

## Brotherhood in Islam

In the name of **Allah** Most Gracious Most Merciful

All thanks be to **Allah**, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and prayers are upon **His** messenger Muhammad.

Dear Muslims, the Muslim nation shall not get better unless if each and every individual looks at himself, and considers himself directly responsible for the happiness of all. That shall not materials unless each individual renounces selfishness, and tears it off his or her heart. And each individual should feel with all his senses the meaning of the messenger said when he said: {A Muslim to a Muslim is like a built up walls which supports and holds one another}. **Allah** made brotherhood as the Muslims slogan or aspiration, **Allah** says in **His** book: {The believers are brothers, so mend matters between your brothers and fear **Allah** so you may do well}. The messenger (PPBU) has made this clearer when he said: {This who he puts himself for the his brother's need, **Allah** shall put Himself for his needs. And this who saves a Muslim in a crises, **Allah** shall save him one of the crises of the day after. And this who covers up for a Muslim, **Allah** shall cover up for him in the day after}. The messenger (PPBU) also said: {You shall not enter Paradise until you become faithful. And you shall not be faithful until you love one another}.

The messenger (ppbu) said: {A man visited a brother of his in another village. **Allah** placed at his friends door step an angel awaiting for him. When the man arrived the angel asked him: where are you heading? He said: I am seeking a brother of mine in this village. The angel asked: Is there some other business you are seeking to do other than that? He answered: No, it is just that I loved him for **Allah**'s sake (may He be exulted). The angel said: Then I am **Allah**'s messenger to you and letting you know that **Allah** Has loved you just as you loved your brother for **Allah**'s sake}.

The messenger (ppbu) said that **Allah** said: {My love is definite for those who love each other for my sake. And for those attending gathering (sit down) down for my sake, and those who visit each other for my sake, and those do their best for each other for my sake}. **Allah** will say on the day of resurrection: Where are those who loved each other for the sake of my magnificence? Today, I shall give them my shade; this day there is no other shade except mine.

The messenger (ppbu) said: {There are seven whom **Allah** shall shade them with **His** shadow,} He named seven groups of people, amongst them he said: {two men who loved one another for the sake of **Allah**, they met and they parted with **Allah** in mind}.

The messenger (ppbu) said: {do not sever your relationships, and do not conspire and connive against one another, and do not hate or envy each other, and be slaves of **Allah** all brothers. A Muslim is not permitted to be crossed with his brother for more than three days}.

Dear Muslims, brotherhood is not words spoken or slogans held up, but it is behaviour and a life style. I can summarise it in that a Muslim seriously seek to benefit others. Imagine what happened during the immigration of Muslims from Mecca to Madina. That wonderful ideal welcome the Ansar or hosts have shown towards the arriving immigrants. Every one of the hosts (Ansar) took off selfishness and gave a wonderful lesson in high standards was never known in the old history or the modern times, and may never happen again till the end of times. The Ansari individual gave away half of his money and half of what he owns to his immigrating brother. He went as far as accepting to divorce his second wife for the immigrant to marry. It is true brotherhood in spirit before the physical brotherhood. That is the reason **Allah** gave it such a great status.

Dear brother, it is for certain that you shall need a brother in this life, to whom you will need to chat away your problems with, and who can help you at times of troubles. So, select a brother who has faith, religion, knowledge, truthfulness and virility. If you have a brother like that, then hold on to him just as you would hold on to something so valuable.

Dear Muslims, It is nothing to do with brotherhood, if some people are in luxury of food, bed, home and all others; and not feeling for brothers in faith who are suffering in need or due to war. True brotherhood should reflect the mercy, love and closeness; otherwise it is just meaningless words uttered. Words which will blow in the wind which has no effect in real life, and shall not rise with the nation to higher levels. The Khalifa Omar, used stand in the market and watch. He used to give out to this that buys meat in two consecutive days and says to him in anger: would you not give to your neighbour and your cousin instead of to your stomach?

Right conditions of brotherhood:

- 1) Being for the sake of **Allah**. One should only love for **Allah**, hate for **Allah**, and support for **Allah**, and make enemy for **Allah**.
- 2) Advice: the messenger (ppbu) said: {being faithful is giving advice, to **Allah**, **His** messenger and to the leaders in the nation}

Good features of Brotherhood:

- a) Consoling others and giving preference to others over one's self. **Allah** says: {and they feed the food despite their love for it to the poor, the orphan and the captive. We feed you for the sake of **Allah**, we do not want reward or thanks from you}.
- b) Never cross your brother more than three days.
- c) Avoid giving praise to your brother. The messenger (ppbu) heard a man praising another, He said: {you have destroyed the man and broke his back}.
- d) Listen to your brother when he speaks.
- e) Make prayers for your brother in his absence. Making duaa for your brother is answered for sure. And an angel is assigned at his head who answers: Amen, and to you the similar prayer.
- f) True brotherhood does not get stronger by contact nor gets weaker by staying apart. Some say when the hearts are close, no harm come if the bodies are apart.
- g) Endurance against harm if it comes from a brother.

Dear God we ask you a general mercy and a true brotherhood. **Allah** guide us amongst those you have guided, and give us health, and give us your support, and bless what you gave us, and protect us from the bad you have decided, and make peace and prayers upon the best of all creation, the messenger Muhammad (ppbu).