

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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ISLAM'S APPROACH TO HUMAN BEINGS

Dear Mumins !

Allah, the exalted, has given to the mankind abilities and characteristics as a blessing that are not found in any other creature. In addition, most of the other creatures have been presented to human to serve him. Our Lord (s.w.t.) has demanded human, who has been given favors and possibilities of this much, only to believe him, to worship him and to be grateful to him. The honor of the human depends on knowing and believing his Lord; similarly, his value depends on worshipping Allah and having good morals. The 13th verse of the Sûrat al-Hujurât

has explained the most honorable of the people in the sight of Allah as follows: **'O mankind!**

We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other. Verily the most honoured of you in the sight of Allah is

(he who is) the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things)¹

Namely, human beings are equal from the point of view of descending from Adam and Hawwa. So, to be proud of race is meaningless. Because the real superiority is the superiority of **taqwâ**. Therefore, the religion of Islam does not take anybody's color, language, race, tribe, clan, richness, social position into consideration but **does** take into consideration his behavior and his deeds then evaluates him according to these measures. The 77th verse of Surat al-Furqân says as follows: **'Say (O Muhammad): My lord pays attention to you only because of your invocation to Him.²**

Our Prophet (S.A.W) says in his hadith: **'Verily Allah does not look to your bodies nor to your**

faces but He looks to your hearts³. Anybody's value is measured with his worships that are signs of the belief to Allah and his good morals and deeds. Who measures and evaluates these is only Allah (s.w.t.).

The religion of Islam has forbidden to despise and to ridicule anybody, and also to give nicknames, to gossip, to lie and any other humiliating behavior. Allah says in a verse of Quran as follows: **'O you who believe! Let not a group scoff at another group, it may be that the latter are better than the former. Nor let**

women scoff at other women, it may be that the latter are better than the former. Nor defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. How bad is it to insult one's brother after having Faith. And whosoever does not repent, then such are indeed Zâlimûn (wrong-doers).⁴

Dear Mumins!

After we listened to these orders of our religion, we do not have the right to evaluate people with their countries, regions, colors, tribes, clans, more frankly with their origins. Moreover Allah (s.w.t.) has said in Quran to our prophet (s.a.w.) as follows: **'So remind them: You are only one who reminds. You are not a dictator over them⁵**. Therefore everybody himself is going to give Allah their accounts.

I would like to finish my khutba with following verse of Quran: **'Say: Each one does according to Shakilatihî (his way or his religion, or his intentions) and your Lord knows best of him whose path (religion) is right.⁶**



¹ Al-Hujurât, 49 / 13.

² Al-Furkan, 25 / 77.

³ Muslim, Sahih, Birr, 33.

⁴ Al-Hujurât, 49 / 11.

⁵ Al-Ghâshiyah, 88 / 21, 22.

⁶ Al-Isrâ, 17 / 84.