

## Notes on Akhlaqiyat

Topic: Akhlaq- Husn &amp; Sue el Khulq- Importance

From the Holy Qura'n &amp; Ahadith

- 1) 'And most surely you stand on exalted (high standard of) character'

(Al Qalam v.4)

The ayat in the Holy Qura'n shows that when Allah praises His representative on earth- the Prophet (S.A.W) sent to guide us, it is with the high quality of character i.e. ('Akhlaq).

- 2) Meaning of 'Akhlaq' It is an Arabic word which means behaviour or character. More accurately it means moral character or manners.

So essential is the perfecting of manners of people that the very aim of the coming of our Prophet as explained by himself is 'I have been set down to perfect the moral character (of people)'.

- 3) Husn el Khulq means good character and manners which lead man to salvation and progress. The high status and exalted position lies in his good character and not in wealth or abundant goods. The Prophet (S.A.W) said:

- 'The best choice of you are those with the best of character because of which they become friendly with people and people in turn become friendly with him'
- 'Oh Ali upon you is (the duty) to acquire good character and to refrain from bad one'
- 'You should create within yourself the 'Akhlaq' of Allah'

What it means is that for example Allah is Merciful, we should also try to be always merciful to people. Allah is forgiving, we should also be forgiving and not revengful.

- 4) Primary virtues of 'Husn el Khulq' They are wisdom, courage, chastity and justice. On training ourselves with these primary virtues, we become able to develop other good aspects of character building.

Sue el Khulq is the opposite of 'Husn el Khulq'. It means bad and undesirable traits of man's character. They are mainly ignorance, cowardice, gluttony, lust, injustice, tyranny etc. When such bad traits of character, are allowed to develop, man falls behind and more of other bad aspects of character come out of him.

For example if man is unjust, he will not hesitate to oppress others robb them or say cause short-weight in goods delivered to them. If man is gluttony and fond of eating all the time, he may not care to see that what he eats is halal lawful or not. If a man is ignorant, he may do or speak anything which comes to him without caring for the harmful outcome of it.