

A GOOD HUMAN BEING

He has absolute faith in the existence of God – the light of the universe and the world - and the Day of Judgment, when he will be answerable to Him for all his deeds, big or small, or even thoughts. He realizes the purpose of his creation, as vice-regent of Allah on earth, and, therefore, does not live for himself alone but for others too.

His behavior is always motivated for seeking the pleasure of Allah. His conduct, therefore, reflects the basic attributes of Allah – graciousness, mercy and justice. To this end, he casts himself in a special mould whereby he discharges his obligations to Allah, fellow beings and himself.

Without ignoring himself, he is always deeply concerned with welfare of others. In this he not only avoids harm to others, but also actively promotes their interests and vies with others

He leads a full worldly life within the parameters prescribed by Allah and his Prophet (PBUH). His worldly life is a preparation for the next one.

He is neither greedy nor selfish, and engages in extensive charity within his means for Allah's pleasure and not for any award or appreciation.

He is totally devoid of ill will and rancor but full of goodwill for all. He is not bloated with pride and never looks down upon others, however humble they may be.

His conduct towards others is governed by the minimum requirement of justice. He tries to be benevolent and be absolutely selfless and spontaneous, as if dealing with close kindred. He retains his individual identity but does not impose himself on others. He builds his relations with others on affinity, ignoring differences.

He is extremely hardworking, steadfast to carry out the onerous spiritual and physical responsibilities. However, he does not rely exclusively on his effort alone but seeks Divine help as the condition to make it successful. He places his trust in Allah alone for the ultimate outcome of his endeavor.

He is an avid seeker of knowledge. He always prays to Allah to add to his knowledge.

He is balanced and moderate, does not allow himself to be swayed to the extremes, plays down his personal likes and dislikes, is kind and ever inclined to forgive and forget if it leads to good, approaches everything with wisdom as well as in the most appropriate manner, and sticks to the golden rule of following the middle course.

On the Day of Judgment, he will be accountable for, among other things, how he earned his living and how he spent it. A comprehensive integrated economic system has been provided by Allah to govern human economic activity, which, though sent down at a time when economic life was quite primitive, was far ahead of the time, and meets the essential needs of the modern complex society.