

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ

9/3/92

From: Abu Lashidudeen

To: "The Pious Women"

Re: "In the spirit of Paschaat"

"Assalamu Alaikou wa Rahmatullah
wa Barakatuhu."

The Unbelievers are
Protectors, one of another:

Unless you do this

(Protect each other).

There would be

Tumult and oppression

On earth and great mischief.

America is the house that has been built on a sandy foundation, & in one^{or} two years if that it is going to fall, we have been told this.

The land is not only our home (but) it is ^{our} refuge from the wicked, not just the wicked on the outside but those on the inside. What must we the Believers protect each other from?

Could it be that we should protect each other from the harm of our tongue (and I put myself at the top of that list).

⁽¹⁾ morally bad

"When you have any thing to communicate that will distress the heart of the person whom it concerns, be silent; in order that he/she may hear from some one else. O nightingale bring thou the glad tidings of Spring, and leave bad news to the owl." (Jalistan)

Destiny of a person is Hell if he prays much, fasts much, gives alms much, but hurts his neighbors with his speech. But his destination will be Paradise if he does not hurt his neighbors with his speech, though he pray little, fast little, and give little alms. (Mishkat)

Let us get in to the habit of using the Furgān and the sunnah more especially when we become "Perturb" with one another. When the need arises to say (or write) something to me because of some wrong or sinful action of mine please for the Pleasure of Allah speak/write politely and respectfully.

"The gravest sin to Allah is bad temper." (Mishkat)

⁽¹⁾ To cause to be alarmed, agitated/upset.

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A person who sees a defect, a shortcoming of a Muslim ⁽¹⁾ brother of his, but covers and conceals it, is like as if he saved the life of a girl buried alive as practised by the pre-Islamic Arabs by taking her out of the grave. (Mishkat)

Sayyidina La'oolah Salam (Sallallahu alaihi wa salam) observes: "I tell you the distinguishing marks of a person for whom the fire of Hell has been made unlawful and who is a forbidden person for the Hell Fire to consume. He is a man who bears a sweet temper, tender heart and is softspoken." (Tirmuzi)

Do men think that
They will be left alone
On saying, "we believe"
and that they will not
Be tested?

It is a practice of Allah to try His believing servants in proportion to their faith. Everyone is tried according to their faith and certainty.

Whatever we on this land go through

(1) Or sister

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we must remember each step of the way that Allah is testing us, (me with you, you with me and you among yourselves).

Shah Sahib who loves us, told us to read and endeavor very diligently to improve our linguistic skills, by doing more reading to increase our vocabulary, and eliminate slang completely from our speech.

Shah Sahib told some or most of us not to stop our "Maamoolat", and we've done just that (stopped). We've stopped reading books like "Futuh Al-Ghail" which in my opinion is a window to why all of us do and act the way we do.

A Muslim is a brother to a Muslim or sister to a sister what ever the case may be we have to work together to get the Evil one out of our house.

The rights of a Muslim upon a Muslim are six, here I want to address number 3: "when he seeks advice, give him advice".

I am open to not only your advice but admonition which should be in the practical expression of Quran and Sunnah.

I do not have knowledge of what Allah is going to have me doing but whatever it is I just want to pass the test

"Or She.

I want to be forgiven by Allah, I want to get my soul in better shape than what is.

Please if you see that I have fallen short pray that Allah have mercy on me and save me from the Evil me and myself.

This letter has been written in the spirit of "Maseehat", Pleasure and Mercy of Allah.

If I have offended you (Allah's servants) in any way, for the Pleasure of Allah and His Mercy, this (servant) seeks and ask each and every one of you for your forgiveness.

As-Salaamul Alaikum

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8/17/92

From: Abu Rashidudeen

To: "O You Who Believe!" The Pious Women

Re: In The Spirit Of "Naseehat" (i.e. advice and admonition).

"As-Salamun-Alaikum wa Rahmatullah."

I respectfully and earnestly seek your cooperation in the area of written request for food items. In the recent past (as of 6/30 today.) I have been accepting your food request on paper that should not be used e.g. torn paper bag, paper that appears to have been balled up before using it, old or new envelopes etc.

In the adab of correspondence some of us are breaking most of the rules (principles) in this adab. I do realize that you are not, in most instances writing me a letter. Just the same a note is just a scale down version of a letter (and) still deserves the adab that is due to writing.

Bear with me; according to adab of correspondence: any undertaking which does not commence with utterance of the attribute of Allah "Bismillah" remains incomplete and unblest. Some people write the number ۷۸۶ (786) in place of the word.

This practice ⁽²⁾ should be avoided,
because it is the words that carry the
blessings not the numbers. ⁽³⁾ Your let-
ter (in this case your note) must be legible
and clear, so that it may be easily read
and understood. When we write, Shakh
Sahib has said; use black ink when
we write.

In adab of correspondence it says:
"Do not use a pencil or red ink." ⁽⁴⁾ Do
not write illegibly which makes reading
difficult. ⁽⁵⁾ Do not cram the words nor the
lines one on top of the other. ⁽⁶⁾ Do not
be wasteful with writing paper. If a
letter (in this case, a note) consists of only
a couple of lines, do not use the whole
page. Tear the blank portion off
(neatly, if you please). ⁽⁷⁾ If the paper is
of good quality, then use both sides to
write on. Do not waste the one side.

May Allah Ta'ala forgive me if I
add or take away sops in the Dar-an
Majeed: "Do not waste. Verily, the waste-
ful ones are the brothers of the squaste-
en." It would be very helpful if you
would comply in this area of adab, for
me because I'm maintaining a file
of your request for possible future use
and secondly if you do comply, your re-
quest will be blessed by Allah, if you fol-
low the adabs.

May Allah forgive me if I add or take away, Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: "One knows not wherein the blessing (or blessings) may lie."

In the Qur-an Majeed, may Allah forgive me if I add or take away: "Verily, only those of intelligence take lesson."

Of the believing women in their striving, ask Allah for His Grace they can surpass men in the obtaining of thawaab. It is for Allah to do to perfect our imperfect offerings.

I seek my sister-in-law's cooperation and my Muslim sisters cooperation.

If I have in some way shape or form and unknowing over looked your status as Muslim women, in addressing any of you in this letter I humbly seek your forgiveness, Allah's Mercy Grace and Forgiveness.

"The whole of the world is an object of benefit and the best of the benefits of the world is Al-Hayat-us-Salihat (The Pious Woman)."

One last comment: you mothers and aunts who are teaching and or are encouraging the children to give Salaams

should be commended and blessed by Allah for their using the most noblest of noble and Great blessings of Allah upon the Muslims.

It should be the ardent desire of all of us that our Muslim children realize the value and importance of Islamic adab, especially the adab of Salām. Our Muslim children are not only the future of Islam (but) the future of the Fiqra movement.

The virtues and importance of Salām is one important stepping stone to their future goal. It is below the dignity of the Muslims to use expressions below their noble status. The salutation of Salām is a great blessing of Allah Subhāna wa ta'ālā, upon the Muslims.

Hadhrat Imran bin Hussain (radhiyallahu anhu) said: Rasūlullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam), was sitting among the Sahabah (radhiyallahu anhum) when a man came to him and greeted him with, "Assalamu alaikom." Rasūlullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) returned his greeting and said, "ashī" (ten).

Then another man came and greeted with "Assalamu alaikom wa Rahmatullah."

Rasūlullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) returned his greeting and said, "ashroon" (twenty). There after a third man came and greeted him with "Assalamu alaikom wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu." Rasūlullah

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(Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) returned his greeting and said; "thalathoon" (thirty).

That is, each of the men got ten, twenty and thirty righteous deeds to his account respectively, on the principle that a good deed gets a tenfold reward.

Hadhrat Muadh bin Anas adds to the above hadith, that afterwards another man came and said; "Assalamu alaikom wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu wa Maghfiratahu" whereupon Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said:

"Forty", adding to this degree or extent are excellent qualities rewarded.

In conclusion, may Allah Ta'ala guide us and grant us taufeeq and to make Yaseehat our guide in daily life so that we may qualify for the lofty title of "Pious Women" and "Pious Men. Ameen.

"Assalamu alaikom wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu wa Maghfiratahu".

Abu Rashidudeen

P.S.

This letter is written in the "Spirit of Yaseehat."