

All human beings have different emotions, thoughts, experiences; shaped by nature, nurture & biology. We can use this to either unite or divide us. In relationships we all differ: siblings, spouses, families, neighbours, communities, countries. Animal instincts are violent, but we must use our intelligence, patience, forgiveness and wisdom to resolve our issues.

WITHOUT RECONCILIATION WE CAN NEVER BE STRONG/GROW

"Be mindful of Allah and reconcile between yourselves and obey Allah and His Messenger, if you are believers." (8:1)

The believers are brothers, so reconcile between your brothers, and remain conscious of God, so that you may receive mercy. (49:10)

Shall I not inform you of something more excellent in degree than fasting, prayer & sadaqah? The people replied: Yes, Prophet of Allah! It is reconciliation: putting things right between people, and beware of spoiling relations with each other – it strips you – haaliqah- shaves the Deen. (Abu Dawud)

RECONCILIATION BETTER THAN PRAYER, FASTING AND CHARITY?

If the reconciliation is to prevent murder, broken marriages, child abuse, Fitna, then it is more important than praying the Salah immediately.

HAALIQAHAH – THE RAZOR - Prophetic comparison of **Reconciliation** to **Spoiling Relations** to **Shaving Deen**. When you have hatred, it leads to insulting someone, being violent or even kill someone, so it destroys people, society & religion. **“Make peace between each other. For indeed spoiling relations with each other is the Haaliqah (the razor).”** (Tirmidhi)

UNITING HEARTS - *Remember Allah’s favour upon you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts, so by His grace you became brothers. You were at the brink of a fiery pit & He saved you. (3:103)*

When you reach a position where you do not want reconciliation, you are going down shaytan’s path. Each time you choose division it will affect you, your religion, your family, and your community. This is why it ‘shaves off’ a bit of the religion. Religion is based on cooperation not division.

MARRIAGE RECONCILIATION - Prophet ﷺ, Abdullah Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه

أراد رسول الله أن يُطَلِّقَ حَفْصَةَ فَجَاءَ جَبْرِيلُ فَقَالَ لَا تُطَلِّقُهَا فَإِنَّهَا صَوَّامَةٌ قَوَّامَةٌ وَإِنَّهَا زَوْجَتُكَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ
وَعَاشِرُوهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ فَإِنْ كَرِهْتُمُوهُمْ فَعَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَيَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا

No believing man should hate a believing woman: if he dislikes one of her characteristics, he will like another.

THE BITTER REALITY OF OUR UMMAH TODAY - We are 1.8 billion Muslims, but we are not respected in the world? We are scattered, weak.

"A time will come when the nations (of the world) will surround you from every side, just as diners gather around the main dish. Will it be on account of our scarcity at that time?" "No, but you will be scum, like the scum of flood water. Feebleness will be in your hearts, and fear will be removed from the hearts of your enemies." (Ahmad)

We have divisions based on our whims and desires and self interest. If you have problems with your parents, siblings, extended family, spouse, **SORT THEM OUT – DEAL WITH ISSUES – RECONCILE – COMPROMISE!**

We need to work on reconciliation on a macro level and micro level. Allah commanded us to be united and cooperate **BIRR & TAQWA**

It is unlawful for a Muslim to forsake his fellow Muslim for more than three consecutive days. (Ahmad)

"The best charity is to reconcile between people." (At-Tabarani)

And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah, and be not divided among yourselves. (3:104)