



ISLAMIC CONVERSATION

SOCIAL ISLAM

LEVEL 2

Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Understand the Islamic etiquette for greetings
- Understand that Islam encourages us to greet people amicably
- Understand that Islam encourages humour in conversation
- Know the limits we have to keep when making jokes

Islamic Conversation

Before we start this topic, let us look at a scenario. Let's say you were invited to a friend's house, and when you rang the bell, your friend's brother opened the door, and did not even look at you, let alone greet you. How would you feel?

How would you feel if you came in to class today, and the teacher didn't greet or smile at anyone in the class?

How about, when your mum picks you up from school, and she does not look at you, hug you or greet you. How would you feel then?

I am sure most of us here would not be happy with any of the situations mentioned above. In fact, we would be upset.

We as Muslims have been taught by our beautiful prophets and Imams how to greet people when we come across them. When we see someone regardless of their religion, age, race, etc, we should greet them in a friendly manner by:

- Making eye contact
- Smiling
- Exchanging words of greeting

If we come across a Muslim person,

- Our greeting should be: **Asalaamu 'Alaykum** which means **Peace be upon you**, and the reply should be – **Wa 'Alaykum Assalaam** which means, **And peace be upon you too**.

Those people who do not say 'salaam' to their fellow Muslims are considered selfish by Allah (SWT). We definitely do not want to be among that group.

HUMOUR IN ISLAM



What is humour? It basically means being funny . Does Islam encourage humour? Yes, absolutely. Humour in Islam is considered a good thing. Our Holy Prophet (saw), was a humorous person himself, and liked humour in others as well. There is nothing wrong in telling jokes and being funny as long as one does not cross the limits.

What are the limits?

- Hurting other people's feeling or offending them (for e.g. with racist jokes, making fun of their family, etc...)
- Lying- the Prophet (saw) said:

“I would joke but only tell the truth”

- Becoming a clown and never being able to be serious. This will lead to that person being silly in the eyes of others.

RIDDLES ☺

- 1) Why is 6 afraid of 7? (answer – because 7 8 9 – seven ate nine)
- 2) Why was the man running around his bed? (answer - because he wanted to catch up on his sleep)
- 3) What has four legs but can't walk? (answer – a chair)