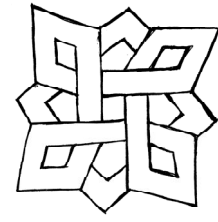


ISLAMIC QUOTES



Sayings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):

- (a) **The world is green and beautiful, and God has appointed you his steward over it.**
- (b) **No one is allowed to take from another what he does not allow him of his own free will.**
- (c) **None is higher than the other unless he is higher in virtue.**
- (d) **Little, but sufficient, is better than the abundant and the alluring.**
- (e) **The superiority of a learned man over one who only worships is like the superiority of the moon when it is full, covering the stars. The learned are the heirs of the prophets who do not leave a legacy of dirhams and dinars but only of knowledge.**
- (f) **The search for knowledge is a sacred duty imposed upon every Muslim. Go in search of knowledge, even to China.**
- (g) **God has not created anything better than reason, or anything more perfect or more beautiful than reason.**
- (h) **God is gentle and loves gentleness in all things.**
- (i) **Hasten to do good before you are overtaken by perplexing adversity, corrupting prosperity, disabling disease, babbling dotage, and sudden death.**
- (j) **Beware of envy for envy devours good works like the fire devours fuel.**
- (k) **God does not look upon your bodies and appearances. He looks upon your hearts and your deeds.**
- (l) **The most excellent jihad is that for the conquest of the self.**
- (m) **Every religion has a special character and the characteristic of Islam is modesty.**

- (1) Choose what you think are the three most important sayings, and explain the meaning of these three sayings, giving examples.
- (2) Tell whether you think each of the following acts would be correct behaviour for a Muslim who wants to follow the example of Muhammad. Explain your answer by telling which quotes the act is in agreement or disagreement with. Two different students have already done the first one (a), as an example.

- (a) You choose to buy 2 new pens for Rs 20 each instead of 12 new pens for Rs 30 each.

Shaukat wrote: I think this would not be following the example of Mohammed, peace be unto him. The reason is that he said, "Little, but sufficient, is better than the abundant and the alluring." I really don't need 12 new pens – 2 would be enough for me to do all the work I have to do. The 12 more expensive pens may look nice and seem to be better, but it would be unreasonable to buy so many, and, "God has not created anything better than reason, or anything more perfect or more beautiful than reason."

Daljeet wrote: I think this would be following the example of Mohammed, peace be unto him. The reason is that I already know the more expensive pens are much better than the cheaper ones, they are being sold at a price that will rise after one or two months, so it is reasonable to buy a lot of good pens now and use them throughout the whole year. This is in agreement with the saying, "God has not created anything better than reason, or anything more perfect or more beautiful than reason."

- (b) If you are a man looking for a bride, try to find a woman who is fair and not too fat.
- (c) Join the army to fight for your country to acquire more territory.
- (d) If you are a shopkeeper, try to sell rice at as high a price as you can get for it.
- (e) Destroy the World Trade Center, a symbol of Western Capitalism.
- (f) Destroy the Pentagon, the centre of military planning of the USA.
- (g) Think of yourself as better than someone who follows a different religion.
- (h) If you go to Vivek High School, think of yourself as better than a girl who goes to a Government School.
- (i) Think of an educated person as being better than an uneducated person.
- (j) Think of a person who gives their wealth to the poor as better than a person who tries to get rich.
- (k) If a rich person has 6 new pens and you have none and no money to buy any, you can take one of the 6 pens, even if that person has not told you that you can.
- (l) Throw a toffee wrapper out the bus window.
- (m) Don't believe what an African tells you about how to live your life – Africans can tell themselves how to live their own lives.
- (n) If you are a leader of one country, try to hold talks with the leaders of another country with which you are having disagreements.