

CONTRIBUTION OF ISLAM TO SOCIAL LIFE

General

[3:103] You shall hold fast to the rope of GOD, all of you, and do not be divided. Recall GOD's blessings upon you - you used to be enemies and He reconciled your hearts. By His grace, you became brethren. You were at the brink of a pit of fire, and He saved you therefrom. GOD thus explains His revelations for you, that you may be guided.

Islam is a religion of peace and reconciliation. „Assalam“ (Peace) is one among the 99 names of GOD, used in the Quraan. This is also one of the most important principles of the message brought to the humanity. Many Verses in the Quraan as well as hundreds of the Talks (Hadith) of the prophet Mohammed (ﷺ) aim to organize the social life in all its levels and to achieve a peaceful and friendly cohabitation of people as well inside one family, inside one group of people or between nations and cultures.

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[59:23] He is the One GOD; there is no other god beside Him. The King, the Most Sacred, the Peace, the Most Faithful, the Supreme, the Almighty, the Most Powerful, the Most Dignified. GOD be glorified; far above having partners.

In the above Verse [Al-Hashr, 23] the God states THE PEACE as one of his names

In this presentation, we will try to show some samples of the Islamic legislation aiming to achieve peace and order among humans and to organize social life.

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Cultivate social relationships

[4:36] You shall worship GOD alone - do not associate anything with Him. You shall regard the parents, the relatives, the orphans, the poor, the related neighbor, the unrelated neighbor, the close associate, the traveling alien, and your servants. GOD does not like the arrogant show-offs.

People Should try to keep in touch and to take care of their fellows. They should help one another and hold together. They should also help the poor and people in need. This is not only restricted to the financial help, but includes also the fact of maintaining human relationships.

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[13:25] As for those who violate GOD's covenant after pledging to keep it, and sever what GOD has commanded to be joined, and commit evil, they have incurred condemnation; they have incurred the worst destiny.

In this Verse, “**what GOD has commanded to be joined**” means to cut the joint between relatives, friends and neighbours (صِلَّةُ الرَّحِمِ). [According to Attabari's explanation].

[30:38] Therefore, you shall give the relatives their rightful share (of charity), as well as the poor, and the traveling alien. This is better for those who sincerely seek GOD's pleasure; they are the winners.

Again a Verse, inciting the Muslims to help the people in need.

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Avoiding misunderstandings among the people

GOD has not only tried to incite us to hold good relations with the people we know, but he also established rules, transmitted to us through his prophet (ﷺ). Some samples :

- **Greeting (“Assalam”)** : The one riding should greet the one walking, the one walking greets the one sitting (standing), the young should greet the old and the few greets the many.
- **Shaking the hand** : Always with the right hand and from right to left
- **Entering private places** : Knocking at the door and wait for permission, so that women and people who are not able to accept you, have time to prepare themselves.