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The Etiquette of Social Interaction with People

أدَبُ العِشرَةِ مَعَ النّاسِ

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): خالِطوا النّاسَ مُخالَطَةً إن مِتُّم مَعَها بَكَوا عَلَيكُم ، وإن عِشتُم (غِبتُم) حَنُّوا إلَيكُم1

1– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, ‘Mingle amongst people in such a way that when you die they should weep for you, and when you are alive, they should long for you.’ [Nahjul Balaghah, Saying 10]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ) ـ كانَ يَقولُ ـ: لِيَجتَمِعْ في قَلبِكَ الافتِقارُ إلَى النّاسِ ، والاستِغناءُ عَنهُم، يَكونُ افتِقارُكَ إلَيهِمفي لينِكَلامِكَ وحُسنِ بِشرِكَ،ويَكونُ استِغناؤكَ عَنهُم في نَزاهَةِ عِرضِكَ وبَقاءِ عِزِّكَ.2

2– Imam Ali (a.s.) used to say, ‘Let your heart include both need for people as well as needlessness of them – your need for them being in order to speak kindly words to them and to share your joy with them, and your needlessness of them being in order to maintain your integrity and to preserve your self-respect.’ [Ma’ani al-Akhbar, p. 267, no. 1]

ـ الإمامُ الباقرُ (عَلَيهِ الّسَلامُ): صَلاحُ شَأنِالنّاسِ التَّعايُشُ والتّعاشُرُ مِلءَ مِكيالٍ: ثُلثاهُ فِطَنٌ ، وثُلثٌ تَغافُلٌ3

3– Imam al-Baqir (a.s.) said, ‘The proper way to interact with people is through coexistence and close cooperation according to a set measure, two thirds of which are to know each other very well and a third of which is to feign ignorance of each other’s faults.’ [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 74, p. 167, no. 34]

The Etiquette of Social Interaction With One's Family

أدَبُ العِشرَةِ مَعَ الأهلِ

. ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ في وَصِيَّتِهِ لِابنِهِ الحَسَنِ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ) ـ: لا يَكُن أهلُكَ أشقَى الخَلقِ بِكَ4

4– Imam Ali (a.s.) said in his will to his son al-Hasan (a.s.), 'Let your family not become the most miserable of people because of you.' [Nahjul Balaghah, Letter 31]

ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): إنَّ المَرءَ يَحتاجُ في مَنزِلِهِ وعِيالِهِ إلى ثَلاثِ خِلالٍ يَتَكَلَّفُها وإن لَم يَكُن في طَبعِهِ5 ذلكَ: مُعاشَرَةٍ جَميلَةٍ ، وسَعَةٍ بتَقديرٍ ، وغَيرَةٍ بتَحَصُّنٍ.

5– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Verily man needs to adopt three characteristics with respect to his household and his family, even if these are not naturally present within him pleasant social interaction, the capacity to live with ampleness through evaluation, and possessiveness through protectiveness.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 236, no. 63]

What is Required When Interacting With People

ما يَنبَغي في مُخالَطَةِ النّاسِ

ـ رسولُ اللهِ (صَلَّيَ اللهُ عَلَيهِ وَ آلِهِ): أحسِنْ مُصاحَبَةَ مَن صاحَبَكَ تَكُن مُسلِماً6

6– The Prophet (S) said, 'Associate well with one who associates with you and you will be considered a Muslim.' [Amali al-Saduq, p. 168, no. 13]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): خالِطوا النّاسَ بألسِنَتِكُم وأجسادِكُم ، وزايِلوهُم بِقُلوبِكُم وأعمالِكُم7

7– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Interact with people with the use of your tongues and your bodies, and part from them with your hearts and your actions.' [Ghurar al-Hikam, no. 5071]

ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): أُبذُلْ لأخيكَ دَمَكَ ومالَكَ ، ولِعَدُوِّكَ عَدلَكَ وإنصافَكَ ، ولِلعامَّةِ بِشرَكَ وإحسانَكَ8

8– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'For your brother, offer your blood and your wealth, for your enemy your justice

and fairness, and for people in general your joy and your good favour.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 78, p. 50, no. 76]

9ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): ألزِم نَفسَكَ التَّوَدُّدَ ، وصَبِّر على مُؤَناتِ النّاسِ نَفسَكَ.

9– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'Obligate yourself to adopt affection, and make yourself tolerate the encumbrances of people.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 74, p. 175, no. 6]

10ـ الإمامُ عليٌّ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مَن أسرَعَ إلَى النّاسِ بما يَكرَهونَ قالوا فيهِ ما لا يَعلَمونَ.

10– Imam Ali (a.s.) said, 'He who is quick to criticize people in a manner that they dislike, they will talk about him saying that which they do not know.' [Bihar al-Anwar, v. 75, p. 151, no. 17]

11ـ الإمامُ الحسنُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): صاحِبِ النّاسَ مِثلَ ما تُحِبُّ أن يُصاحِبوكَ بِهِ.

11– Imam al-Hasan (a.s.) said, 'Associate with people the way you would like them to associate with you.' [A'alam al-Din, p. 297]

12ـ الإمامُ الصّادقُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): مُجامَلَةُ النّاسِ ثُلثُ العَقلِ.

12– Imam al-Sadiq (a.s.) said, 'Amicableness towards people is a third of intellect.' [Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 366]

13ـ الإمامُ الكاظمُ (عَلَيهِ السّلامُ): التَّوَدُّدُ إلَى النّاسِ نِصفُ العَقلِ.

13– Imam al-Kazim (a.s.) said, 'Affection towards people is half of intellect.' [Tuhaf al-'Uqul, no. 403]

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