

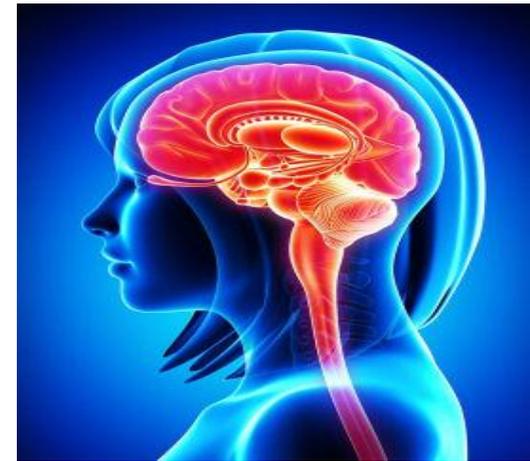
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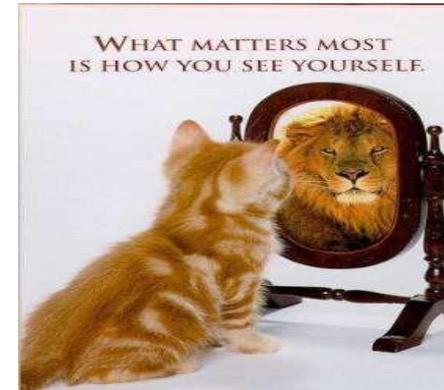
The Tongue
An Irony Of The Incredible

- Allah ﷻ has created us in the best of forms - both outward & inward

لَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ فِي أَحْسَنِ تَقْوِيمٍ



- This has various permutations, we may look beautiful but be horrible, or not be attractive but be inward jewels

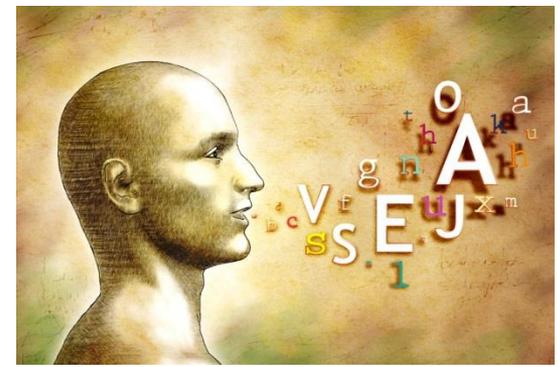


- How do you make your inner and outer beautiful? Set within this **Wujuud** - this being - are certain faculties, & each one of is Mas'uul - called to account for them

- One of those is one we use most thoughtlessly – our capacity for speech
- Human beings are creatures that speak – **Haywaanun Naatiq**
- We don't grunt or squeal, or simple cry/laugh;
- What we say makes sense - **Kalaamun Mufeed**
- To distinguish human beings Allah ﷻ taught us discourse

عَلَّمَهُ الْبَيَانَ

- We have reasons, words, we communicate, share mysteries of joys & fears





- This faculty which distinguishes us also creates misery
- Human suffering is brought by people saying something cruel, intentional/unintentional verbal violence, or by ignoring, tone, silence



- Early Muslims/Awliya were anxious to get this right



- Sayyidna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه – Hifz ul Lisaan - Preserving the tongue
- Quite often he was seen with a pebble in his mouth, so he would take it out before speaking to enable him to reflect, think, consider words carefully



- Sayyidna Umar رضي الله عنه walking in streets of Madinah, found Sayyidna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه holding his tongue, **what is this**, it is this that takes me into situations

Everyone Has Something To Say



- Muadh bin Jabal رضي الله عنه asked the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم shall we be called to account for what we say

فَأَخَذَ بِلِسَانِهِ فَقَالَ " تَكْفُفُ عَلَيْكَ هَذَا " . قُلْتُ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّا لَمُؤَاخِذُونَ بِمَا نَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ قَالَ " ثَكَلَتْكَ أُمُّكَ يَا مُعَاذُ وَهَلْ يَكُفُّ النَّاسَ عَلَى وُجُوهِهِمْ فِي النَّارِ إِلَّا حَصَائِدُ أَلْسِنَتِهِمْ " .

People pushed down on their faces by what their tongues reap

وَكُنَّا نَحْوُضُ مَعَ الْخَائِضِينَ

Plunging into idle talk, backbiting, gossip, slander, vices, about people, habits, communities, other denominations



“He who believes in Allah and the Last Day must either speak good or remain silent.”

مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

“Not a word does he or she utter, but there is a watcher by him ready to record it.”

“Whosoever gives me a guarantee to safeguard what is between his jaws and what is between his legs, I shall guarantee for him paradise.”

When asked by Uqbah bin Amr, “How can salvation be achieved?” He replied, “Control your tongue, keep to your house, and weep over your sins.”

وَاجْعَلْ لِّي لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ فِي الْآخِرِينَ
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