

# Fruits for the Week

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## BE A GOOD MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) declared the policy of Islam on the above matter in his farewell address: *“O people, verily your Lord is one and your father is one. There is no superiority for an Arab to a non-Arab, and for a non-Arab to an Arab, for a white to a black and for a black to a white, except in piety. Verily the noblest among you with Allah is the most dutiful of you.”*

One of the objectives of Islam concerns the liberation of humanity from the shackles of the destructive forces of prejudice and jealousy of colour, race and status. The nobility of man is not based on colour, race or status but on his positive qualities.

Allah (SWT) says: *“O men! We have created you from a single pair of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes so that you may know each other. Surely the most honourable of you before Allah is the one who is the most righteous of you.”* (Al-Hujurat: 13)

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said: *“You must continue to meet people who breaks off his relations with you; you must forgive one who oppresses you; you must be kind to one who harms you,”* and *“Neither nurse mutual hatred nor jealousy nor enmity. It is also unlawful for a Muslim to estrange his relations with his fellow Muslims beyond*

*three days.”*

Even in a conflict with non-Muslims, the Muslim should take the initiative to end the conflict first. Our Prophet (SAW) said: *“The more noble among Muslims are those who give the salam first.”*

Unity of human beings and human bonding is important as the world gets smaller and as people become closer. There should be no place for hatred, confrontation and wars.

The *muhajirun* (migrants) from Mecca and the *ansar* (helpers) of Madinah live in peace and harmony. They demonstrated the true living example of *ukhuwwah Islamiyyah* (Islamic brotherhood). That was an example set for the present Muslims to follow. When Muslims are able to live in total goodwill and harmony, non-Muslims will place Muslims in high esteem and appreciate Islam.

Our responsibility as members of the public is to strictly adhere to Islamic values and play a positive role in seeing to the success, peace and prosperity of the country where we live in. Wallahu A'lam.

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