



Backbiting (Ghibah) An Emerging Cultural Issue In Society Of Kashmir: Islamic Narrative

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Abstract

Backbiting (Ghibah) is to speak ill of an individual behind his/her back, including matters concerning his character, common issues, physical appearance and character. Not exclusively is defaming confined to words, yet in addition it incorporates each conduct and deed, in the case of demonstrating to an individual by signalling with one's eyes, hand or head. We all know that backbiting is grave sign but in our modern society it is witnessed everywhere. Whether it is family, friends, relatives or common people majority are doing this crime with pride they feel no fear of their lord who had prohibited it completely. While lying, abusing, defaming, gossiping, backbiting, outrage mongering and other social ills are concerned with this minute piece of flesh. Slandering is the one of the grave social cruelty in nowadays. Backbiting is a damaging component that annihilates the social development and spoils the tied up relations. At the point when the evil talk arrives at the one about whom it is said, it offends him and feeling of disrespect, doubt and hostility in him. Through its guidelines, Islam stressed to strengthen organization and create common agreeableness, while it cautions against any issue that irritates the unadulterated hearts or raises malevolence and disdain Therefore, in Islamic lessons the tongue has been given due spot and Muslims were warned to utilize it cautiously. Backbiting causes antipathy, jealousy and defilement when it gets common in society it, besides, breeds group and dishonesty, and annihilates commonality and unity in society and shakes mainstays of the religion. Thus, corruption and evil increment consistently. Islam is a religion of harmony, love and sympathy. Untruths, doubt, backbiting, criticize, vain talk - all these are utter horror to Islam. For sure, such contrary action plants the seeds of hatred among the individuals and at last realizes the destruction of society. Backbiting specifically, as indicated by the Quran, isn't only a common social shrewdness, but instead a despicable demonstration, a significant sin - what might be compared to eating ones sibling's flesh

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Introduction:

Backbiting is the most lethal and the most severe sin and its prohibition is fixed for consensus of all nations and Quran and the sayings of Prophet Muhammad PBUH and

tenth imam PBUH and has been denounced in many tradition also stated severe punishment for this ugly. Backbite is one of the great sins and slips of the tongue which means maledict with speech or refer behind the believer and it prohibited in the twelfth verse of Hajarat Sura and in other verse including Nisa verse 148, Nour 19, Asra 36, and chapter one of Hamze. The role of the individual in Islam is not limited to fulfilling the five pillars. The Muslim in an Islamic community has a greater responsibility than is usually understood. All of a Muslim's activities in life are included as acts of worship depending upon the intention underlying them. Nothing is required from a Muslim beyond service to Allah the Almighty, and nothing is accepted from him, which is not a service. Each individual's obligations fall into two sections: his duty to remain to the teachings of Islam and his obligation to instruct good and prohibit evil which is social change. There is a reason why enjoying good and precluding incorrectly starts things out, even before faith. It emphasizes the Muslim's obligation and infers faith must be acknowledged by specific activities, which keeps up a connection between the individual and society.

Backbiting a social issue in Kashmir:

With the increasing crumbling and degradation of moral principles and ways, men of contemporary societies enjoy the strange demonstrations of character murder and criticizing of others' without giving a genuine idea to the degree of humiliation and agony caused to the exploited people by their discussions or gestures. Levelling misleading allegations against individuals behind their backs is a demonstration of Cowardice and ill-mentality. The offenders need to lift their own fake standards, and wish to appreciate the spotlight in opposition to their hollowness. Character disparaging isn't just a demonstration of winning fake reputation however it stains the decent picture of individuals to the degree that they experience serious stress anxiety. Sometimes, it sets aside long effort for truth to win. Indeed, even many free the clash of life given the greatness of trauma they experience by these fake claims and allegations. Many individuals are absolved of fake allegations however facing a lot of wrath and humiliation. The act is considered deeply condemnable from religious point of view and is sufficient to welcome Allah's anger, yet there must be solid legislation in each cultured and civilized society to punish the guilty in light of the fact that it makes an impossible level of torture to the victims. Physical suffering and wounds are noticeable to everybody except emotional and mental scars are unnoticeable, and in this manner they frequently stay unhealed.

One thing is evident that once these embarrassment mongers and backbiters are exposed, they lost each kind of validity and respect on the off chance that they have achieved any. They are looked down as the idiots with no honour and dignity. These individuals experience the ill effects of the stigma of inferiority complex for the duration of their lives which disparages their very own Images when they try character and respect killing of others. The shrewdness of embarrassment mongering and slandering isn't kept to a specific area of our general public. Numerous dolts who have degrees amazingly, resort to these two-faced intends to increase some credibility in the eyes of the others which they never manage to get because people devalue them for this vice.

Such people are the valid stupid's who don't have the foggiest idea about the way that Allah SWT rewards us as indicated by our intentions not as per our activities. May Allah spare and protect us from the ills of embarrassment mongering and backbiting.

Neglecting these duties leads to widespread corruption and an increase in social evils:

Indifference: Muslims are instructed to play a positive role in their locale and help with urging matters of righteousness and forestalling abhorrent by as much as they can. Numerous Muslims stray away from the right path since they don't discover anybody to help them and salvage them from straying in their communities, as individuals around them act impassively. One should not think little of any information he can give in such cases and think about the narrative of the imprisonment of Imam Ahmad رحمته to see how useful a person can be if he takes the initiative and does not act unsympathetically. When Imam Ahmad رحمته was imprisoned, a thief was with him in the same cell. The thief said to him, "O Ahmad! I persevere and tolerate the sentence I receive while I am upon untruth and being punished for a sin. Would somebody like you, who are misery as a result of being upon the truth, not persist and endure?" Thus, this thief played a vital role in comforting and consoling Imam Ahmad رحمته in a complicated situation.

Being ill-mannered: Several individuals have three extremely malicious characteristics, in particular: lying, cowardice and stinginess, and these are the most noticeably terrible three characteristics an individual can have. There are likewise numerous other malice characteristics that we should be aware of and consider ourselves answerable in regards to, for example, slandering, abusing others and gossipy, while replacing them with laudable characteristics and ethics

Another cause of social evil in society is if individuals from a specific community give free rein to their sight, don't following the practice of the Hijab (Islamic clothing for ladies) and ladies wear fragrance before leaving their homes, the clearest result is the spread of immorality in the community. Immoral films, TV programs, obscene content on the internet and intermixing between the two sexes are other causes that have led to people committing sins and indulging in immorality. People nowadays mix with the opposite sex in universities, schools and workplaces, while Yoonus bin 'Ubayd رحمته said: **"Never be in isolation with a woman, even if you wish to teach her the Quran, and even if only you would be the one reciting."**

Reasons why people fall into the sin of backbiting others

- ✚ Weakness of faith and impiety make a person likely to speak thoughtlessly and carelessly and transgress against others when he speaks. When Aishah was accused of impropriety, her co-wife Zaynab bint Jahsh was asked about her. Zaynab said: "O Messenger of Allah! I safeguard my hearing and my sight. I know nothing but good." Aishah later commented: "She was my rival among the wives of

Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him). Allah restrained her by way of her piety." [Sahîh al-Bukhârî (2661)]

- ✚ Another reason that people participate in backbiting is on account of the company they keep. They backbite people to please their peers and acquaintances. Allah says, conveying to us the words of the denizens of Hell: "We used to speak in vain with those who speak in vain." [Sûrahal-Mudaththir45]
- ✚ Another reason is hatred, enmity, and envy towards others. Ibn Taymiyah says: "Some people are inspired by envy to backbite, and in doing so, combine between two ignoble traits:
- ✚ Love of the world and the pursuit of status and power make people backbite others.

How to rid ourselves of this immoral trait

- We can protect ourselves from speaking ill of others by cultivating our fear of Allah and our sense of shame before of our Lord. This can be achieved by reflecting often upon the verses of the Qur'ân and the hadîth of our Prophet (peace be upon him) that speak about Allah's punishment, that encourage us to repent, and that warn us against evil deeds.
- Allah says: "Or do they think that we do not hear their secrets and their private counsels? Indeed we do and our messengers are by them to record." [Surah al-Zukhruf:80]

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "Feel shame before Allah as you ought to feel shame before him. So guard the head and what it contains, guard the stomach and what you put in it, and think upon death and returning to dust." [Sunan al-Tirmidhî (2458)]

- We can reflect upon just how much we lose every time we utter some bad words about another person. The Prophet (peace be upon him) once asked his Companions: "Do you know who is bankrupt?" They replied: "The person among us who is bankrupt is the one who possesses neither money nor provision."

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "The one who is bankrupt from among My follower is he who comes on the Day of Resurrection with prayer, charity, and fasting to his credit. However, he had insulted this person, struck that person, and seized the wealth of another, on account of which his good deeds will be taken from him. Then, if his good deeds are exhausted, the sins of those whom he wronged will be taken from them and foisted upon him and then he will be cast into the Fire." [Sahîh Muslim (2581)]

- ✓ A beneficial remedy that can help us to rid ourselves of this evil habit is to reflect upon our own shortcomings and work to improve ourselves. If we preoccupy ourselves with our own faults, we will not find time to worry about the faults of others. We should fear that if we speak about someone else's shortcomings, that Allah might punish us by afflicting us with the same.

Al-Hasan al-Basrî said: "We used to remind one another that whoever faults

his brother on account of a sin and he had repented for it will be punished by Allah by falling into it himself.” Abū Hurayrah said: “One of you sees the dust in his brother’s eye but fails to see the crud in his own.”

- ✓ Keeping to the company of righteous people and avoiding bad company

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “The likeness of a good companion and a bad companion is that of a person carrying musk and another who works the bellows. The person carrying musk might give you some of it or at the very least you will enjoy the pleasant scent. The person with the bellows will either singe your clothing or at least make you suffer from the bad smell.” [Sahīh al-Bukhārī (2101) and Sahīh Muslim (2628) and the wording is that of Muslim] Al-Nawawī writes, commenting on this hadith: “It discusses the virtues of keeping the company of the righteous and people who carry out good works and possess good manners. It prohibits us from the company of people who engage in bad deeds and innovations, those who backbite others, and those who are habitually sinful and idle.”

- ✓ A person who has a habit of backbiting others needs to make a firm and determined resolution to stop.

We can look at the example of Rasūl b. Wahb who said: “I swore an oath that for every time I backbite someone, I would fast a day. This just wore me out, since I would backbite and fast. Then I resolved that for every time I backbite someone, I would spend one silver coin in charity. Then, for the love of money, I gave up backbiting.”

Conclusion:

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