

# Islamic culture (week 9)

Religion



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INTRODUCTION: It is believed that Islam is a complete of life and provides its believers with the guidelines regarding every aspect of spending prosperous and fruitful life. Islam promotes the concept of love and brotherhood among all people and Muslims. Holy Quran and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) have laid high emphasis on brotherly relations among the Muslims and have encouraged the believers of Islam to maintain friendly and peaceful relationships. One of the biggest challenge in this regard is controlling oneself while facing different opinions from other. Islam has provided the Muslims with certain etiquette regarding differing. By following this etiquette of differing the Muslim society can maintain the characteristics of love and brotherhood between Muslims (Al-Hashmi, 2007).

#### ETIQUETTE OF DIFFERING IN THE MUSLIM SOCIETY:

It is easy for the people to control themselves during the situation of agreement and behave in proper manner. However, when people enter into any kind of disagreement it gets difficult for them to behave in appropriate manner. In order to justify their argument and point of view people indulge in unethical way of arguing which at times also leads to fighting. It is acceptable to have a different opinions regarding any specific topic or matter. The acceptable disagreements allow the people to get hold of different viewpoints with strong evidence and increase their knowledge. However, there are some etiquette of differing in the Muslim society which should be followed by the Muslims. Some of these etiquettes are as follow (Al-Hashmi, 2007):

Muslims should use appropriate and good words while arguing and debating with other people and should avoid the use of harsh words, as mentioned in Holy Quran: ‘ And Speak good to the people’. [Soorah al-Baqarah 2: 83]

The purpose of discussion should be to get clarification and to identify truth.

The reason behind the discussion or differing opinion should not be for the purpose of satisfying ego or for feeling proud.

The viewpoint should be supported by authenticated and strong evidences and solid reasoning (Baianonie, 1998).

The persons involved in disagreement and discussion should realize that there is a possibility that their viewpoint or stance is wrong and the other person is right (Baianonie, 1998).

The people should not continue with the pointless discussion after realizing the fact that the discussion is heading towards nowhere and other person is being stubborn (Baianonie, 1998).

Lastly, the parties and people involved in debate or discussion should respect the opinion of other people and if no agreement or mutual result is achieved the debate should be ended on positive notes (Baianonie, 1998).

#### MAINTAINING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN MUSLIMS:

Islam has provided the concept of harmony, peace, love, and brotherhood between the Muslims and whole mankind. The concept of brotherhood and harmony among the Muslims is an important element in Islam and huge emphasis have been placed on it from the very start. It is important and essential to maintain the characteristics of love and brotherhood between Muslims because it results in creating loyalty and strong bond among them which in turn facilitates in the process of strengthening and developing Muslim Ummah (Al-Hashmi, 2007).

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