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HUMANS LIVE IN COMMUNITIES

Dear Mumins

Humans live in communities. In order to achieve peace and happiness among people, governments must secure their citizens' freedom and rights. Anarchy and terror threaten the peace and happiness of societies. Terror creates fear and intimidation for people. Terror kills people, destroys families, and the communities. Many

people die, many families are wrecked, many children become orphans, material and moral values are damaged because of terror. Islam teaches the importance of life as a test, and eternal life that will take place hereafter. We, as Muslims, must live in peace. In order to achieve peace we must not only focus and rely on our belief and worship, but we must make sure to implement justice, honesty, respect, co-operation, avoidance of all forms of evil into our lives. All religions invite people to live in peace. They encourage people to become law abiding citizens. The supreme religion of Islam promotes peace and brotherhood. Islam never approves of anarchy and terror. Islam orders us to live together in peace. I would like to share a few hadiths with you. "A Muslim must be safe from other people's hands and tongues" (It means that we must not create an unsafe and embarrassing environment for a Muslim brother and sister.) [1] In an other hadith our beloved prophet (pbuh) stated that "Muslims must not betray, lie, and create trouble for one another. Muslims must not take advantage of one another. The real Taqwa lies in your hearts. Do not commit in bad acts and threaten other Muslims' lives, honor, and properties. Do not look down on other Muslims." [2] Almighty Allah (swt) states in the Holy Quran " And hold fast all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (this Quran) and be not divided among yourselves"



[3] In an other verse "And whoever kills a believer intentionally, his recompense is Hell to abide therein and Wrath and the curse of Allah are upon him and a great punishment is prepared for him." [4] The communities with no peace and love will not be able to taste abundance. Every prophet since Adem (a.s.) have always

promoted the importance of peace in our lives. We must protect our children and young people from big troubles like anarchy and terror. We must always remember that one of our most important responsibilities is to educate our children well. There are 150 verses in the Holy Quran that encourages peace. Allah (swt) tells us in the Quran "O you who believe! Enter perfectly in Islam (by obeying all the rules and regulations of the Islamic Religion) and follow not the footsteps of Shaitan (Satan) Verily He is to you a plain enemy." [5]

The path to happiness does not involve anarchy and terror. The path to happiness involves us to implement peace, love and harmony into our united hearts and souls. May Almighty Allah (swt) protect us from every types of trouble. May Almighty Allah (swt) always remain our unity and order.

- 1- Tirmidhi, Iman: 12,
- 2- 2-Bukhari Mazalim:
- 3- Ali Imran: 103 -
- 4- An Nisa : 93,
- 5- Baqara: 208