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The Approach of the Learned Muslims to New Muslims

Level four

First Topic

Qualities and requirements of a preacher to Islam



Introduction

Calling people to Allah is a great honor and a means of becoming closer to the Most Merciful. A preacher must have noble qualities, beneficial skills, and sound knowledge.

His preaching to Allah must be based on wisdom and good advice, as Allah Almighty has ordered: **(Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and goodly exhortation, and reason with them in the best manner)** [An-Nahl:125].



Knowing the etiquette of dialogue

A preacher must be calm, speak well, be understanding, accept differences, not be insistent, and not get angry, while stating the truth politely and convincingly.



Knowing the etiquette of dialogue

Sincerity is the basis of calling people to Allah. Work without sincerity is like a body without a soul. Allah has said: **(...although they were commanded only to worship Allah with sincere devotion to Him)** [Al-Bayyinah: 5].



Understanding the invitees to Islam and treating them according to their status

The preacher must know the conditions of the people and call them according to what suits their mentality, as was stated by Ali ibn Abi Talib: **(Tell people what they know. Do you want Allah and His Messenger to be called liars?)**.

The Prophet Muhammad, may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him, said to Mu'adh, may Allah be pleased with him: **(You will approach people of the Book - Torah and Injeel)** [Al-Bukhari].

This information is important in order for one to clarify the condition of the invitees, and guide the preachers to the appropriate method of inviting others.



Starting with priorities

The preacher should start with the most important issue and then the next most important issue, as in the hadith of Mu'adh, may Allah be pleased with him:

(You will come to a people of the Book. When you come to them, call them to testify that there is no God worthy of worship but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. If they obey you in that, then tell them that Allah has enjoined upon them five prayers every day and night. If they obey you in that, then tell them that Allah has enjoined upon them charity to be taken from their rich and given to their poor. If they obey you in that, then beware of their best wealth, and beware of the supplication of the oppressed, for there is no veil between the oppressed and Allah) [Al-Bukhari].



Mercy

A preacher has mercy on people and loves good for them, as was the case with Prophet Noah, peace be upon him: **(Indeed, We sent Noah to his people. He said, "O my people, worship Allah; you have no god other than Him. I fear for you the punishment of a momentous Day)** [Al-A'raf: 59].

Also, Prophet Muhammad, may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him, said: **(He who does not have mercy on people, Allah will not have mercy on him)** [Al-Bukhari & Muslim].



Forgiveness and Pardoning

Forgiveness and Pardoning are essential for a preacher to Islam. It is mentioned in a hadith: **(There are two values in you that Allah loves: forgiveness and giving room for pardoning)** [Abu-Dawoud].

Furthermore, Allah Almighty said to His Prophet, may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him: **(It is by Allah loves that you [O Prophet] became lenient to them. If you had been harsh and hard-hearted, they would have dispersed from you)** [Al-Imran: 159].



Humility

A preacher to Allah must be humble, gentle but not humiliating to others, and dignified but not arrogant, as mentioned by Allah Almighty: **(and lower your wing [in kindness] to the believers who follow you)** [As-Shur'a: 215].

While the Prophet, may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him, said: **(Charity does not decrease wealth, and Allah does not increase a servant's pardon to others except in honor, and no one humbles himself before Allah except that Allah raises him up)** [Muslim].



Patience

The preacher needs to be very patient in order to bear hardships, as Allah Almighty said: **(O you who believe, seek help in patience and prayer, for Allah is with those who are patient)** [Al-Baqarah: 153],

and said to His Prophet, may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon him: **(So be patient, as the Messengers of Firm Resolve were patient)** [Al-Ahqaf: 35].

Some examples of patience among Prophets:

Noah, peace be upon him: **(The people of Noah rejected [the truth] before them; they rejected Our slave and said, "He is a madman," and he was intimidated. So he called upon his Lord, "I am overpowered, so help me!)** [Al-Qamar: 9-10].

Abraham peace be upon him: **(We said, "O fire, be cool and safe for Abraham)** [Al-Anbiya: 69].

Moses, peace be upon him: **(O you who believe, do not be like those who maligned Moses, but Allah cleared him of what they said; he was highly honored before Allah)** [Al-Ahzab: 69].

Furthermore, Allah has promised those who are patient with a great reward: **(Those who observe patience will be given their reward without measure)** [Az-Zumar: 10].

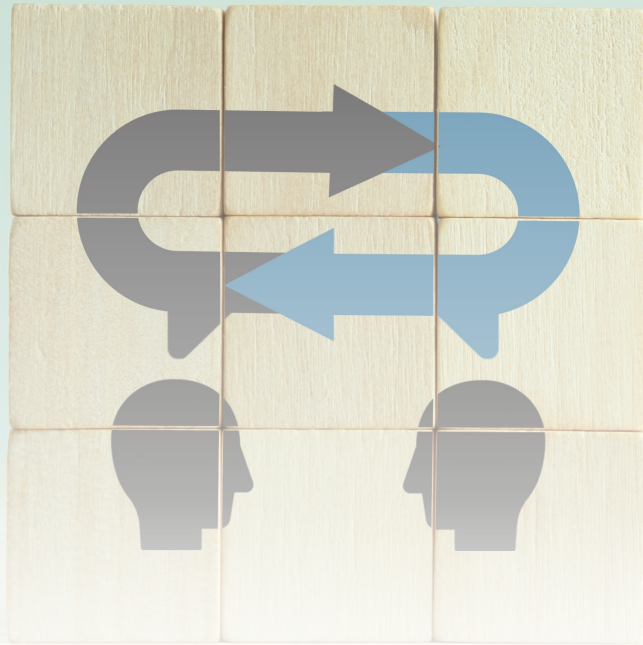
Second Topic

Effective communication skills and applying these skills in preaching

Introduction

To many people, spreading the message of Islam may seem easy, but it is not without some difficulties and mistakes. Many preachers face difficulties in conveying and explaining the message to people - whether it be in written or verbal form - and they may not be able to convey the message in the manner they intended. This then leads to misunderstanding and confusion among those being preached to, which leads to lack of clarity, frustration, and wasted efforts and opportunities.

Research indicates that effective communication is one of the most important personal skills, and this communication can only be successful when both parties (**preacher and invitee**) understand the meanings of the basic vocabulary used during the dialogue.



Communication Stages

You must ensure that the communication process and message between the two parties (**preacher and invitee**) are clear, summarized, accurate, and well-planned in advance. This will facilitate the smooth passage of all stages of the communication process for both parties, without any obstacles, and help avoid misunderstandings.

Some of the important stages
of communication include





1 Who conveys the message

This refers to the person who conveys the information and ideas he or she wishes to pass on to the other party. You must, be clear in conveying the message, understand its importance and main objective, understand the positive aspects of dialogue, and ensure that the information stated is accurate.

2 Conveying the message

This stage involves informing others of the contents of the message and presenting it in a clear and simple format that can be sent and understood by the recipient. You must know who will be receiving the message, their circumstances, and avoid assuming to know their level of knowledge about the topic you are discussing.

Failure to understand the recipients may lead to the failure of conveying the message, misunderstanding it, rejection of it, or it being ignored totally.



3 The means of delivering the message effectively

In the world of communication, you have a variety of channels you can use to convey your message, including: Verbal channels, such as face-to-face meetings, phone calls, or video meetings. Written channels, such as text messages, reports, emails, instant messages, and social media posts.

Since each medium has its own advantages and disadvantages, you must choose the most appropriate method based on the type of message, the target audience, and the outcome you wish to achieve successfully.

4 Breaking down and understanding the message

Understanding the message is just as important as conveying it. Breaking down and understanding messages require real skill, whether written or spoken. You must read the message carefully or listen to it with full attention. It is noted that most problems (related to understanding) occur at this stage of the communication process, and the mistake is not necessarily from the sender of the message.

Sometimes the recipient does not have the appropriate background or vocabulary to understand the content of the message, especially if it contains technical or precise terms. Therefore, it is necessary to simplify the message according to your audience.



Communication skills

As part of the efforts made to develop effective preaching communication, the success of calling to Allah requires mastering communication skills of all kinds.

Successful preaching “da’wah” is not limited to merely conveying information about Islam, but rather requires awareness of the feelings and intentions that may lie behind this information. Therefore, the preacher must master communication skills and develop a clear plan to achieve his/her preaching objectives.

The most important communication skills are as follows





1 Show your interest and enthusiasm for those you invite to Islam

Let them feel that you are happy to talk to them, and not to anyone else. This makes them more willing to listen to you, accept your invitation, and welcome it.

2 Ask them questions about their values and perspective on life

Their answers will give you an understanding of their desires and needs, which will help you guide them appropriately and will increase a sense of understanding between you.

3 Adapt to their feelings and body language

Observe their nonverbal cues, such as facial expressions, tone of voice, and choice of words, and choose what suits them. This will give them a sense of harmony and deep understanding.

4 Compliment your audience if you notice something positive

Be sincere in your praise. You might commend their honesty, their desire to learn, or even their morals. If you can't offer direct praise, you can gently point it out indirectly.



5 Listen to them carefully


Don't get caught up in what you're going to say while they're talking. Instead, focus on them and answer them in a smooth manner. If you don't understand something, ask them to clarify what they mean. This will avoid misunderstandings and embarrassing situations.

6 Don't neglect eye contact

Looking towards them shows your interest and builds trust between you and them. When used moderately, it will show that you are confident, making them more likely to listen to you.

Effective communication and presentation skills play a major role in the success of preaching to Allah. Allah commanded His Prophet Moses and his brother Aaron - peace be upon them - to be gentle in their call to Pharaoh.

Allah Almighty said: **(Go, both of you, to Pharaoh, for he has certainly transgressed all bounds. But speak to him gently, so that he may take heed or fear Allah")** [Ta-ha: 43-44].



The following points are advice on how to improve **The effectiveness of communication when preaching to Allah**

- 1 Make those you invite to Islam feel as if you and them are all one team

Use words like "we," "all of us," and "we have" to create a sense of cooperation and harmony.

- 2 Give an honest and spontaneous smile

A true smile opens hearts and creates an atmosphere of affinity, while a fake smile may make them feel uncomfortable.

3 Be energetic when talking

Using the tone of your voice and body language, show your energy without exaggerating. This increases enthusiasm and makes the people you are preaching to more focused.

4 Use the names of those you speak to in a kind manner

Calling someone by their name makes them feel important and increases the emotional closeness between them, especially if so is done in a gentle tone.

5 Understand non-verbal communication

Nonverbal communication isn't just about body language. It includes multiple elements: tone of voice, facial expressions, eye contact, body posture, and even subtle details like sweating. All of these signs have a significant impact on how others perceive you, and thus your success as a preacher to Islam. Nonverbal communication allows you to understand your audience better if you pay attention to the nonverbal signs they use; you can also communicate your message more clearly if you can match your speech with your body language.

6 Be aware of the emotions and feelings around you, and learn how to manage them

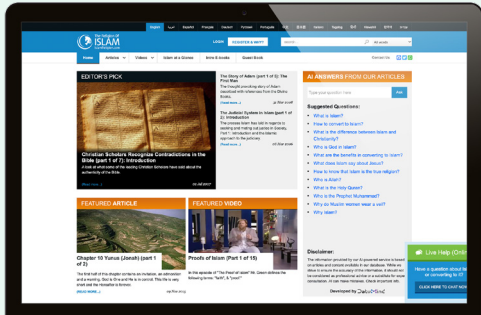
You may think that preaching to Islam occurs in a purely logical and emotionless manner, but in reality, we are emotional humans.

Therefore, calling to Allah “da’wah” carries many positive and negative feelings that you must be aware of in order to understand yourself and others. This awareness of personal feelings and the feelings of others contributes to better communication between people, and therefore improves emotional interaction with them.

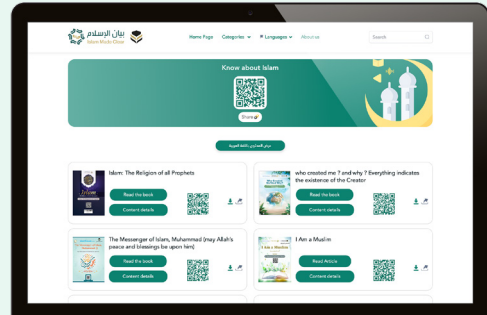


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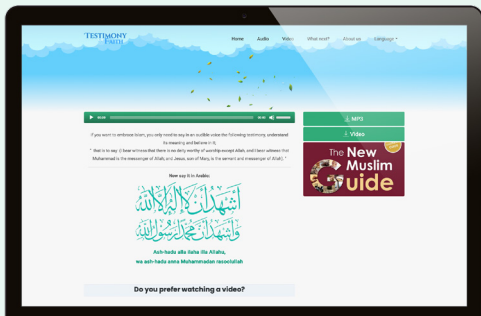
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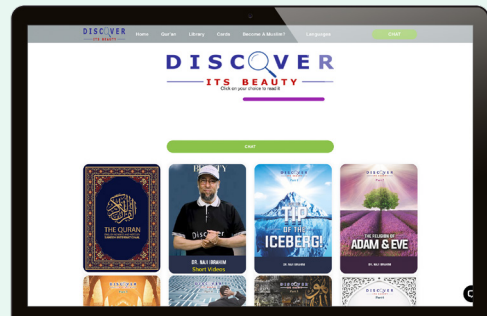
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