

Two Thought Processes

Man can live in the society in two ways – i) Positive & Dignified and ii) Negative & Degraded. If man lives with a feeling that he will spread justice, equity, peace, security, spirituality, religiousness, humanity and nobility, then the aim of his life is positive and beneficial. But if his aim is kingdom and wealth, then this is its negative aspect. This is the proof of man's degradation because in this aspect, man's entire focus will be on his personal gains. He will be prepared to do anything for the sake of personal benefit and this will result in the destruction of the self as well as the society.

The religion of Islam has lent extreme importance to and honoured those relations where the aim is Allah and His satisfaction, spirituality and religiousness. If the aim of human relations is only material benefits, then it does not hold any value in the eyes of Islam.

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ.

“Cooperate with each other in goodness and piety.”¹

Hence, it is important that we pay special attention in our social relations towards the fact that all our efforts should be for Allah's satisfaction and His proximity.

¹. Surah Maaedah (5): Verse 2