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العيب والنقص والعورة-Flaws and faults

1. The greatest flaw is that you fault others for what is [also] in you.

2. The most incompetent of all people is one who is able to remove a flaw in himself but does not do so.

3. Verily everyone has faults, so do not expose that which is hidden from you, for indeed Allah, the Glorified, has hidden them out of clemency; and hide the faults [of others] as much as possible, [and in return] Allah, the Glorified, will hide that which you would like to remain hidden.

4. The inner hearts will soon become aware of the secret faults.

5. Scrutinizing the faults of others is a fault [in itself].

6. I am surprised at the one about whom it is said: 'Indeed in him there is evil,' and he knows it is in him, how can he be annoyed?

7. I am amazed at the one who is described with a good trait that he knows is not in him, how can he be pleased?

8. Those with faults love to spread the faults of people so that they get a greater excuse for their own faults.

9. I am amazed at one who disapproves of the faults of people while he has more faults himself and does not see them.

10. The eyes of the lover are blind to the faults of his beloved, and his ears are deaf to the ugliness of his evils.

11. Covering up the faults [of others] is generosity and virtue.

12. A person's own faults are enough to keep him occupied from the faults of other people.

13. Let what one knows of his own faults hold him back from [disclosing] what he knows of the faults of others.

14. Let that which you know of your own faults prevent you from mentioning the faults of others.

15. Let the most preferred people in your eyes be the ones who guide you to your faults and help you to reform yourself.

16. Let the most beloved of all people to you be one who guides you to the right and discloses your faults to you.

17. Not every fault is manifested.

18. If the deficient person came to know of his own deficiency, he would be greatly disturbed by what he learnt of his faults.

19. One who seeks a fault [in others] will find it.

20. One who shows you your fault has indeed counselled you.

21. One who knows what [flaw] is in himself hides the faults of his brother.

22. One who informs you of your faults is indeed your friend.

23. One who hides your faults [from you] is indeed your enemy.

24. One who discloses your faults to you guards you in your absence.

25. One who flatters you for your fault, criticizes you in your absence.

26. One who sees his own faults does not fault anyone.

27. One who is looking for the faults of people should start with himself.

28. Whoever disapproves of the faults of people but accepts them in himself, then that is a fool.

29. One who belittles others for that which he himself does, then that is an imbecile.

30. One of the greatest faults of a person is for his flaws to be hidden to him.

31. Nothing prevents any of you from meeting his brother who has a fault which he hates [and advising him to reform] except the fear that he too may meet you with a similar fault; indeed you have joined together in the love of this transitory [life] and have rejected the Hereafter.

32. He who mentions your faults has not guarded you in your absence.

33. He who points you to your faults and guards [your honour in] your absence has spared no efforts in advising you.

34. A person's cognizance of his own faults is the most beneficial knowledge.

35. Never pursue the faults of people, for indeed if you think about it, you have of your own faults that which will keep you occupied from finding faults in others.

36. Do not fault others for that which you do yourself, and do not punish (or rebuke) others for the sin that you permit yourself [to indulge in].

37. Pursuing the faults [of others] is from the gravest evils.

38. Pursuing the faults [of others] is from the most detestable of faults and worst evils.

39. Whoever exposes his brother's veil [and reveals his flaws], the faults of his own household (or family) get exposed.

40. One who pursues the faults of people, Allah exposes his own faults.

41. One who seeks to learn about the secrets of his neighbour, his [own] curtains [of secrets] are torn apart.

42. Whoever searches for the secrets of others, Allah uncovers his own secrets.

43. Whoever pursues the hidden flaws [of others], Allah makes the affection of the hearts forbidden to him.

44. Hide the flaw of your brother because of what you know is in yourself.

45. Hide the flaws [of others] as much as you can and Allah, the Glorified, will hide for you that which you would like to remain hidden.

46. The most hated of all people is the fault-finder.

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