

HAPPY IS HE WHOSE LIFE IS MODERATE

(Moderation (m))

Modern economic system as introduced in many parts of the world by the West is based upon sinister motives. In order to wheel the heavy industries of the capitalists and exploiters, banker's credit cards and easy loan facilities though at heavy interest rates have been introduced.

Besides the impressive and colourful adverts in newspapers and on TV tend to enslave people's minds towards consumerism. Mental attention is so much overtaken that one is misled to spend first before earning enough to pay for it and not to think at all of how and when he was going to be able to pay for the purchase of such items which are not essential to life.

That is so particularly in the East West. Consequently many a bright and upcoming young men have to suffer setbacks in the economic life. Many have to mortgage the properties in order to pay for the artificial way of life people are encouraged to live there. Some are misguided to resort to gambling in the false hope of getting rich too quickly.

Islam has come as a perfect code of life. Those who came from Allah have guided us to live moderate way of life and avoid its pitfalls lest one suffered undue economic hardships. Said the Prophet (S.A.W.) :

" To be considerate and kind towards people is half (sign of) intelligence and simple living is half (sign of successful) life and one whose way of life is moderate will never <sup>e</sup>waken economically."

(Bihar v.28 p.349)

And Ali bin Abi Talib A.S. in his death-bed advice to his sons said:

" Oh my sons! Be moderate in your life expenses"

(Amali Tusi v.1 p.16)

And Imam Jaffer Al Sadiq (A.S.) had this advice to give:

" Whoever is moderate in spending, I stand guarantee that he will not have to suffer from poverty"

(Khisal v.1 p. 8)