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Putting Things in Perspective: Why We Should Fear Hypocrisy

Hypocrisy is a matter that is very serious and not to be taken lightly. The companions of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) greatly feared falling into it. Notably, even Umar ibn Al-Khattab would worry and ask Hudhaifa bin Yaman (whom Prophet Muhammad entrusted with knowledge of who the hypocrites were) if he was among the hypocrites. Imam Al-Hasan Al-Basri said of hypocrisy: "No one fears it but a believer, and no one feels safe from it but a hypocrite."

Following are some ayat and ahadith about hypocrisy to help remind us of why we must fear it in our actions and in our hearts; May Allah save us from it.

Characteristics of Hypocrites

"There are four (characteristics), whoever has all of them is a complete hypocrite, and whoever has some of them has some element of hypocrisy, unless he gives it up: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a treaty, he betrays it; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; when he quarrels, he resorts to insults." (Narrated by Muslim, 53)

How Allah Describes Hypocrites

"And when it is said to them, "Do not cause corruption on the earth," they say, "We are but reformers." Unquestionably, it is they who are the corrupters, but they perceive [it] not. And when it is said to them (hypocrites), "Believe as the people have believed," they say, "Should we believe as the foolish have believed?" Unquestionably, it is they who are the foolish, but they know [it] not. And when they meet those who believe, they say, "We believe"; but when they are alone with their evil ones, they say, "Indeed, we

are with you; we were only mockers." [But] Allah mocks them and prolongs them in their transgression [while] they wander blindly." (Al-Qur'an 2:11-15)

"And when it is said to them, "Come to what Allah has revealed and to the Messenger," you see the hypocrites turning away from you in aversion." (Al-Qur'an 4:61)

"Wavering between them, [belonging] neither to the believers nor to the disbelievers. And whoever Allah leaves astray - never will you find for him a way." (Al-Qur'an 4:143)

"If good befalls you, it distresses them; but if disaster strikes you, they say, "We took our matter [in hand] before," and turn away while they are rejoicing." (Al-Qur'an 9:50)

"And if you ask them, they will surely say, "We were only conversing and playing." Say, "Is it Allah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking?" Make no excuse; you have disbelieved after your belief. If We pardon one faction of you - We will punish another faction because they were criminals. The hypocrite men and hypocrite women are of one another. They enjoy what is wrong and forbid what is right and close their hands (from giving). They have forgotten Allah, so He has forgotten them [accordingly]. Indeed, the hypocrites - it is they who are the defiantly disobedient." (Al-Qur'an 9:65-67)

Severe Punishment for Hypocrites

"Indeed, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire - and never will you find for them a helper" (Al-Qur'an 4:145)



Help Us Clothe the Poor This Winter By Sponsoring Shipments of Winter Clothing



By the end of this year, Hidayah Foundation will have shipped more than 20 40ft. containers of winter clothing and boots to help hundreds of thousands of people in need. It costs \$5,000+ to ship each container of in-kind donations, which is enough to clothe and benefit up to 25,000 people. The clothes were already donated, we just need to get them there - so when sponsoring this effort:

- \$50 can benefit 250 people
- \$100 can benefit 500 people
- \$500 can benefit 2,500 people
- \$1,000 can benefit 5,000 people
- \$5,000 can benefit 25,000 people (whole container)

Please donate towards Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations to help us clothe the poor this winter.

Alhamdulillah, over the past 20 years, Hidayah has shipped over 330 40 ft. containers with in-kind goods including clothing, shoes, toys, medical equipment, school supplies and more for the poor overseas. Find out more about our Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations project by visiting www.hidayah.org. ♦

Rohingya Refugee Support



After fleeing from violence and religious persecution in Myanmar, a mass migration of nearly 900,000 Rohingya Muslims are living in the largest refugee camp in the world in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh since 2017.

Hidayah Foundation has been providing material aid for Rohingya refugees through our volunteer teams since early days of their migration, with two more distributions this year, one in April and another in mid-November with blankets to 1,000 families before the winter sets in.

To date, we have distributed materials to over 30,000 families on behalf of our donors - including food, water, medicines, soap, clothing, blankets, mosquito nets, building materials, and more. May Allah (SWT) accept it from all who contribute to this population of refugees in great need of our support. ♦

Indonesia Tsunami Relief



Last year many villages in Indonesia were devastated by Tsunamis. After initial fundraising, our team identified Kunjir Village in South Lampung province which was one of the worst impacted after the Tsunami resulting from the Mount Krakatao Eruption to carry out relief efforts.

In our first phase of relief just a few weeks after the disaster, we did an initial cash distribution to hundreds of families who either lost their homes, schools, or were injured. Then the real work began as our partners and volunteers on the ground worked with villagers to identify the needs to get the village back on their feet.

For this phase, we designed packages to re-supply the economy of the village by giving 6 different types of packages to fisherman, bricklayers and mechanics:

- Package 1 (Given to 30 Fishermen Heads of Family): Generator Set, Lamps, Hooks and Strings
- Package 2 (Given to 2 Fishermen Heads of Family): Marine Motor Engine, Generator Set, Lamps, Hooks and Strings
- Package 3 (Given to 55 Fishermen Heads of Family): Hooks and Strings, Cable Reel
- Package 4 (Given to 1 Craftsman Head of Family): Wrench Sets, Spray Gun, Electric Drill and other Tools
- Package 5 (Given to 4 Bricklayer Heads of Family): Circular Saw, Power Planer, Router, Electric Drill
- Package 6 (Given to 1 Bricklayer Head of Family): Cement Making Tools, Measuring Tape, Elbow Meter, Hammer



We will be continuing our help in Kunjir Village in the coming months as surveying of the villagers continue, with intention of helping them stand back on their own feet. May Alah accept from all who donated for the Indonesia Tsunami Relief. ♦

Qurbani Report

With the Blessings of Allah, this year, Hidaya Foundation arranged 5,662 shares of Qurbani/ Udhiya on behalf of our donors (4,312 ox/buffalo shares or 616 ox/buffalo, and 1,350 goats/sheep).

Meat was distributed among some of the poorest people in the world in 17 countries: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar (Burma), Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Sudan, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Togo, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Benin.

This year's Qurbani project benefited over 50,000 families. Many of these families are not able to eat meat all year other than this occasion due to extreme poverty. May Allah reward all who shared in this effort to make it possible, and accept it from all of us. ♦



Car Donations for Local In-Need



Hidaya Foundation accepts car donations from our donors in the San Francisco Bay Area which are primarily repaired, smogged and given to less fortunate members of our community, including single mothers, widows, elderly, homeless, refugees, struggling students, among others in the community.

So far in 2019, Hidaya has accepted 20 vehicles for benefit of struggling community members in the SF Bay Area, with more expected by years end. *Please donate towards fixing vehicles so we may continue providing this service to local families and individuals in need.* ♦

Donation Form

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If you would like to set-up using your checking account (preferred), please include a voided check along with this donation form, or you may fill your card information in the spaces provided above. *Note - please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section so we can properly set-up your donation. By signing, I would like to make this a monthly donation for the project(s) that I have filled in above.*

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