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## **Peace with One's Soul, the Society, the Environment and the Universe**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **"Allah invites [everyone] to the Home of Peace, and guides whoever He will to a straight path."** 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.

Our religion is a religion of peace, our Prophet (PBUH) is a prophet of peace, and our greeting is a phrase of peace. In Islam, Paradise is called "the abode of peace," the greeting of the people of Paradise is "peace," and the Angels' greetings for believers in Paradise is peace. The Almighty Allah said, **"You who believe, enter wholeheartedly into peace and do not follow in Satan's footsteps, for he is your sworn enemy,"** and said, **"They shall have the Home of Peace with their Lord."** Allah (Glory be to Him) also said, **"Their greetings in it are peace,"** and said, **"the angels will go in to them from every gate, [saying] 'Peace be with you, because you have remained steadfast. What an excellent reward is this home of yours!'"**

It is for this noble value that Allah called Himself “The Grantor of Peace.” The Almighty Allah said, “ **He is Allah: there is no god other than Him, the Controller, the Holy One, Grantor of Peace.**” The Prophet (PBUH) used to praise Allah saying, “O Allah, You are Peace and from You comes peace. Blessed are You, O Owner of majesty and honor.”

A true Muslim is kind, loving, and tolerable. He is tolerant with himself, his family, relatives, neighbors, friends, and with all people. He is generous and loves good for all people, shares it, and contributes to everything that achieves compassion and community solidarity. Our Prophet (PBUH) said, “The believer loves other and is loved by others. No goodness in those who do not love others. The best humans are those who are beneficial to people.” The Prophet (PBUH) also said, “No one of you becomes a true believer until he likes for his brother what he likes for himself.” The Prophet (PBUH) also said, “A Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hands the Muslims are safe.” A true Muslim does not cheat, betray, make exploitation, practice monopoly, cause destruction, lie, or accuse others falsely. He loves his homeland, and is keen to maintain its security, security and stability.

A true believer also has peace with the environment in which he lives. He realizes that preserving the environment is a religious, humanitarian and national duty. Everything that is beneficial to the lives of people and the interests of homelands is part of the purposes of religions.

Similarly, everything that is harmful to the lives of people and the interests of homelands is prohibited and should be removed.

Our Prophet (PBUH) guided us to the importance of having peace with the environment. He showed us that removing harms from the roads is a part of faith. He (PBUH) said, "Faith has over seventy branches - or over sixty branches - the uppermost of which is the declaration that 'there is no god but Allah;' and the least of which is the removal of harmful objects from the road." Our Prophet (PBUH) also warned against polluting the environment in general and water in particular. He said, "Avoid two habits which provoke cursing." The Companions said: "What are those things which provoke cursing?" He said, "Relieving oneself in the streets or under the shades where people take shelter and rest." He (PBUH) also said, "Beware of the three things which provoke curses: Relieving oneself in watering places, in places of shade and in the middle of the street.'" This aims at preventing the contamination of water so that it would not be a source of harm and transmission of deadly diseases.

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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:

It goes without saying that the concept of peace extends to cover the whole universe. A true Muslim does not harm animals, burn plants, or damage trees or fruits. He is a positive person. He loves goodness and hates evil; he loves construction and hates destruction. Our Prophet (PBUH) established rules for this universal peace because he was mercy for all mankind, as the Almighty said, "We sent you only as mercy to the worlds." This drives us to carry goodness for all humankind. We all have to work together to preserve the environment and universal peace in order to remove harm that may threaten everyone. We need to realize that abuse against the environment is a violation that extends much beyond those who do it and beyond their countries and regions; it goes to a wider extent that may affect the whole globe and humanity as a whole. We stress that preserving the environment is a religious, national and humanitarian duty.

How beautiful that one lives in peace with himself, with his family, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, friends, society, the environment, and peace with the whole universe.

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