

WISE USE OF COMMUNICATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Muslims blessed by Allah *Subhanahu Wataala*,

Let us increase our *taqwa* (piety) towards Allah *Subhanahu Wataala* with a full confidence and sincerity in doing all that He commands and abandoning all that He prohibits. Hopefully, we would be part of the people of faith and righteousness and be safe in this world and in the hereafter.

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Islam is religion which gives importance to seeking knowledge. The knowledge is like the light that illuminates the darkness. Therefore, our religion encourages the ummah to always seek or acquire the knowledge as much as possible. Seeking the knowledge is an obligation to all Muslims whether male or female. Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam* said in a hadith narrated by Imam Ibn Majah:

Meaning:

From Anas bin Malik *Radhiaallahu anhu* who said that Rasulullah *Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam* said: Seeking knowledge is a requirement (*wajib*) on every Muslim.

From the above hadith, it is clear that knowledge is very important because the knowledge that a person has acquired will guide him to proceed further, develop and succeed, not only for himself but also for the religion, the race and the nation. There are various methods we can acquire knowledge such as attending classes with teachers, reading books, or through other media. Nowadays, knowledge can be gained through new media that is the Information and Communication Technology (ICT). It is a technology that has changed the life style of the people. The Communication Information Technology is basically to facilitate the communication and access for knowledge. If it is used with the correct intention, then it will bring benefits and well-being of life, but if it is misused it will lead to vanity and loss. Therefore, we must be literate enough and be sensitive while using it, because this facility offers us to get information and knowledge very easily and very fast.

Nowadays many people use Information Communication Technology as a means of connecting the people because it is the fastest way to disseminate and share news, information or knowledge. However, it is very easy for some people to forget about a very important fact, that is, not all news, information or knowledge that is viral or spread through this media is true and accurate. Remember, we must be responsible for every news that we want to distribute by ensuring that the news is true and authentic, so that it does not cause any lies and disagreements to spread. The spreading of lies and disagreements can lead to chaos and hostility in society and country. Allah *Subhanahu Wataala* says in the Qur'an Surah Al-Hujurat verse 6:

Interpretation:

"O you who have believed, if a wicked person comes to you to bring news (information), then investigate the truth, so that you will not harm a people due to ignorance, after which you will regret over what you have done".

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It is undeniable that there are some users who use Communication Information Technology as a channel to express dissatisfaction, a place to backbite, humiliate others and so on. Therefore, as users we should be wise enough to use them in a controlled manner by avoiding to use them to disrespect and abusing others, to expose shortcoming of a person or to spread the wrong doing of others. We should try to use words so as not to induce anger to others, we should not peek with bad intention to seek the faults of other people and we should avoid being prejudiced because they bring sin, Allah *Subhanahu Wataala* says in Surah Al-Hujurat verse 12:

Interpretation:

"O ye who have believed, void the good of prejudice, indeed, some prejudice is a sin"

Undoubtedly, Communication Information Technology has many advantages and because of these advantages, "The Telecommunication and Community Information Day Celebration" is held annually with the main purpose of this celebration is to raise public awareness on the use of the Internet and Information Communication Technology for the benefit of the community as well as the economy. It is also used to help the public in enriching their lives through improvements in the provision of health services, learning, finance, agriculture, transportation and other services.

Ultimately, in the use of Information Communication Technology, we must be responsible to use it wisely and in useful manners and not misusing it. We should try to avoid to fall into committing sin by using ICT for accusations, spreading defamation, prejudice and lying. Remember that, we will surely be held accountable in the Hereafter on whatever we propagated and reported. Hopefully, Allah *Subhanahu Wataala* will always protect and save us and the nation from all things that are shameful and evil. Amin Ya Rabbal Alamin.

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(Surah Al-Hujurat ayat 6)