

A Muslim does not wrong another Muslim, nor leaves him unsupported; He helps him and relieves his distress, and shields him: BS Foad, MD 2018

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (The Muslim is the brother of another Muslim; he does not wrong him, nor leaves him alone unsupported. Whoever is helping his brother Allah will continue to help him. Whoever relieves the distress from a Muslim Allah will relieve from him a distress on the Day of Judgment; and whoever shields and covers a Muslim Allah will shield him and covers him on the Day of Judgment) Ahmad, Bokhari & Muslim

(1)Muslim brotherhood: “Indeed the believers are a single brotherhood, therefore make amends between your two contending brothers, and be mindful of Allah that you may receive mercy” Al-Hujerat (Apartments) 49: 10. **Resolving differences** is part of faith and part of piety: “Therefore be conscious of Allah, and resolve the differences among yourselves if you claim to be believers.” Al-Anfal 8: 1. **Arguing with each other and fighting will make us divided and will cause weakness and failure:** “And obey Allah and His messenger, and fall not into disputes, for then you will fail and your strength will depart, but patiently persevere, for Allah is with those who patiently persevere.” Al-Anfal 8: 46. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) asked his companions: (Shall I tell you what is rewarded better than prayer, charity and fasting?) They said: Yes. He said: (Resolving the differences among yourselves, because having differences and enmity and division will wipe out your faith) Ahmad, Abou Dawood

(2)The rights of Muslims over each other: 1-Supporting him when he needs help 2-Visiting him when he is sick 3-Accepting his invitation 4-Giving him sincere advice when he asks for it 5-Greeting him 6-Coming to his aid when he is wronged 7-Witnessing his funeral when he dies. “Believing men and women are guardians and protectors one of another; they enjoin right and forbid evil, and establish regular prayer and give charity, and obey Allah and his messenger; such persons will have Allah’s mercy on them, for Allah is mighty and wise” At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 71; “When a greeting is offered to you, meet it with a greeting still more courteous or at least of equal courtesy, Allah takes careful account of all things” An-Nesa’a (The Women) 4: 86. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (Religion is to give sincere advice) He was asked: To whom? He said: (To Allah, and to his Book, and to his messenger, and to Muslim leaders, and to common Muslims) Narrated by Muslim. **We should not look down at others or ridicule them, when they are down or not successful, as the Qur’an prohibits such behavior:** “O you who believe let not some of you ridicule others or laugh at them, for they may be better than them” Al-Hujerat (The Apartments) 49: 11; “Those who belittle the charity of others who volunteer in giving their charity, and those who find nothing to give except their effort, and they laugh at them; Allah will laugh at them and ridicule them, and they will have a grievous chastisement” At-Tawba (Repentance) 9: 79. **A Muslim is not supposed to harm other Muslims in word or deed.** Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (The Muslim is the person who other Muslims fear no harm from his tongue or hand) Narrated by Bokhari & Muslim. We should forgive others so that Allah may forgive us: “Let them forgive and overlook, do you not wish that Allah should forgive you?” An-Nur (Light) 24: 22

(3)As long as we are helping others Allah will be helping us: Helping the poor, needy and those in distress or those wronged is the essence of faith. The righteous will hasten in all good deeds without being asked: “It is these who hasten in all good deeds, and they are foremost in them” Al-Mumenoun (The Believers) 23: 61. “For Allah is with those who are righteous, and those who do good” An-Nahl (The Bees) 16: 128. And those who strive in Our cause We will certainly guide them to Our paths; for indeed Allah is with those who do right” Al-Ankabut (The Spider) 29: 69. We have a responsibility of supporting other Muslims and standing up for their rights. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: (The Muslim is the brother of another Muslim: he does not wrong him, nor does he leave him alone unsupported) Narrated by Muslim, Ahmad & Termidhi. We need to stand up for justice: “O you who believe stand out firmly for Allah, as witnesses for justice and fair dealings; let not the hatred of others to you make you deviate from justice. Be just, that is next to piety; and be mindful of Allah, for Allah is well-acquainted with all that you do” Al-Ma’ida (The Table) 5: 8

