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**REPENTANCE
AND FORGIVENESS**

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Repentance and Forgiveness

Taubah and Repentance is a privilege of this Ummah. Previous nations were not so easily forgiven and had to undergo difficulty to secure their forgiveness. The Qur'an focuses on the importance of sincere repentance and urges one to make amends for sins committed.

Every Human is a Sinner

It is human to commit sin. Every person errs and no one is perfect. Nabi ﷺ said, "All the children of Adam are sinners (prone to sinning), but the best of sinners are those who make Taubah (repent with remorse)." *(Tirmizi)*

Taubah means to truly feel the grief and pain of breaking the command of Almighty Allah.

When a sin is committed, sincere Taubah must be made and the sin must be abandoned. Literally, Taubah means to return to and become close after having distanced one's self (from the Mercy of Allah Ta'ala).

Seeking Forgiveness and Repentance

The Noble Qur'an makes reference to two terms - Istighfar and Taubah. Istighfar is to seek forgiveness for past sins with words of forgiveness, and Taubah is to feel remorse and ashamed of breaking the covenant with Allah Ta'ala.

With Taubah, a person pledges not to return to sins in future. This is deduced from a verse in Surah Hud: *“And seek forgiveness of your Lord, and turn unto Him (in repentance). For my Lord is indeed full of Mercy and most loving.”*

(Surah 11 – Verse 90)

Allah’s Mercy and Forgiveness

“And most surely I am most Forgiving to him who repents and believes and does good, then continues to follow the right direction.”

(Surah 20 – Verse 82)

“And whoever does a wrong or wrongs himself, then seeks forgiveness from Allah, will find Allah Forgiving and Merciful.”

(Surah An-Nisa 4 – Verse 110)

“It is He who accepts the repentance of His worshipers and pardons their evil deeds. He has knowledge of what you do.”

(Surah 42 – Verse 25)

How to make Taubah

At the earliest opportunity, if not immediately, make Taubah. There is no specified time, place or state for Taubah. Repent from the heart.

The preferred method of Taubah is to perform 2 Rakats (units) of Salat Taubah. Then repent by expressing shame and regret for committing the unlawful act.

Nabi ﷺ said: “There is no man who commits a sin, then gets up, purifies himself, prays 2 rakats (of Taubah Salah) then asks Allah to forgive him, but Allah shall forgive him.”
(At-Targheeb)

Nabi ﷺ said: “The one who repents is like the one who never sinned in the first place.”
(Ibn Majah)

Taubah is a critical component of faith. Sin draws the displeasure of Allah Ta'ala. A Muslim can never feel at ease or succeed with sin. Taubah gives us the opportunity to cleanse our souls and leave the wrong behind us.

What if I sin again?

Do not be concerned about what may happen if one commits the sin again. If it happens such, that after a sincere and determined effort of abstaining from sin, one happens to 'slip' again, then repent immediately. In this way, even if one has to slip or err a hundred times, then renew the Taubah each time. Just as we continuously wash our clothes when they need washing, similarly wash the heart with Taubah when it gets dirty.

Say, “O My servants who have transgressed against themselves (by sinning), do not despair of the Mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins.”

(Surah Az Zumar 39 – Verse 53)

Never become Despondent of Allah's Mercy

“And do not lose hope in the mercy of Allah, for no one loses hope in Allah's mercy except those with no faith.”

(Surah Yusuf 12 – Verse 87)

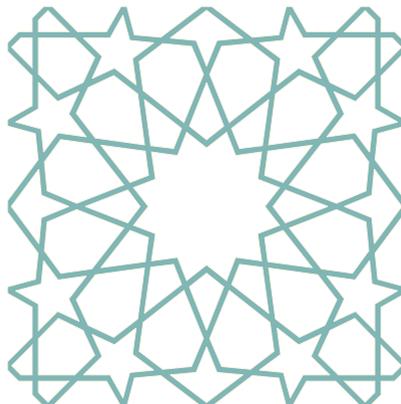
A commonly asked question by those who wish to repent: 'Will Allah forgive me?' The answer is, a resounding 'Yes'. There should never be any doubt or despondency in one's forgiveness. Always focus on Allah Ta'ala's mercy and be fully hopeful of being forgiven. Allah rejoices when His slave repents to Him. His Mercy is described in various Ahadith;

“Allah is more compassionate towards His slaves than (this) mother towards her child.”

(Muslim)

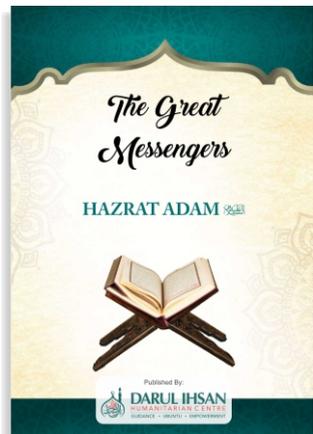
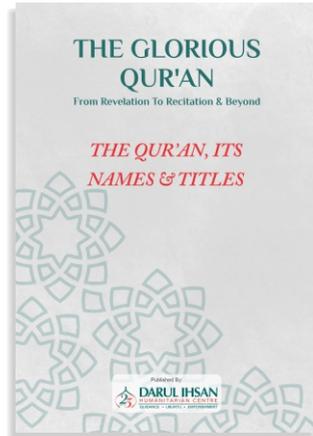
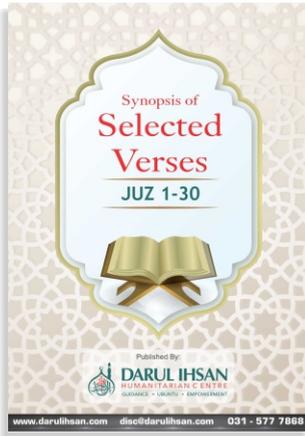
“O my slave, you err night and day, but I forgive all sins. So ask Me forgiveness and I shall forgive you.”

(Muslim)



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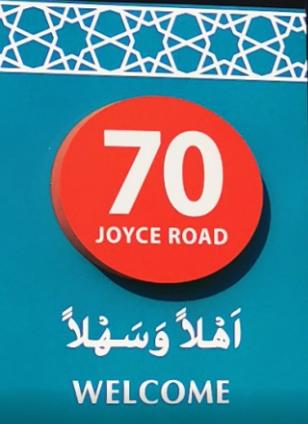
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Founding Philosophy

Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre is a multi-purpose, humanitarian-services providing organisation. 'Ihsan' means compassion towards mankind and to act with excellence. The Centre was established in the year 2000 with the primary objective of serving humanity and alleviating poverty and hardship locally and abroad. Since its inception, it has developed and established many humanitarian projects and provides a variety of free services to the community.

Key Objectives

One of the key objectives of the Centre is to promote a better understanding of humanity and peace, thereby serving as a bridge-builder between faiths and communities. Through guidance, Ubuntu and empowerment, the organisation hopes to train and develop the youth to become torch bearers of hope, peace and compassion to humanity.

