

Suspicion

About 1950, I was buying a railway ticket on the railway station of Azamgarh, (India). The train was about to go. A villager came to purchase the ticket. The fare of his journey was a few rupees. He gave that amount in form of small coins to the ticket clerk. The clerk became angry and said, “Bring currency notes, how can I count these coins?”

I felt sympathy for the villager and offered him to exchange currency notes for his coins. But he refused, looked at me with suspicion and went away. I briskly moved to the train, although my eyes were chasing that villager. I guess that he might miss the train.

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Why the villager did not accept my offer? The reason is “suspicion”. He thought that I was trying to get advantage of his problem and wanted to change my fake currency notes with his coins. Because of suspicion, he was not willing to change his money and he paid the cost in the form of losing the train.

Our society is almost going through the same dilemma. We are looking towards each other with some sort of suspicion. Everyone considers others unreliable. As a result of this mentality, entire society has developed a temperament of not trusting the other. Everyone is losing various possible benefits due to this lack of trust. Human cooperation is a must for many things. Because of suspicion, we are losing the possibility of getting other’s cooperation.

A suspicion results in another suspicion and trust develops trust. If you tend to look upon others with suspicion, in turn they will look upon you with the same mentality. The gap between these two persons will become wider and wider. On the contrary, if you start dealing with a person with trust, the same feelings will be developed in his / her mind for you. As a result of that, your relationship will become stronger and stronger.

The “human personality” in the body of one person is similar to that of other. But a person often indulge in this misconception that he is different from the other one.

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Do not hate one another, nor be jealous of one another; and do not desert one another, but O Allah's worshipers! Be Brothers!

Prophet Muhammad (صلی اللہ علیہ والہ وسلم) reported by Bukhari

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While trying to develop trust in others, we should use our logic carefully. If developing a suspicion is one extreme, having a blind faith is another extreme. Moderate attitude is that we should neither develop the suspicion nor the blind faith. We should develop a positive thinking by using our reason in an enlightened manner. The right attitude for the people we do not know personally is that we should neither consider them dishonest nor develop blind trust in them and give them our money. *Mubashir Nazir*

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Think about it!

- How we should deal with an unknown person? How to create a balance between 'taking care' and 'suspicion'?
- How to get rid of suspicion? Provide two remedies.

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