

spread peace, love and harmony in your surroundings.

At the end God reminds us and gives this commandment that if you do not behave in this manner and carry out your responsibility in this regard, you are a proud and boastful person. Remember that Allah does not love arrogant and boastful people. This is the beautiful teaching for creating peace

Here I would like also to quote a few Traditions or Sayings of the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in which we shall see how emphatically he asked his followers to give the rights due to one's neighbours.

One Tradition says:

*'Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) called out: By Allah, he does not believe, by Allah he does not believe, by Allah he does not believe. He repeated it three times. He was asked: Who does not believe, Messenger of Allah? He said: He whose neighbour is not secure against his mischief.'*  
(Bukhari and Muslim)

Muslim's version is: That one will not enter paradise whose neighbour is not secure against his mischief.

See how clearly he has stated that a person is a non-believer if he causes any mischief to his neighbour.

Then another Tradition, it says:

*[Abu Hurairah relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said]: 'He who believes in Allah and the Last Day, must not put his neighbour to inconvenience; he who believes in Allah and the Last Day must honour his guest; and he who believes in Allah and the Last Day must speak beneficently or keep quiet.'* (Bukhari and Muslim)

These are the teachings given to us by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

To avail this opportunity, I would also like to present my apologies for any inconvenience which might have put you in any trouble or caused you any problem from our side.

Then another Tradition says:

*'Ibn Umar and Ayesha relate that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: Gabriel kept exhorting me about the neighbour till I imagined he would include him in the category of heirs.'*  
(Bukhari and Muslim)

This is the climax of the rights of the neighbour: how beautifully the Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has established the rights of the neighbour.

How can a religion whose teachings are such, be considered as militant? All these

militant acts which we are seeing today by some Muslim groups are because of their own vested interests and have nothing to do with the teachings of Islam. As I have made it quite clear by quoting the verse of the Holy Qur'an and the Traditions, I think that if there was any doubt about the attitude of militancy of Muslims in anyone's mind, it should now be removed.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community is the true follower of the teachings and is spreading the true message of Islam to the world.

I hope that my words will be enough to remove any doubt as I have already said that you might have had in the past. Because of the time constraint, I can now smell the appetising smell of the meal. I think I should end here and I hope that having listened to what I have briefly explained about the true teachings of Islam, you would not mind if one day I knock at your front door to enjoy and share my right of neighbourliness. Of course, our doors are always wide open and we very much welcome you at any time with open arms.

Thank you for coming and showing the kind gesture of being a good neighbour. Thank you again.

Love for all  
Hatred for None

# Love Thy Neighbour



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(Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V)



An address by Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Head of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community, delivered on 12th November 2006 to a packed audience of 200 neighbours living within the close vicinity of the London (Fazl) Mosque.

*Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim*

Dear neighbours, ladies and gentlemen

The prayer which I have just recited i.e. *Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim*, means as you have already listened to its translation, 'in the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.'

This is the first verse of the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said, rather he has commanded the Muslims, to recite this prayer before starting any task as otherwise it would be devoid of Allah's blessings. So with this beautiful teaching, how can a true Muslim be expected to wrong anybody, or do any work with bad intentions, or harm anyone, or create problems of any sort around his surroundings? A person who is starting

any work in the name of the Gracious and Merciful God cannot win the blessings and mercy of Allah unless God's attributes of being Gracious and Merciful are depicted in one's own gestures towards his fellow beings.

In the light of this teaching, I would like to request you to remove any feelings or fear of mischief from Ahmadis residing in your neighbourhood. The Qur'anic teachings for the rights of neighbours are so explicitly laid out that a true Muslim who is always seeking help from the Gracious and Merciful Allah cannot deviate from this, as any slight deviation might cause him to go astray and lose the blessings and love of God.

Allah very beautifully guides us to discharge our duties towards our neighbours and give them their

due rights i.e. the rights of all of you sitting in front of me. For this, Allah states in the Holy Qur'an, as you have already listened in the recitation:

*And worship Allah and associate naught with Him, and show kindness to parents, and to kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and to the neighbour that is a kinsman and the neighbour that is a stranger, and the companion by your side, and the wayfarer, and those whom your right hand possess. Surely Allah loves not the proud and the boastful. (Ch.4:V.37)*

I will just take one or two points from it. Allah says: *show kindness to parents, and to kindred, ... and to the neighbour that is a kinsman and the neighbour that is a stranger.* At the end of the verse, Allah says: *Surely Allah loves not the proud and the boastful.*

So, see how beautifully the Qur'an has described and covered the rights of one's neighbours. It has equated the right of closest relation with that of the right of a person whom he only knows as a neighbour or one whom he seldom sees. It is difficult to some extent to elaborate and express the Arabic word used for neighbour that is a kinsman and the neighbour that is a stranger. I think that I should try to clear it because, without knowing the right meaning, you would not properly understand it and not know the extent to which the right of the neighbour is established in the Holy Qur'an. It says kinsman; it also means the neighbour that lives near and is kindly. The neighbour that is a stranger may also mean a neighbour living at a distant place and is not kindly.

See, how beautiful a teaching it is that shows kindness to everyone whether he is kind towards you or not. This is how you can create peace, love and harmony in the society and this also means that all the people residing in your vicinity, town, city or even country are your neighbours. Therefore, give them their due rights. No enmity should crop up in anybody's mind. This is how you can

