

TAQWA AND MARRIAGE

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Verses of Holy Qur'an recited at announcement of Nikah by Holy Prophet^{saw}

- Sura Al Nisa: verse 2
- Sura Al Hashr: verse 19
- Sura Al Ahzab: verses 71-72

Reason for increase in divorces

Huzur^{atba} said:

The main reason for increase in divorces is that the level of piety is low. There is a lack of righteousness, of taqwa.

The Holy Qur'an:

- *O ye people! **Fear your Lord**, Who created you from a single soul and created wherefrom its mate, and from them twain spread many men and women; and **fear Allah**, in Whose name you appeal to one another, and **fear Him** particularly respecting ties of relationship. Verily, Allah watches over you. [4:2]*
- *O ye who believe! **Fear Allah**; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And **fear Allah**; verily Allah is Well-Aware of what you do. [59:19]*
- *O ye who believe! **Fear Allah** and say the right word. [33:71]*
- *He will bless your works for you and forgive you your sins. And whoso obeys Allah and His Messenger, shall surely attain a mighty success [33:72]*

What is Taqwa?

- Piety
- Righteousness
- Fear of Allah
- Mindfulness of Allah
- Living one's life following Allah's guidance
- As one walking through thorny bushes, taking care that one's clothes are not caught in and torn by their branches

The Promised Messiah^{as} on Taqwa

The spiritual beauty of man is to walk along all the finer ways of righteousness. They are the attractive features of spiritual beauty. It is obvious that to be mindful of the trusts of God Almighty, and to fulfill all the covenants of faith, and to employ all faculties and limbs, both overt, like eyes and ears and hands and feet and others like them, and those that are covert, like the mind and other faculties and qualities, on their proper occasions and to restrain them from coming into action on improper occasions, and to be mindful of the rights of one's fellow beings, is the way of perfecting one's spiritual beauty.

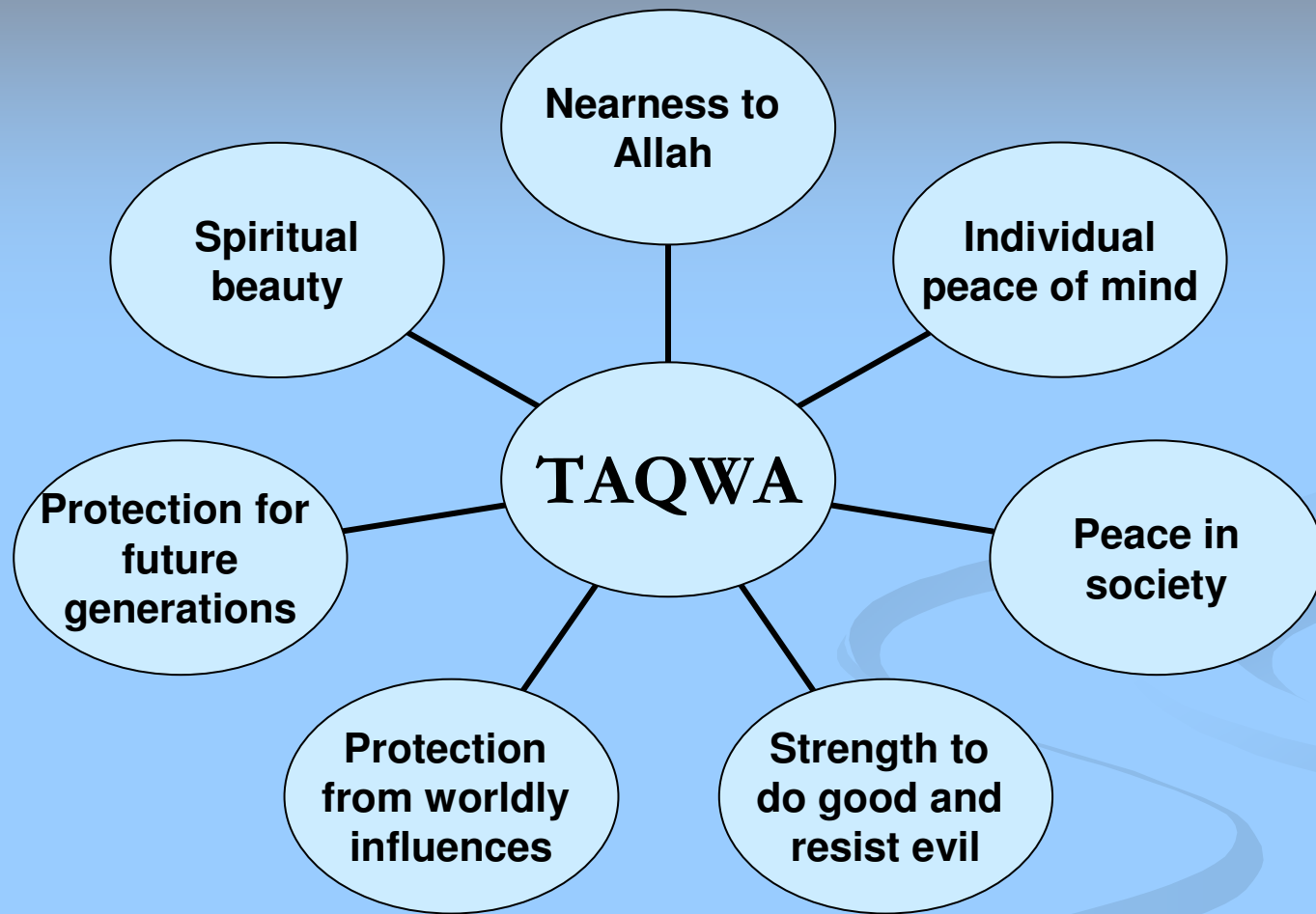
Taqwa defined by Promised Messiah^{as} contd.

God Almighty has in the Holy Qur'an designated righteousness as raiment. Libas ut Taqwa is an expression of the Holy Qur'an. This is an indication that spiritual beauty and spiritual ornament are achieved through righteousness. Righteousness means that one must be mindful even of the smallest details of divine trusts and covenants of one's fellow beings, as far as it may be possible. That is, one must try to fulfill, to the best of one's ability, all the requirements in their minutest details.

Brahine Ahmadiyya part 5, Roohani Khazain vol 21 pp 209-210

Meaning of Taqwa

- Fulfilling all the trusts you have made with Allah to the minutest detail– Haququl Allah
- Fulfilling all the trusts you have made with your fellow humans to the minutest detail – Haququl Abaad



Huzur^{atba} said:

The sign of true believers is that they are always trying to attain nearness to Allah, and the only way to achieve it is by walking on the path of Taqwa. If believers establish this concept in their lives, then they will achieve success not only in their faith, they will prosper in their worldly life also; in fact they will achieve everything.

The Promised Messiah^{as}

Taqwa provides the capacity to resist wrongdoing; and when a person acquires this capacity, he come into the possession of a charm or a talisman which guarantees peace; he enters a fortress around which Allah has placed a guard and no satanic thoughts or desires can infiltrate.

The Promised Messiah^{as}

You should surely realize that if you acquire Taqwa, it is as if you have sold yourself completely to Allah, Allah becomes yours; you will be sleeping and Allah will be awake and watchful over you like a guard; and the one for whom Allah is awake for and protects from every danger is under such a protection that no force of the earth can destroy.

Huzur^{atba} said:

What we need today is to save ourselves from vain and useless things and produce peace in our lives and society. But unfortunately, by ignoring these teachings, humans enmesh themselves into all sorts of problems and deprive themselves of the true beauty that should be a distinctive feature of believing men and women.

Beauty is granted by Allah Ta'ala

It is **not** found in:

- Make up, clothes and jewelry
- In having 'freedom'
- Following fashion trends
- Uncovering your heads
- Fulfilling worldly desires
- Men will not find it in a 'fashionable' woman

FEAR ALLAH

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Huzur^{atba} said:

Thus when Allah Ta'ala has used the word Taqwa five times, He has drawn attention to the point that every statement made and every action taken should not be only for one's own self. But having the fear of Allah Almighty, a person has to fulfill the dues toward Allah Almighty and the dues towards other people.

Huzur^{atba}'s message to Lajna- the link between taqwa and marriage

Our ladies, our girls should always remember that - my first responsibility is to follow the path of righteousness and to have the fear of Allah in my heart. Undertaking marriage for this very purpose is a way to seek the pleasure of Allah Almighty and to have a pious progeny.

Taqwa is essential for:

- Selection of a spouse
- Creating a harmonious relationship
- Maintaining ties of kinship
- Safeguarding future generations and society

Important factors in selection of a spouse

- Piety - Holy Prophet^{saw} advised that selection of spouse should be based on piety.
- Compatibility in piety is essential.
- Qual e sadeed – honesty and truthfulness in exchange of information, including weaknesses.
- No compulsion – do not force into a marriage if preference is elsewhere.

Relationship between husband and wife

If a person wants to make his relationship with Allah, and wants to attain nearness to Him, he must fulfill his Haququl Allah, duty to Allah.

And fulfilling his duty to Allah cannot be done without fulfilling his Haququl Abaad, duty to fellow human beings.

And the most important Haququl Abaad is the responsibility of the husband towards his wife, and the responsibility of the wife to her husband.

They are very important for society and your future generations. Without Taqwa you cannot reach a high standard in discharging your responsibility to Allah.

The role of eyes, ears and tongue in Taqwa

Huzur^{atba} advised:

- Close your eyes to other's weaknesses
- Open your eyes to other's good qualities
- Close your ears and you will have peace
- Use your tongue in a polite and kind way
- Keep your heart pure and full of fear of Allah

Effect of taqwa on future generations

- Provides protection
- Children raised in homes with taqwa grow up with taqwa in their hearts
- Children raised with taqwa pray for their parents:

*My Lord, have mercy on them even as they
nourished me in my childhood. (17:25)*

Ties of kinship

Huzur^{atba} said:

There would be a marked decrease in conflicts if husband and wife enter the marriage with the thought that we are not the only two people in the relationship.

Huzur^{atba} said:

Every man and every woman have to live their lives in such a way that they should always be fulfilling their covenant and their pledges. Only then they will be able to get the promised blessings.

A dream of the Promised Messiah^{as}

In the dream,

Hadhrat Amman Jan^{ra} remarked to the Promised Messiah^{as}:

“For the sake of Allah Almighty’s Will, I have forsaken my will.”

In response to this the Promised Messiah^{as} replied in the dream,

“Because of this, you have been embellished with beauty.”

Prayers for righteousness

**O Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after
Thou hast guided us, and bestow on us Your
mercy; You alone are the Bestower. (3:9)**

**Our Lord, grant us of our wives and children the
delight of *our* eyes, and make us a model for the
righteous. (25:75)**