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FRIENDSHIP

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Friendship

The concept of friendship is mentioned in the Qur'an in various forms.

Friendship should be for the pleasure of Allah and to learn good habits and skills from people we befriend.

Allah is a Friend of the Believer

Allah Ta'ala takes his faithful servants as friends. Those who recognise Him and love him are the friends of Allah Ta'ala. Numerous verses expound on this special bond of friendship between the slave and the Master.

“Allah is the Guardian of the believers. He brings them out of darkness and into light.”

(Surah Al Baqarah 2 – Verse 257)

“Lo! verily the friends of Allah shall not fear nor shall they grieve.”

(Surah Yunus 10 – Verse 62)

“And who is better in religion than one who submits himself to Allah while being a doer of good and follows the creed of Ibrahim, inclining towards truth? And Allah took Ibrahim as a close friend.”

(Surah An Nisa 4 – Verse 125)

“For them will be the Home of Peace with their Lord. And He will be their protecting friend because of what they used to do.”

(Surah Al-Anam 6 – Verse 127)

Believers are Friends

“And the believing men and the believing women are guardians of each other. They enjoy good and forbid evil and keep up prayer and discharge Zakah, and obey Allah and His Messenger. They are the ones, Allah will show mercy to them, surely Allah is All Mighty, All Wise.” (Surah At-Taubah 9 – Verse 71)

Various Ahadith also purport the closeness and protective relationship that believers share.

Nabi ﷺ said, “Do not accompany except a believer, and do not serve your food except to one with Taqwa.” (Tirmizi)

Nabi ﷺ said, “A man follows the religion of his friend; so each one should consider whom he makes his friend.” (Abu Darwood)

Accompany the Truthful

One hallmark of a good friend is honesty and truthfulness. A person must be true in faith to be true to others. The Qur’an encourages us to befriend the ‘Sadiqeen’ (those who are true and sincere).

“O you who believe, fear Allah, and be in the company of the truthful.” (Surah Taubah 9 – Verse 119)

Among the seven categories of people who will enjoy shade on the day of

Qiyamah when there will be no other shade will be two friends, "...two men who love and meet each other and depart from each other for the sake of Allah."

(Bukhari and Muslim)

When Friends will be Enemies

Allah speaks about the fragile nature of worldly friendship where people befriend people for ulterior motives.

"Friends on the Day will be enemies one to another, except those who are righteous."

(Surah Az-Zukhruf 43 – Verse 67)

Befriending the Disbelievers

"O you who believe, do not take the Jews and the Christians as allies. They are allies of one another. And whoever is an ally to them among you, then indeed, he is (one) of them. Indeed, Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people."

(Surah Al-Ma'idah 5 – Verse 51)

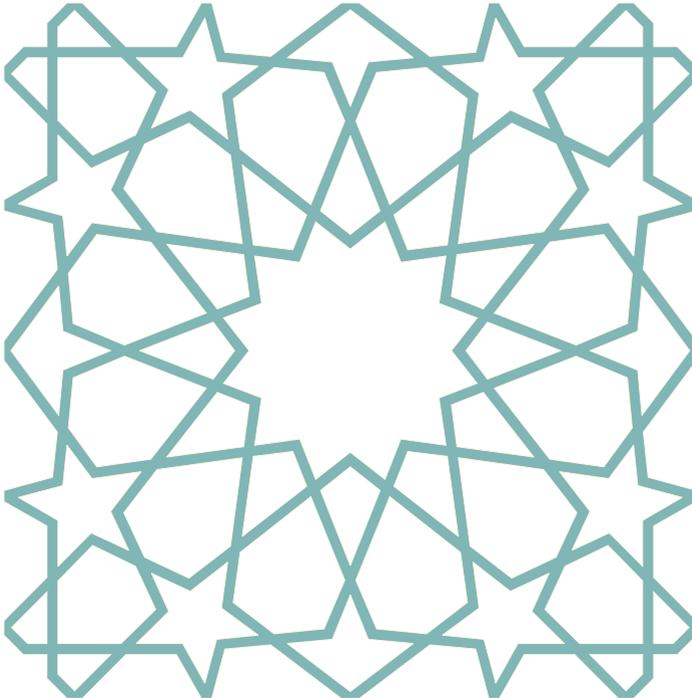
The scholars explain that having a general cooperative relationship with non-Muslims is permissible

Imam Qurtubi (Rahimahullah) explains that in this verse Allah forbade the believers from keeping a close and intimate friendship with the disbelievers, in the sense of closely consulting them and trusting them with their affairs, etc.

A Dutiful Deed

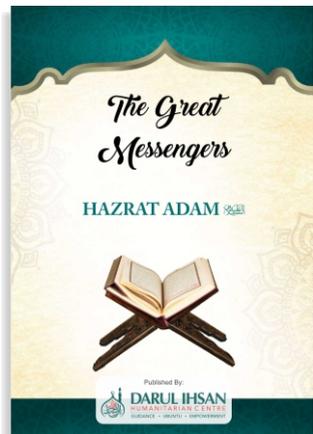
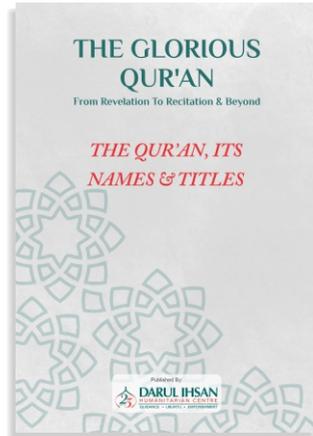
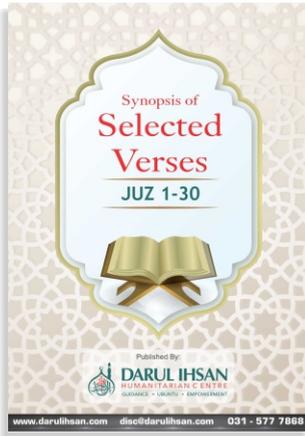
Nabi ﷺ said, “Among the most dutiful of deeds is that a man nurtures relations with the people his father was friends with.” *(Tirmizi)*

Hazrat Aisha (Radiyallahu Anha) said, “I never felt so envious of any woman as I did of Khadija, though she had died three years before the Prophet married me, and that was because I heard him mentioning her too often, and because his Lord had ordered him to give her the glad tidings that she would have a palace in Paradise, made of ‘Qasab’ and because he used to slaughter a sheep and distribute its meat among her friends.” (Bukhari)



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