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Family...Tranquility and Affection

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“It is He who created you all from one soul, and from it made its mate so that he might find comfort in her.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

Family is the cornerstone of society, and the basis of its structure. The cohesion and stability of society comes with the cohesion and stability of the family. Therefore, Islam pays great care to the family in order to achieve tranquility, affection and mercy among all its members, as the Almighty Allah said, **“And among His signs is that He created spouses from among yourselves for you to live with in tranquility: He ordained love and kindness between you. There truly are signs in this for those who reflect.”**

When reviewing the verses of the Glorious Qur'an, one finds that the Almighty Allah has shown us that building a family is one of his great signs of His Greatness. Allah made marriage a source of tranquility where both spouses resort to one another. Allah made affection and mercy among the foundations of family building. **Affection** is something that leads to good-treatment so that both spouses may tolerate the bad things that the other party may do or the differences of their behaviors. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "A believer must not hate (his wife) believing woman; if he dislikes one of her characteristics he will be pleased with another." It is in this way the family depends on the meanings of good manners, good treatment and compassion. It is in the shadow of this stable and cohesive family, noble qualities and good offspring arise, and this promotes happiness in the house.

In order to achieve tranquility and affection in the family, certain things must be done, including: the good treatment as the Almighty Allah says, "**Live with them in accordance with what is fair and kind.**" The Prophet (PBUH) said, "I urge you to act kindly towards women." He (PBUH) also said, "The best wife is the one whom if her husband looks at her he is pleased, if he commands her she obeys him, and when he is away from her she guards herself and his wealth."

Another thing is: the husband's spending on his family by providing it with food, drink and clothing, as the Almighty Allah says, "**Clothing and maintenance must be borne by the father in a fair manner,**" and says,

“Let the wealthy man spend according to his wealth.” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “The upper hand is better than the lower one (i.e., the spending hand is better than the receiving hand); and begin (charity) with those who are under your care.” The Prophet (PBUH) also said, “What a sufficient sin that a man neglects those who are under his care.”

Another point is: keeping secrets among the two spouses. Both spouses should keep each other’s secret as they are a source of tranquility to one another. To reveal secrets is something rejected by religion and good manners. The Prophet (PBUH) said, “The worst of people in position before Allah on the Day of Resurrection is the man who has intercourse with his wife, and she with him, and then spreads her secrets.”

Another thing is: Cooperation in the process of educating children and raising them up in the proper way. The role of the spouses is not only to take care of children by providing food, drink and material needs, but also to implant values and morals in their minds in order to qualify them to play their role in the advancement and progress of society. In that way children will be the source of joy for their parents in this world and the Hereafter. The Almighty Allah said, **“Those who pray, ‘Our Lord, give us joy in our spouses and offspring. Make us good examples to those who are aware of You.’”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “When a man dies, his deeds come to an end, except for three: a continuous charity, knowledge by which people derive benefit, and a pious son who prays for him.” As the family pays attention to the rights of children, it must pay attention to the rights of

parents as the Almighty Allah says, **“Your Lord has commanded that you should worship none but Him, and that you be kind to your parents.”** So that security, tranquility and happiness are achieved for the whole family.

Another thing is: Mutual discussions of the life affairs of the family, because in this way every member of the family feels his role and importance. Once the Prophet (PBUH) consulted his wife Um Salamah (May Allah be pleased with her) regarding the Treaty of al-Hudaybiyyah and she gave him a good opinion.

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers: -

There is no doubt that the parents of the two spouses have a great role in maintaining the family and its stability by supporting the bonds of love, respect, and affection between them, respecting their privacy, and containing differences by giving advice and guidance to other members of the family. The Almighty Allah says, **“Tell My servants to say what is best. Satan sows discord among them: Satan is a sworn enemy of man.”** Allah also says, **“If you [believers] fear that a couple may break up, appoint one arbiter from his family and one from hers. Then, if the**

couple want to put things right, Allah will bring about a reconciliation between them: He is all knowing, all aware."

How much we need to achieve tranquility and affection at our homes, so that love, harmony and stability prevail in the whole society.

O Allah, give us joy in our spouses and offspring, and make us good examples to the pious people!