the sake of Allah'. He repeated his question, 'For the sake of Allah?' and I said, 'For the sake of Allah.' So he took hold of my collar and pulled me towards him and said, 'I have good news for you. I heard the Prophet (PBUH) say: (Allah Almighty says: 'My love is granted to those who love one another for My sake, who visit one another for My sake, and who spend on one another for My sake).

So let us spread and express love to each other. Let us let good Muslims know how much we love and respect them because of their strong faith; and let us tell those of us who makes sin and have deviated from the right track how much we love them and how afraid we are that they will die full of sins.

We ask Allah to keep us on the right track if we are on it, to show us the right track if we have deviated. We ask him to spread love and peace among Muslims, to forgive us and reward us paradise.

Amen