

All praise is due to Allah Lord  
of all the worlds and may  
peace and blessings be  
upon the prophet Muhammad  
and all those who follow  
them until the day of  
resurrection.

Brothers in Islam! Life  
<sup>as Muslims</sup> is based upon certain  
values, principles and teachings  
And one of the most  
fundamental and greatest  
teachings we find in  
Islam is Mercy, mercy  
is one of Islam's  
greatest traits, <sup>and</sup> mercy

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is one of Allah's noble characteristics, showing mercy to each other is what makes it easy for us to live <sup>with</sup> ~~amongst~~ <sup>here on earth</sup> each other. Being merciful is what leads one to having a happy life, and enables human beings to deal with each other with honor, respect and courtesy. Mercy is the noble quality that the righteous are known for and it is part of one's <sup>upright</sup> human nature. The prophet

Said:

إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مِائَةَ رَحْمَةٍ، أَنْزَلَ مِنْهَا رَحْمَةً  
فِي الْأَرْضِ، فِيهَا يَتَرَاهِمُ الْخَلْقُ،  
حَتَّىٰ إِبْنُ الْفَرَسِ لَتَرْفَعُ حَافِيَهَا  
وَالنَّاقَةُ لَتَرْفَعُ ذُقْمَهَا خِيفَةَ أَنْ  
تُصِيبَ وَلَدَهَا، وَأَصْلُكَ تِسْعَةٌ  
وَتِسْعِينَ رَحْمَةً عِنْدَهُ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

Allah divided mercy into 100 parts. He placed one part of His mercy within the earth by which all creatures are merciful to one another, even to the extent that you see a female horse and camel lift their hooves so as not to trample their

loved ones. And Allah then kept the remaining 99 parts with Himself for the Day of Resurrection.

Mercy is one of Allah's great characteristics and attributes, mercy is also an attribute found within human beings and is the trait which allows the strong to protect the weak, the rich to aid the poor, the mother to care for and nurture her children, and the animals ~~to~~ <sup>to protect</sup> their young.

Even though mercy is an inherent trait in human nature, Islam came to, <sup>affirm,</sup> confirm and emphasize its importance and enjoin Muslims to be merciful and <sup>with</sup> <sup>all</sup> compassionate, for Islam is the religion of mercy and its teachings are made to actualize justice, prosperity, truth and peace for all mankind. The greatest mercy sent ~~down~~ to us was the prophet Muhammad as Allah said:

(قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

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"And we have not sent you  
except as a mercy to all of  
mankind"

Our noble prophet Muhammad  
is the greatest example of  
mercy that has ever lived  
on the face of this earth.

He taught us how to  
be merciful with others  
and told us that Allah  
will show mercy to  
us.

"الرحمن يرحمهم الرحمن الرحيم"  
من في الأرض يرحمكم من السماء"

"Those who <sup>are</sup> merciful with

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others, then Allah will  
be merciful with them.

Show mercy to those on  
earth, and the one in heaven  
will show mercy to you."

And the prophet said that  
if we aren't merciful with  
others, then Allah will  
not show mercy to us:

"من لا يعط غيره  
يعط الله" "Whoever doesn't show mercy to others  
then Allah will not show mercy to  
them."

So show mercy towards  
your spouses, your children,

your friends, your parents,  
your co-workers, be  
forgiving, pardon them,  
over look the faults and  
mistakes, be patient with  
them, be compassionate and  
treat them well.

Islam teaches us to show  
mercy and respect to our  
elders, as well as the youth  
as the prophet said:  
"ليس منا من لم يوقر الكبير  
ويرحم الصغير"  
"Whoever doesn't respect our elders  
nor show compassion and mercy  
to our youth is not from us"  
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Islam ~~does~~ not only promote mercy with elders, the youth, with women, with children, with parents... Islam also promotes showing mercy to animals and condemns all acts of cruelty towards them. The prophet Muhammad was in the garden of an Ansaari man one day. There was a camel that saw the messenger and it began to ~~run~~<sup>groan</sup> and cry. The messenger of Allah wiped ~~its~~<sup>its</sup> tears and inquired about the owner,

The owner appeared and the prophet said to him: "Don't you fear Allah regarding this animal that Allah ~~has~~ has given you possession over. It has complained to me that you don't feed it."

So if we find this type of mercy and compassion for animals, what about us showing mercy to each other! (examples ...)

Islam promotes mercy to such an extent that it even prohibited taking animals

as target practice as  
the prophet said:

whoever kills a sparrow in  
vain, then that sparrow will  
cry to Allah for help  
on the day of Resurrection,  
saying: "O Lord so and so  
killed me in vain and  
did not kill me for a  
useful purpose."

So be merciful to everyone  
and everything around you  
brothers and sisters in  
Islam.

Brothers in faith, mankind  
is in dire need of mercy

that can alleviate sufferings  
of those experiencing hardships  
and difficulties.

The greatest manifestation of  
mercy is to be gentle and  
kind with others, as

the prophet said:

اللطف من الله، واللطف من الله  
أفضل من العفو، والعفو من الله  
أفضل من العفو، والعفو من الله  
أفضل من العفو، والعفو من الله

Allah is gentle and kind and  
Allah loves gentleness and

kindness, and gives great  
rewards for it, far greater  
than what is given for  
harshness and roughness, and nothing  
greater is given than for gentleness!