

DO AS YOU WOULD BE DONE BY

The spirit of fairplay and justice is an essential ingredient of noble character. Maintenance of peaceful and happy mutual relationship among humanbeings rests a great deal on that human quality.

Overtaken by selfish motives and greed in day to day life, man ignores to consider whether treatment he metes out to fellow humanbeings would equally be acceptable and approved of if meted out to himself. Few in this world realize that there is 'Tit for Tat' in the law of Nature, applicable ^{sooner or later} in this world or hereafter.

God Almighty through several verses in the holy Quran has exhorted humanity to develop and display the high quality of justice and fairplay throughout life. "O ye, who believe i be always upright for God, bearing witness with justice, and let not hatred of a people incite you not to act equitably ; Act ye equitably that is nearer to piety, Fear ye God; Verily God is aware of what ye do" (Sura Al-Maidah - verse 8)

The insistence of being just and impartial without any consideration at all of any love for, or enmity against, any group or community is one of the unique characteristics of Islam.

And Ali a.s. that great exemplar of justice and Caliph of Islam has said "Treat another as you would yourself"

In the period of ignorance in Arabia before the advent of Islam, the Arabs were heavily divided apart in various clans, each in bitter enmity against the other. They were bound by a peculiar traditional agreement among themselves and that was to side always with their tribe in every matter, be they oppressor or oppressed and right or wrong. It was Hasham the ancestor of the Prophet of Islam, who once called in the elders of each tribe and prevailed upon some of them to break this unfair tradition, On the advent of Islam, the Prophet Mohammed s.a. commanded to cancel all the tribal agreements except this one introduced by Hasham, wherein the oppressed was always to be supported and not the oppressor, irrespective to which clan, race or religion he belonged to.