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## The Religion and Humans

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“People, We created you all from a single man and a single woman, and made you into races and tribes so that you should recognize one another. In Allah’s eyes, the most honoured of you are the ones most mindful of Him: Allah is all knowing, all aware.”** 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.

The message of Islam is a lofty humanistic message, which is based in its essence on universal noble values. It is a call to goodness and peace, as it carries happiness for all of humanity. The Almighty Allah said, **“It was only as a mercy that We sent you [Prophet] to all people.”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “I have been sent to perfect good manners.”

It goes without saying that our pure religion has honored human beings just for their humanity, regardless of their colour, gender, language or race, as the Almighty says, **“We have honored the Children of Adam.”**

The Almighty Allah did not say, "We have honored Muslims alone, or believers alone." The Prophet (PBUH) said, "O people, Your lord is One, and your father is one. An Arab has no superiority over non-Arab, nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab, also the white has no superiority over the black nor does the black have any superiority over the white, except by piety."

Moreover, our great religion called for the preservation of every human soul, and the protection of everybody. There shall be no contempt for any one on the basis of his religion, nor killing on the basis of one's belief. The preservation of one's soul, in general, is one of the six major principles that all religions came to protect. The Almighty Allah said, "**Do not take life, which Allah has made sacred, except by right.**" Allah also said, "**If anyone kills a person- unless in retribution for murder or spreading corruption in the land- it is as if he kills all mankind, while if any saves a life it is as if he saves the lives of all mankind.**" The Prophet (PBUH) said, "A believer continues to guard his Faith so long as he does not shed blood unjustly."

The human dimension in our pure religion is not limited to the prevention of harm. Rather, our religion calls for the forbearance of harm and tolerance. Tolerance is an inherent value in our religion, our culture, and our nature. When we review the Book of Allah, we find it representing a call for tolerance as the Almighty Allah, for example, says, "**Be tolerant**

**and command what is right: pay no attention to foolish people.”** Allah also says, **“Let them pardon and forgive. Do you not wish that Allah should forgive you? God is most forgiving and merciful.”** In the Sunnah of our Prophet (PBUH), we find the Prophet (PBUH) saying, “May Allah show mercy to a man who adopts a kind attitude when he sells, buys and demands for the repayment of loans.” The Prophet (PBUH) also said, “A man enters Paradise with his tolerance: either when judging or when complaining to a judge.” The value of tolerance in Islam is an attitude that should be observed when dealing with all people: to accept them all, respect them all and be fair with them all either when selling, buying, litigating, and in all other aspects of life.

Among the lofty human values that Islam calls for is: the good speech with all people without distinction, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Speak good words to all people.”** Moreover, we are commanded to reply to others in a better way than what they have said, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Tell My servants to say what is best.”**

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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:

Among the most important human values is: the value of compassion that benefits the whole society. This value embodies the principle of human fraternity, which establishes a cohesive society based on love and giving, as the Almighty Allah said, **“It was only as a mercy that We sent you [Prophet] to all people”** The Prophet (PBUH) said, “The Compassionate One (i.e. Allah) has mercy on those who are merciful. If you show mercy to those who are on the earth, He Who is in the heaven will show mercy to you.” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever.” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders.”

How much we need to be aware of the essence of religion, and its numerous human values so that our societies become stable, and love and harmony prevail. We affirm that whoever neglects from these values does not only go against the requirements of religions, but rather goes against the requirements of humanness, and is stripped from his humanity, and from the natural instinct that Allah created people with.

We ask Allah to save our country Egypt, and all other countries of the world!