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## **Enmity And The Enemy**

## العدق والمعاداة-Enmity and the Enemy

1. Being bound by straps is better [and more preferable] than accompanying the adversary.

2. The cause of enmity is lack of empathy [and consideration for others].

3. Enmity of near ones is more unpleasant than the sting of the scorpions.

4. Too much enmity is disquieting for the hearts.

5. Whoever stubbornly opposes the people, they hate him.

6. Whoever manifests his enmity, his stratagems are reduced.

7. One who tries to overcome his adversary has embarked on a struggle.

8. One who accompanies his adversary exhausts his body.

9. One who reforms [and reconciles with] his enemy increases in his number.

10. Whoever is unconcerned about you, then he is your enemy.

11. Whoever accompanies his adversary, he will expose his flaw and torment his heart.

12. One who is courteous with his adversaries is safe from battles.

13. One who sleeps, neglecting his enemy, is jolted awake by [his] crafty schemes.

14. One who finds the enmity of men sweet tastes the bitterness of the hardships of war.

15. One who shows enmity towards the people reaps the fruit of regret.

16. Whoever hides your fault from you and exposes your fault in your absence, then he is your [real] enemy, so be careful of him.

17. Whoever shows enmity [with the people] his paths becomes rugged, his affair becomes difficult and his way out becomes narrow.

18. One who reforms his adversaries attains his goal.

19. One who derives benefit from harming you will never be free from his enmity for you in every situation.

20. Never do two people [or groups] quarrel but that the more foolish of the two wins the argument.

21. Acting courteously with the enemies of Allah in their domains is a safeguard from the chastisement of Allah and a caution from the raging tribulations of this world.

22. Struggling against the enemies in their dominions and fighting against them despite their power is abandoning the command of Allah and exposing oneself to the tribulations of this world.

23. Do not be adversaries of the blessings of Allah upon you.1

24. Do not face your adversary before you are powerful enough [to defeat him].

25. Do not be fooled by the courteousness of the enemy for indeed he is like water, even if its heating by fire is prolonged, it is not prevented from extinguishing it.

26. Do not confront your enemy while he is charging towards you, for indeed his charge will aid him to overcome you and do not confront him when he is fleeing away from you, for indeed his flight is sufficient for you in dealing with him.

27. Do not declare your enmity to your enemy and do not rebuke your friend; and accept the excuse [you are given] even if it is a lie, and do not give [a forceful] response despite having the power to do so, even if it be your right.

28. When you have hatred [for someone] then do not disassociate yourself [completely – and leave some room for possible future friendship].

29. Let the most hated of people to you and the furthest of them from you be the one who always seeks out the faults of people.

30. One who hates you incites you [to wrongdoing].

31. The enemy has been named 'enemy' because he wrongs you; so one who flatters you for your faults is in actually an enemy who is wronging you.

32. Keep away from the enemies of Allah and maintain ties with the friends of Allah.

33. The worst of enemies is the one who goes to the greatest lengths and is most secretive in his plotting.

34. At times enemies may deceive [and pretend to be well-wishers].

35. One who sows enmity [and aggression] reaps loss.

36. Treating the enemy with kindness is one of the two victories.

37. Being courteous when trying to accomplish something is more effective than other means.

38. With regards to your enemy, be on the lookout for possibility [of defeating him] and seize opportunity, you will be [thus become] triumphant.

39. The weakest of enemies in plotting is the one who manifests his enmity.

40. One enemy is plenty.

41. Reforming [and reconciliation with] the enemies through good words and beautiful actions is easier than facing them and combating them with the torment of battle.

42. One who reforms [and reconciles with] his opponents attains his goal.

43. Do not consider yourself safe from an enemy, even if he is grateful.

44. Never underestimate an enemy, even if he is weak.

45. Showing enmity towards the people is a trait of the ignorant ones.

46. One who unsheathes the sword of aggression is killed by it.

47. Stances of [enmity and] hatred anger the Most Merciful, please Satan and disgrace man.

48. One who exceeds in [his] animosity has sinned and one who falls short [and does not show enmity when it is required] is defeated.

49. He who has animosity [towards others] is not capable of fearing Allah.

50. Quarrels [and disputes] manifest the foolishness of a person and do not increase in his right.

51. One whose transgression (or antagonism) increases, his enemies increase.

52. Power is lost through aggression [and oppression].

1. Or: Do not be enemies [of each other] for the [sake of the] blessings of Allah upon you.

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