

Value of Al-Amanah in Human' Life

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Abstract- *Al-amanah* (honesty) is a first requirement to be real success in the world and rewarded in the Day of Judgment. Nevertheless, many people are inattentive to fulfill it in their daily life. Consequently, corruption, violence and anti-social activities are an everyday occurrence throughout the world. Therefore, the main objective of this study is focus on value of *al-amanah* in humans' daily life. The study concentrates on the Qur'anic *ayat* which talk about *al-amanah* in various aspects of humans' life, its implementation in order to obtain the satisfaction of Almighty Allah through performing all His commands and avoiding all that He prohibits. The study found whoever careless in fulfilling *al-amanah*, he is doing violence to his own self as well as leading to acts of corruption, violence and anti-social activities in societies throughout the world. However, the person who performs Allah's orders and avoids His prohibitions it means he fulfills *al-amanah* for his own wellbeing and leading to others in performing it.

Index Terms- Qur'anic ayah - *al-amanah* - associated - Humans - activities

I. INTRODUCTION

Al-Ragib al-Asfahani (-502 A.H/-1108 A.D) said, the origin of *amanah* is (amn) tranquility of heart and demise of fear, in this noun form *al-amn* or *amanah* means security, safety, shelter, peace, and protection and so on. Someone said *amanah* literally meaning (*al-adalah*) honesty, straightness, integrity (Al-Ragib A. vol.1, p 25). The term *al-amanah* in Arabic by an Arabic speaker is used to refer to the honesty but as an Islamic term it carries more meanings. The term *al-amanah* has a number of meanings which all rotate around the basic concept of accountability before Almighty Allah¹ for any of our actions. This is why fulfilment of trust seems to be the closest meaning to the term *al-amanah* (Jamal B.). Almighty Allah says, "Do not go near the property of an orphan, except in a manner that is good, until he comes to his maturity. And fulfill the agreement. Surely, the agreement shall be asked about (on the Day of Reckoning)" [The Holy Qur'an 17: 34]. The property of an orphan in one's charge is *amanah*. Almighty Allah prohibits in going near the substance of an orphan except the legal way such as investment, reformation, protection (Al-Tabari A. J. (2000) Vol. 17, p 444),

¹ It is not appropriate use the noun 'God' to denote the Creator, because the noun 'God' carries difference meanings such as spirit, admired person, theatre. Hence, we believe an appropriate usage is 'Allah' to denote the Creator who has no partnership with Him, Who is only one).

development (Ibn Ajibah A.I.M., (2002) vol.3 and p331), and borrowing from it and utilizing it with the owner's consent in a best manner (Asad M. (2007) Vol.1, p291). After he comes to his maturity person who was in charge of orphan property he is bound to return it to the owner (Ibn Ajibah A.I.M., (2002) vol.3, and p331). Then Almighty Allah emphasizes on fulfilling the promises as such says, and fulfill the every permissible promise, verily, on the Day of Judgment Almighty Allah will ask the person to give account for every promise which he did not fulfill (Al-Tabari A. J. (2000) vol. 17, p 444). Importance of *al-amanah* in human life is endless. Fulfilling of *amanah* (honesty) is a command of Almighty Allah and His Messenger. It is associated with all areas of humans' actions. Hence, they should perform it in entire events of their daily proceedings. The major cause for social disaster is careless in implementing of *amanah*. Societies are not free from antisocial activities; such as treason, physical assault, rape, attempted rape, domestic abuse, murder and so on. Natural environment and biodiversity is not free from impact of the nuclear power manipulation, acts of violence are happening every day which are against of *al-amanah*. In order to confirm the security, safety, shelter, protection and peace in societies throughout the world *amanah* play an important role.

III. DISCUSSION

Value of *al-amanah* in human life has been discussed in this study by analyzing purposes of *al-amanah*. In fact, purposes of *al-amanah* are limitless; it is impossible describe its all objectives in an article. Therefore, we have focused on only ten purposes of *al-amanah* in order to show its value in humans' life as follows:

- 3.2.1 *Al-amanah* to fulfill the rights of Allah and humans.
- 3.2.2 *Al-amanah* to develop relationship with the Creator.
- 3.2.3 *Al-amanah* to establish justice.
- 3.2.4 *Al-amanah* to save human from killing.
- 3.2.5 *Al-amanah* for psychological comfort and reassurance.
- 3.2.6 *Al-amanah* to be successful in the world and the hereafter.
- 3.2.7 *Al-amanah* to show the signs of the Creator.
- 3.2.8 *Al-amanah* for the benefit of own soul.
- 3.2.9 *Al-amanah* to be a reliable and respectful person in society
- 3.2.10 *Al-amanah* to obtain reward from Almighty Allah.

3.2.1 Al-Amanah to Fulfill the Rights of Allah And Humans

Based on attention to the opinions of interpreters it is clear that *al-amanah* includes the rights of Allah and humans, their responsibilities related to all other humans and resources.

3.2.2 Al-Amanah to Develop Relationship with the Creator

Al-Amanah to develop the relationship with the Creator by fulfilling it in humans' daily life, which is a way for obtains satisfaction of Almighty Allah by to be careful about the right of Allah and humans and protecting resources.

3.2.3 Al-Amanah to Establish Justice

Almighty Allah says: "Surely, Allah commands you to deliver trusts to those entitled to them, and that, when you judge between people, judge with justice. Surely, excellent is the exhortation Allah gives you. Surely, Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing." [Surah An-Nisa' or Women4: Ayah 58].

"Muhammad Asad interprets "In the judicial sense, as well as in the sense of judging other people's motives, attitudes and behavior. The term *amanah* denotes anything one has been entrusted with, be it in the physical or moral sense". (Asad M. (2007) Vol.1, p 177).

3.2.4 Al-Amanah to Save Human from Killing

Almighty Allah says, "O you who believe, do not devour each other's property by false means, unless it is trade conducted with your mutual consent. Do not kill one another. Indeed, Allah has been Very-Merciful to you" [The Holy Qur'an 4:29]. Almighty Allah forbids His believer slaves in eating money each other illegally, gain money illegal way such as usury, gambling and so on. (Ibn Kasir A.F.I., vol. 2, p268). Saying of Allah "Do not kill one another" means by committing in forbidden such as doing sinful acts and eating others' property unjustly. Saying of Allah "Indeed, Allah has been Very-Merciful to you" means Almighty Allah commands you in things which are useful for you and forbids you from which are harmful for you (Ibn Kasir A.F.I., vol. 2, p269). Defiantly, it is obvious that there are many killing are happening by some traitor people around the world to be owner of other's property illegally. Those people should be trusty regarding others' wealth.

3.2.5 Al-Amanah for Psychological Comfort

Almighty Allah says: "Those who have believed and have not mixed their faith with injustice are the ones who deserve peace, and it is they who are on the right path." [The Holy Qur'an 6: 82].

Dishonest person always is suffering from mental depression, fear and guilty which influence on his all activities and family. Through practice *al-amanah* person become honest, trustworthy and justice who live with peace and safe in society and lead to other to live with psychological comfort. Therefore, Almighty Allah promised for person who safe himself from injustice he deserve peace.

3.2.6 Al-Amanah to Be Successful In the World and the Hereafter

Almighty Allah says, "And (success) those who faithfully observe their trusts and their covenants" [The Holy Qur'an 23:8]. Definitely, *al-amanah* is for humans' success in the world and the hereafter. Therefore, the term *al-amanah* has been used in the Holy Qur'an as an umbrella concept in order to cover all areas of humans' life to protect them from danger by following the honesty, trustworthy, sincerity, integrity, security, shelter, straightness and so on.

3.2.7 Al-Amanah to Show the Signs of the Creator

Each and every creature is a sign of the Creator. Almighty Allah is the Creator of humans and other creatures. He knows best about humans how they will be protected from danger. Humans have been given responsibility to better utilize resources without interrupting the cosmic order. Therefore, Almighty Allah commands the humans to fulfill *al-amanah*. The study shows *al-amanah* is a sign of the Creator through scientific and valid argument according to the light of reality. It is a scientific argument that an instrument cannot be invented without an inventor. Moreover, it is an essential a manual on an instrument. Furthermore, a complete manual on an instrument expects from the inventor because he knows best how it will be protected from damage by better utilizing. Thus an instrument and its manual are signs of an inventor. Similarly, the complete code of human life that comes from the Creator is the Holy Qur'an. And *al-amanah* has been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an as a command of Almighty Allah to humans. Thus, unequivocally *al-amanah* is a part of the complete code of human life as well as a sign of the Creator.

3.2.8 Al-Amanah For The Benefit of Own Soul

Whoever fulfills *al-amanah* he does for the benefit of his own soul, Almighty Allah says, "Whoever does what is just and right, does so for his own good; and whoever does evil, does so to his own hurt: and never does Allah do the least wrong to His creatures" [The Holy Qur'an 41: 46]. Ibn Kathir said in interpretation of the saying of Allah "Whoever does what is just and right, does so for his own good" which means: Indeed, whoever acts righteously its good result will back to him. "And whoever does evil, does so to his own hurt" means, whoever commits evil its evil result will back to him (Ibn Kasir, A.F.I., vol.7, p185). So, whoever performs the orders and avoids the prohibitions to fulfill *al-amanah*, in fact, he does for his own wellbeing.

3.2.9 Al-Amanah to Be a Reliable and Respectful Person in Society

The Muslim is to be honest, internally and externally, privately and publicly, whether observed by other people or not, whether he acts or speaks. This overall honesty makes the Muslim confident of himself, of his behavior, and of his words and deeds. Honesty makes the person feel that he trusts others and is trusted by others.

3.2.10 Al-amanah to Obtain Reward from Almighty Allah

Ibn Kathir said, all sayings of *mufasirin* on *al-amanah* are not contradicting each other, rather referring to accept the commands and avoid prohibitions in condition that if humans abide by they will get rewards, otherwise they will get punishment (Ibn Kasir A.F.I., vol.6, p489). Indeed, each and everything are given by Almighty Allah to humans is '*amanah*'. Hence, they should understand the value of these blessings and manage appropriately to obtain reward from Almighty Allah.

IV. CONCLUSION

In abolishing all kind of anti-social activities from society the honesty, trustworthiness is very important. Performing the

command of Allah and His Messenger and avoiding all prohibitions by a person depend on al-amanah. It safe a person from dishonor and danger; an honest person lives in society with honor and psychological comfort; his characteristic and social status motivates other to be trustworthy. Thus, a trustworthy person lead to establish an ideal family, which lead to establish an ideal society, which lead to establish a peaceful world. Hence, humans should be trustworthy to obtain the satisfaction of Allah as a result they will be real successful in the world and rewarded the paradise in the hereafter.

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