

Publisher's Note

The Trustee of the Peermahomed Ebrahim Trust, have undertaken to present to the general public good reading materials, appropriate for their physical, mental, moral and spiritual needs.

The sensational pornographic reading materials that go by the name of literary product in the market has served to vitiate the whole social milieu, so that the restraints on social conduct are ever being relaxed, with resultant indiscipline in the home atmosphere, no less than in the wider fields of human activities outside the home.

If such a situation is allowed to go on flourishing unchecked, a veritable hell on earth is the natural outcome, as we are witnessing a wave of crimes sweeping over some of the so-called civilized countries of the West which are already affecting us.

“Back to Religion” is now the watch-word for the saner elements among them. It is with this sense of anxiety that the Trustees have embarked on the venture of publishing books, which are intended to fight the baneful effects of the cheap anti-social types of reading materials, and to inculcate a taste for, and appreciation for sound and healthful mental food.

This endeavour is not intended for commercial gains and this is apparent even to the most superficial observer from the prices of the books. The books are still sold at certain prices – albeit below the actual costs – since distributing them for free would only diminish their value in the eyes of the reading public and would also result in wastage.

The Trustees are concerned that despite all precautions on their part to avoid errors that something goes amiss in the form of errors of judgment involuntarily – for no one can be in the position to comprehend the entire field of knowledge on any subject

Of one thing they can assure the discreet readers that of the material for reading is being presented with the best of intentions for the benefit of the public and for the pleasure of the Almighty Allah.

If any reader finds anything which contradicts this objective, his observations in this regard will receive the maximum possible care to redress any shortcomings that may be pointed out as having crept into

the reading materials with the best of wishes for the reader, we remain.

The Holy Prophet (S) said:

"Shall I not let you know of the worst person among you?" The people said, "Surely, let us know". He said: "The worst is one who often backbites, sows discord among his friends and finds faults with the faultless persons".

Any person having of any one of the following three defects in the worst of all:

- (1) Backbiting
- (2) Causing dissension among friends
- (3) Seeking defects in good persons.

Whatever mishap befall thee, it is on account of something which thine own hands have done.

The wicked man thinks no good of anyone; for how should he imagine that others possess what he himself lacks?

Hazrat Ali (a.s.) said:

Beware of backbiting: it sows the seeds of bitterness, and separates you from Allah and men.

There is no sincerity in a backbiter.

He who listens to backbiting is a backbiter himself.

Backbiting is the food of dogs of hell and long hopes are bad cheat.

Reject all malicious speaking, be there justification for it or be there none.

He who hears tales to you, certainly hears tales about you.

Be on your guard against abominable words: they make hearts to burn with rage.

The most detestable man is he who returns evil for good, and the most praiseworthy, he whose answer to villainy is a generous deed.

The most wicked man is he who finds no excuse for anyone, nor ever pardons.

Imam Ja'far As Sadiq (a.s.) said:

That the Prophet (S) when asked, "What is the expiation to backbiting?" said, "Ask pardon from him whom you have backbitten whenever you remember him."

O you who believe! avoid most of suspicion, for surely suspicion in some cases is a sin, and do

not spy nor let some of you backbite others. Does one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? But you abhor it; and be careful of (your duty to) Allah, surely Allah is Oft-returning (to mercy), Merciful. (49: 12)

And whoever commits a fault or a sin, then accuses of it one innocent, he indeed takes upon himself the burden of a calumny and a manifest sin. (4: 112)

And those who speak evil things of the believing men and the believing women without their having earned (it), they are guilty indeed of a false accusation and a manifest sin. (33:58)

Corruption has appeared in the land and the sea on account of what the hands of men have wrought, that He may make them taste a part of that which they have done, so that they may return. (30:41)

Whoever does good, it is for his own soul, and whoever does evil, it is against himself; then you shall be brought back to your-- Lord. (45: 15)

... and whoever goes beyond the limits of Allah, he indeed does injustice to his own soul. (65: 1)

The Holy Prophet (S) said:

In the religion of a Muslim, backbiting is more pernicious a sin than the disease that ruins his stomach.

A backbiter will not enter the heaven.

Backbiting vitiates ablutions and fasting.

Hazrat Ali (a.s) said:

Disunity is the buddy of polytheism and backbiting is the worst lie. Whoever listens to slander is himself a slanderer.

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