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Abstract

Islam is an ideal religion; which Allah Almighty has chosen people. Islam shows harmony, concordance, equity, uniformity, fraternity, and humbleness. So that peace and harmony prevail in society. Humbleness is the best quality of Islam. The person who embraces humbleness has a fruitful existence in this world and the great beyond. Yet, it is our disaster that Islamic lessons are being disregarded with the passing minutes because of which the present individual has failed to remember virtues. At the point when we talk about the present society, conditions have deteriorated. The characteristics of humbleness, abstinence, patience, tolerance, and humanity are vanishing in each individual because of which incalculable disasters are emerging in the general public like oppression, murder, robbery, kidnapping, deprivation of rights, injustice, violence, corruption, and sedition. There is a need to not only awareness of Islamic teachings in society, but also to strictly follow them to improve the conditions of the society. The purpose of this article was to make clear this concept in the mind of individuals that humbleness is the best attribute. As well the attribute of humbleness was described in detail in the context of Islamic teachings and current society. So that this research work can make a positive message to improve moral values among people according to Islamic teachings.

1. Introduction:

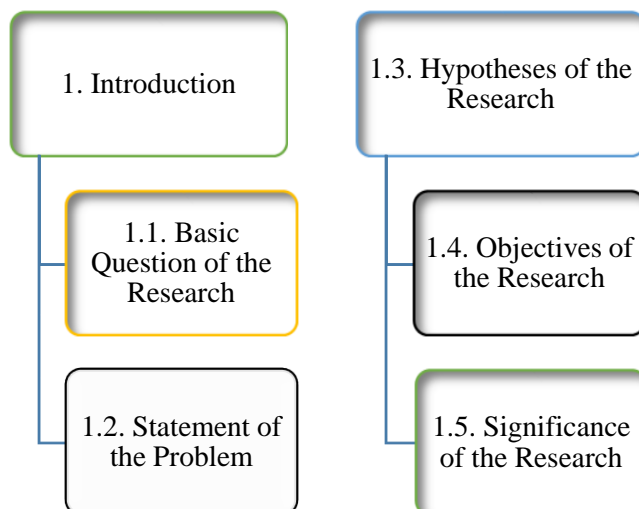
The word "tolerance" is derived from "pregnancy", which means "to bear the burden", "to show tolerance" and "to be lenient". In Islamic terminology, to be tolerant in offensive matters and to show gentleness and humility in unfavorable circumstances is called "tolerance". In the same sense, "Halm" meaning "tolerance" is also used. Scholars say that patience is almost synonymous with words. Patience prevents anger and provocation and patience tolerates anger and provocation. It is as if the two are inseparable and both work at

the same time. It is called "tolerance" when a person, despite having complete vengeance power, endures anger and can forgive. One of the many attributes of Allah Almighty is "Halam". Allah Almighty is very kind and gentle to His mankind and forgives them for their sins and mistakes. Allah Almighty has all sorts of strength and authority. He has complete authority over reward and punishment, but because of His blessings, He does not punish humanity and forgives their mistakes, sins, and flaws.¹ The mark of perfect faith, the mark of Islam and Muslims, and the means of entering Paradise are good morals. Morality is the priceless ornament with which a person heralds to be beloved of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), and he gives the glad tidings of being close to Hadrat Muhammad on the Day of Judgment (PBUH). This is the most valuable trait for which the Prophet (PBUH) was sent, and it has been dubbed the standard of faith's perfection. Morally upright people are favored by Allah Almighty and the human. Due to his good manners among society, people he is regarded as a high-value individual. For everyone, friend or foe, such a person is the center of love and devotion. He does not seek vengeance; rather, he possesses the power of forgiveness and endurance.² It is advised in such words to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) that "O Prophet, be kind to these people by the grace of Allah, otherwise, if you were grumpy and hard-hearted, they would have run away from you, so forgive them and ask forgiveness for them".³ War, conflict, and intolerance do not welcome in Islam, which is a religion of peace and security. Rather, it promotes patience, tolerance, and good morals create a peaceful environment in society. Whoever works with patience and forbearance will be rewarded in this world and the Hereafter by Allah Almighty. The purpose of this article is to demonstrate that humility is a great virtue, but unfortunately, in today's society, people are forgetting Islamic teachings, resulting in the loss of the spirit of tolerance and humbleness, which has resulted in the emergence of many evils in society. Because of its particular field, it is hoped that this research work can prove to be a better resource for researchers and readers. This research work consists of many parts such as; the first part explains the introduction, the basic question of research, statement of the problem, hypotheses of the research, objectives of the research, and significance of the research, the second part elucidates literature review, the third part explicates research methodology, the fourth part expounds and analysis of the problem as; humbleness and Islamic teachings, humbleness is the greatest quality, humbleness, and current scenario, the fifth part expands conclusion and the last and sixth part explains suggestions and recommendations.

¹ Tahammul Mizaji per Faramene Mustafa (dawateislami.net). Accessed date: 22/03/2021.

² <https://www.banuri.edu.pk/bayyinat-detai>. Accessed date: 22/03/2021.

³ Al-Quran, 3:15.



1.1. Basic Question of the Research

The basic question for this research is humbleness is the greatest quality of humanity and its analysis in the view of current society and Islamic teachings. This research work can be useful and informative due to its specific field for readers and researchers.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

Few statements of the problems are given below to clear the aim of this research work;

- What is the meaning of humbleness?
- What are the Islamic teachings about humbleness?
- Is humbleness a great quality?
- What is the situation of current society?
- Are people adopting humbleness in contemporary society?
- Are people ignoring humbleness in contemporary society?

1.3. Hypotheses of the Research

A few speculations are created for this exploration work; as given underneath;

- ✓ Islamic teachings are being overlooked with the progression of time, because of which numerous unpleasing circumstances are ascending in the public arena.
- ✓ The environment of society isn't palatable, because everyone doesn't have control of his/her disposition.
- ✓ In the basic circumstance of society, it is a desperate need that the teachings of Islam are followed and generated the sense of adopting Islamic teachings, then a peaceful environment will be possible.
- ✓ Peace is unimaginable without the Islamic instructing in current society.

1.4. Objectives of the Research

Some objectives are given below to elucidate the concept of this research work;

- ❖ To explain the meaning of humbleness.
- ❖ To explicate the teachings of Islam concerning humbleness.
- ❖ To enlighten the situation of the current society regarding humbleness.
- ❖ To expound that it is true that humbleness is the greatest quality of humanity.

1.5. Significance of the Research

This examination work can be enlightening because of its particular field. In this work, the significance of humbleness is explained. Also, the teachings of Islam and the circumstances of the current situation are clarified. The genuine importance of this idea that humbleness is the good nature of humankind, is clarified. Hence, it very well may be said that this work can assume a huge part to convey the message that humbleness is an extraordinary nature of Islam. We ought to receive this quality to make tranquil and wonderful the environment of the society.

2. Literature Review

Many sources were used for this research work consisting of books, magazines, newspapers, articles, and websites, and many others. A number of the reachable sources are cited below. The book entitled “Islam Ka Nizam Ikhaaqo Adab” is an informative book on moral values. Its writer is “Abu Hamza Abdul Khaliq Siddiqi”. He writes in his book that Islam is the most ardent supporter of literature, etiquette, values, and human rights. In this respect, the Holy Prophet's life seems to be the best example of good morals. His life revolved around treating the elderly with dignity and the younger ones with compassion. Allah Almighty wants this kind of attitude from every human being. He used easy language. Research scholars and readers can get knowledgeable benefits from this book.⁴ One another book entitled “Islami Aadab-e-Zindagi” is an informative and useful book about Islamic morals. The writer “Dr. Syed Shafiq-ur-Rehman spoke and wrote in a relaxed manner. In his book, he uses certain sentences to express his thoughts. Every human being is born into the world and then raised by his parents. These activities become second nature to the child if he has been well-trained from the start and has developed a spirit of prioritizing honesty, humility, and goodness. Then he develops virtues such as patience, bravery, forbearance, compassion, and fairness. In contrast, if a child is not properly educated by his parents, he or she may allow bad habits to developments in his or her nature. He falls prey to betrayal, deceit, impatience, greed, violence, and harshness. This book is a useful book due to its specific research field.⁵ “Hafiz Muhammad Hamayoun,” writes in his book entitled “Tehzi-bul-Ikhlaaw” that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) held the highest position in morality. Allah Almighty sent him as the best example and figure of morality. He had the highest level of morality. This was also witnessed by the Holy Qur'an and by the Companions and their wives.

Even his worst opponents, who made all sorts of accusations against him but never said a word about his character. Surprisingly, even his contemporaries' opponents considered him to be of high moral character. The writer has used formal language in his book, which can prove beneficial for the readers.⁶ A research paper entitled “Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) the Epitome of Humbleness and Mercy” is a valuable paper about its specific field. Its author is “Fasil Barkat Dar”.⁷ Another research paper entitled “Towards the Role of Islamic Education in Promoting Peace and Harmony in a Society: An Analysis”, were studied and

⁴ Abu Hamza Abdul Khaliq Siddiqi, Islam Ka Nizam Ikhaaqo Adab, Insarul Sunnah Publications, Lahore, 2012, P: 1-317.

⁵ Dr Syed Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Islami Aadab-e-Zindagi, Maktabah Baitul Islam, Al-Riyaz, 2013, P: 1-258.

⁶ Hafiz Muhammad Hamayoun, Tehzi-bul-Ikhlaaw, Wizarat-e-Majjahi Amor, Zakat Wa Ushar, Hokumat-e-Pakistan, 2016, P: 1-85.

⁷ Fasil Barkat Dar, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) the Epitome of Humbleness and Mercy, International Journal of Management, Technology And Engineering, Volume 8, Issue XI, NOVEMBER/2018, Pp: 327- 331.

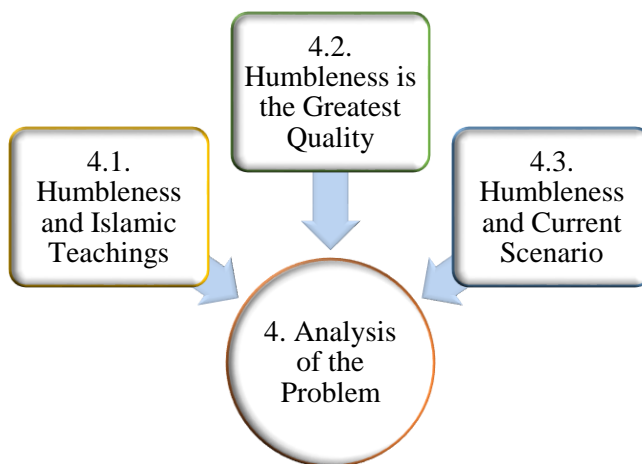
found a useful paper concerning collection data. Its authors have provided a lot of information about its specific theme.⁸

3. Research Methodology

The aimed research work is a library research work. For this motive, the proceeds towards being made possible with many resources such as books, articles, magazines, newspapers, websites, and dissertations. The data were collected from the SBBWUP Library, University of Peshawar library, and Archive library, Peshawar. The primary and secondary sources were applied in references.

4. Analysis of the Problem

In this examination work, the Islamic teachings about humbleness, humbleness is incredible quality, humbleness and the circumstance of contemporary society have been talked about in detail, as given underneath;



4.1. Humbleness and Islamic Teachings

Allah Almighty, the Exalted, is the Most Merciful and the Most Compassionate to His mankind. He has power over all things, yet He forgives His mankind for their mistakes. Allah Almighty's mercy is for all human beings. Allah Almighty bestowed the attribute of "Halam" on His Beloved Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa as a mercy for all the worlds. That is why he never exacted vengeance for personal gain. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) forgave those who were the worst enemies and they persecuted Ahlul Bayt and Sahabah. There are various examples in Islamic history, including the conquest of Makkah.⁹ When the Holy Prophet (PBUH) captured Makkah, the whole city was in his hands, and all of Makkah's Quraysh were weak and compelled. Those who oppressed the Companions in the land of Makkah, however, he forgave them. He also forgave those who martyred the Holy Prophet's (PBUH) companions. It was

said by Hadrat Muhammad (PBUH) that "Peace to him who puts down his weapons, peace to him who closes his house door, peace to him who enters in a mosque, and peace to him who enters Abu Sufyan's house."¹⁰ Throughout his life, the Prophet (PBUH) faced numerous

⁸ Muhammad Tahir, Sami Ullah Zubairi, Towards the Role of Islamic Education in Promoting Peace and Harmony in a Society: An Analysis, *Tahdīb al-Afkār, Research Journal of Islamic Studies, Abdul Wali Khan University, Vol. 4, Issue. 1, January-June, 2017, pp. 25-36.*

⁹ [express.pk](https://www.express.pk) (حمل مزاجی کی فضیلت و اہمیت - ایکسپریس اردو). Accessed date: 27/3/2021.

¹⁰ Ibid.

trials, tribulations, and difficulties, especially in Makkah and in his civil life. But he demonstrated tremendous patience, perseverance, and forgiveness at any opportunity. Rather, he also advised his companions to be patient. In the "Event of Ufak," he and his family had to go through a terrible ordeal, but even then, he showed immense patience. Along with the Holy Prophet (PBUH), Umm Al-Mumineen Hazrat Ayesha (RAA) and her father, Amir-ul-Momineen Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique (RA), were subjected to severe trials and tribulations during this incident. The incident in Ufak was an opportunity for the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to test his patience. The incident of Ufak refers to when hypocrites dared to defile Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqah's (RAA) chastity and dignity. Allah Almighty, on the other hand, revealed several verses of the Holy Qur'an to her and blessed her innocence and chastity.¹¹ Hazrat Abu Hurayrah stated that Controlling wrath, according to the Prophet (PBUH), is the true force. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) said, "The mighty one is not the one who beats others in wrestling, but the mighty one is the one who manages his (self) in case of rage,"¹² Humility, forbearance, and patience are virtues that lead to success in both this life and the next, so every human being should follow them to become a humble servant of Allah. On another occasion, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that "Allah Almighty revealed to him that he should be humble, and no one should be proud of himself as compared to others."¹³ If we talk about the humbleness of Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA), so we said that Hazrat Abu Bakr was such a modest man that whenever he sent a military expedition, he accompanied it on foot for a long distance and advised them to practice humility and patience.¹⁴ Similarly, Kaisaro Qasra would tremble with fear and trepidation if we spoke about Hazrat Omar, but his humility was such that he filled water for widowed himself, patrolling the streets at night to know the form of justice. When they were tired, they would sleep on the mosque's floor.¹⁵ Allah Almighty says that "The 'true' servants of the Most Compassionate are those who walk on the earth humbly, and when the foolish address them 'improperly', they only respond with peace".¹⁶ Hazrat Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said: Charity does not reduce wealth, but by forgiving a servant, Allah Almighty increases his honor. And whoever keeps humbles himself before Allah, then Allah will raise his position.¹⁷ Islam is a peaceful and safe religion that despises greed and dictatorship. Humility, endurance, and humbleness are all virtues that Islam admires. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) and his companions have set the best examples of patience and modesty, according to tradition. Which are written out in gold letters. Even now, these are the best examples in front of the people.

4.2. Humbleness is the greatest Quality

The person can't gain greatness, height, dignity without being humble, and without it, a person can't be truly desirable. This ethical value, which emanates from the heart of man, is

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Muhammad bin Ismaeel bin Ibrahim bin Al Mughairah tul Bukhari, Abu Abdullah, Al Jamiyah Al Sahih, Darul Shaab, Al Qahirah, 1987, Vol. 9, H.No. 6114.

¹³ Ibn-e-Majah, Abu Abdullah Muhammad bin Yazeed Al Qazvaini, Sunnan Ibn-e-Majah, Maktabah Abiyul Muati, 273 hijri, Vol. 5, H.No. 4179.

¹⁴ <https://khadimemasroor.uk>. Accessed date: 27/3/2021.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Al-Quran, 25:63.

¹⁷ Abu Bakr Ahmed binnul Hussain bin Ali Al Bihaqi, Alauddin Ali bin Usman Al Mardini Al Shahir Babin Al Turkmani, Al Sunnanul Al Kubra Wa Fi Zailahul Johar Al Naqi, Majlis Dairatul Marif, Al Nizamiyah Tul Kainah Fi Al Hind Babladah Haiderabad, 1344 hijri, Vol. 10, H.No. 8069.

received through bowing down in front of Allah Almighty. Humbleness always makes an individual subject to the will of Allah Almighty.¹⁸ Humility is the enemy of one's pride and arrogance. The act of humility creates greatness among people. Humility will give a human feeling in social life, make him humble and promote humility in behavior.¹⁹ Humbleness is a characteristic that brings someone in the direction of Allah Almighty, which removes the vanity inside someone. A person turns into a pious servant of Allah Almighty and the lust of the world disappears from his heart. His relation with Allah Almighty becomes stronger.²⁰

4.3. Humbleness and Current Scenario

There are many times in human life wherein someone forgets his senses and drifts right into a sea of feelings. Man's feelings cover his intellect, which reasons him to turn out to be angry. He starts to burn inside and desires to wreck the only one on whom this wrath is coming or due to which he's coming, to take instant movement with all he would possibly and to subdue the enemy indiscriminately. Since Islam is an entire code of life, it guides someone and forbids him to make decisions based on his emotions, encourages him to control his mind and think carefully, which the Qur'an calls patience and humbleness.²¹ But on the subject of the prevailing society, the scenario is converting radically. When a person loses control of himself, then he commits crimes. Whenever someone deviates from the lessons of Islam and ignores the lessons of Islam, he is going off target from the right path and receives into trouble. The same scenario is with the prevailing society. Every person suffers from innumerable troubles and life has become difficult. The only way to improve the situation, to make the society peaceful, and to triumph over the problems is to comply with the teachings of Islam.

5. Conclusion

Humbleness is the good nature of Islam and one who embraces this quality achieves an existence of accomplishment in both this world and the great beyond. People must adopt patience, endurance as well as humility. It is not difficult to show anxiety and intolerance, however, it is extremely hard to work with tolerance, modesty, and humbleness. In this manner, an individual who embraces the trait of humbleness and tolerance turns into a beloved human of Allah Almighty. Islamic lessons additionally encourage resistance, harmony, peace, justice, equality, and humbleness. However, in the present progressed age, an individual has ensnared himself in such countless issues that he has started to fail to remember the way of truth and honesty. Because of what the individual has experienced various issues as well as is experiencing mental pressure, outrage, and apprehensive strain. Thusly, there is a need to make life simpler by following Islamic orders.

6. Suggestions and Recommendations

Some suggestions and recommendation are given below;

- ❖ We ought to follow the lessons of Islam to make the environment of society safe and shield us from unethical exercises.
- ❖ We ought to embrace the nature of humbleness to make our lives calm full.
- ❖ We should aware of our children of the moral values of Islam, then they would be able to make a gentleman of society.

¹⁸ [Jamaat-e-Islami Women Wing \(jamaatwomen.org\)](http://jamaat-e-Islami Women Wing (jamaatwomen.org)) Accessed date 25/3/2021.

¹⁹ <https://www.minhajsisters.com/urdu/tid/39485>. Accessed date 25/3/2021.

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ <https://www.minhajsisters.com/urdu/tid/50411>. Accessed date 25/3/2021.

- ❖ We should aware people of society from moral ethics, then the environment of society can be peaceful.
- ❖ Religious scholars should play a creative role to motivate people toward Islamic teachings.
- ❖ The government should give attention to conduct seminars, conferences, and workshops to aware people of moral ethics.