

Introduction

Man has been created with an aim; he has been blessed with the power to act freely; and he has also been shown the way which leads to eternal prosperity and bliss, and the way which ends in eternal wrath and fire. Life on this earth is the period in which man, whether he likes or not, has to follow one of these two paths.

A Muslim is required to follow the right path and to be very careful from being misled to a wrong direction. For this, he has to be aware of the pitfalls, dangers and misleading elements which lie in his way. One of the effective methods to get this awareness is by studying the socio-ethical problems from Islamic point of view. In studying these problems he will come to know that pride, envy, jealousy, greed extravagance, being indifferent to others' behaviors, forgetting Allah, idleness, alcohol, gambling, lying and back-biting are the factors which can change the direction of his path and lead him to the eternal fire of Hell. Whereas love and remembrance of Allah, hard-working with trust in God, self-criticism, righteousness, justice, generosity, modesty, being kind to others, acquiring knowledge, trustworthiness and sincerity are the deeds which will help him in keeping on the right way. Only then will he be able to follow this path successfully and live a prosperous and happy life.

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