

Islamic Studies

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What is the importance of Makarim Akhlaq (noble morals) in establishing Social Peace? In this background, how did the Messengers of Allah complete these morals?

01 Introduction:

Makarim akhlaq represent noble qualities that build a peaceful and stable society. These morals protect human dignity, remove harmful behavior, and create trust among people. When communities follow such values, conflicts reduce and cooperation grows. The Messenger of Allah completed these noble morals through his behaviour, teaching, and leadership. His life became a practical demonstration of ethical conduct. These morals remain essential for building harmony in any social structure.

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IMPORTANCE OF MAKARIM AKHLAQ IN ESTABLISHING SOCIAL PEACE

2.1

Truthfulness Creates Public Trust

Truthful behavior builds confidence between individuals and groups.

Allah says in Quran verse 9:119 "Be with the truthful" It protects society from doubt. According to Dr. Hamiedullah in his book Introduction to Islam that, truth supports social stability. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) known as Al-Amin for his honesty. Donohue also states honesty shaped early Islamic harmony.

2.2 Justice Prevents Social Resentment

Justice removes feelings of unfairness that lead to conflict. Allah says in Quran verse # 16:90 "Allah commands justice" It establishes fairness in community life. According to Dr. Hameedullah that, justice is central for peaceful coexistence. Therefore, Prophet (P.B.U.H), gave equal justice to rich and poor. Dr. Israr Ahmed also says justice forms a balanced society. another scholar Donohue observe that, fairness reduced tribal tensions.

2.3 Compassion Protects Vulnerable groups

Compassion reduces suffering and increase unity. Allah says in Quran verse # (7:156) My mercy covers all things. It encourages social care. According to Israr Ahmed compassion softens hardened behaviour. Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) also supported orphans, widows, and the poor. Donohue writes that, compassion reshaped early social relations.

2.4 Moral Responsibility Reduces Social Conflict

Noble morals teach responsibility for personal actions. When people take responsibility, disputes decrease. Allah says in Surah Al-Muddathir verse # (74:38) Every soul is held responsible for what it has earned. According to Dr. Hameedullah that, Islam shapes a responsible human being whose actions support public peace. Prophet (P.B.U.H) taught accountability by saying that every person is a shaped responsible for his flock. Donohue also argues that societies with high responsibility show low social violence.

2.5 Forgiveness Ends Social Revenge

Forgiveness removes the desire for revenge, which is the strongest cause of conflict. On the day of the conquest of Makkah, the Prophet (P.B.U.H) forgave his former enemies. According to Imam Ghazali that, forgiveness creates inner peace, which later reflects in society. Donohue argues that societies based on forgiveness reduce long-term conflict.

2.6 Patience Controls Social Anger

Patience Prevents emotional reactions and reduces aggressive behaviour. Allah Says in Surah Al-Baqarah verse # 2:153 " Allah is with those who show Patience. According to Dr. Hameedullah that, Patience is one of the key traits that ensures stability. Prophet (P.B.U.H) remained Patient when People insulted him in Makkah. His calm behaviour Prevented clashes. According to Dr. Umar Farooq that, Patience is essential for Peaceful conflict resolution.

2.7 Honesty Protects Social Stability

Honesty is essential for Peaceful relations because lies create suspicion and anger. Allah Says in Surah-Al-Azhab vers # 33:70 Believers to " Speak a straight word" According to Dr. Hameedullah that honest behaviour was a major reason why early Islamic Society developed stable relations. The Prophet (P.B.U.H) always spoke truthfully even in difficult situations.

03 HOW THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH COMPLETED THESE MORALS

3.1 He Demonstrated Perfect Character in Practice

The Prophet did not only teach morals; he lived them. Allah says in Surah Al-Qalam verse #68:4 "You are of a great moral character". Prophet (P.B.U.H) honesty during the rebuilding of the Kaaba resolved a major tribal conflict. According to Dr. Hameedullah that the Prophet (P.B.U.H) was practical demonstration of divine moral guidance. Donohue also highlights that leadership by example is the most powerful method to shape social behavior.

3.2 He Established laws Based on Moral Principles

The Prophet (P.B.U.H) turned moral values into social laws. Allah says in Surah Al-Hadid (57:25) we sent you to establish justice. According to Dr. Hameedullah that, the Prophet (P.B.U.H) laws were moral laws that directly promoted peace and fairness. Donohue notes that legal systems built on moral character create long-term stability.

3.3 He Reformed Tribal Behaviour

The Prophet (P.B.U.H) changed tribal customs from revenge to forgiveness. In Surah Ash-Shura verse # 42:40 Quran 'condemns revenge culture'. Prophet (P.B.U.H) stopped blood feuds by teaching reconciliation. Dr. Israr Ahmed also explains that the Prophet (P.B.U.H) replaced tribal superiority with brotherhood.

He Promoted Social Compassion

The Prophet taught mercy as a social principle. Allah says in Surah-Al-Anbia verse # (21:107) Prophet Muhammad "a mercy to the worlds". Prophet (P.B.U.H) visited sick

fed the hungry, and combined the
weak building peaceful relations.
According to the Quran that
compassionate social system are the
strongest functions for peace.

3.4 He Encouraged Inner Purification

Moral Purification removes anger, hate,
and greed. According to Dr. Hameedullah
that the Prophet completed moral
Purification by guiding. Prophet (P.B.U.H.)
advised believers to control anger
building inner discipline. According to
the Shari'ah Abdul Qadir says that,
inner Purification changes society
from inside.

3.5 He Formed a Just Economic System

The Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H.)
created fairness, which reduced social
tension. In Surah Al-Mutaffifin (83:1-3)
"Quran forbids exploitation" According to
the Dr. Hameedullah that early Islamic
economy was moral, Preventing class
conflict. Prophet (P.B.U.H.) Banned cheating
in markets and protected the poor.
Dawah notes that fair economic structures
reduce hostility.

56 He Completed Morals Through Education

The Prophet (P.B.U.H) taught morals continuously. Allah says in (Surah Al-jum' 62:2) "The Prophet purified and educated people. According to the Dr. Zakir Naik that education was the method through which the "Prophet (P.B.U.H) completed noble morals. Donohue also states that educational moral training creates Peaceful social generations.

57 Conclusion:

Noble morals protect society, guide behaviour, and build trust. Social peace becomes possible when individuals act with honesty, justice, humility, and compassion. The Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) completed morals through his personal character, laws, reform, and education. His example remains the guiding light for building harmony in every age.