

# April Fool

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Praise be to Allaah, we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evil of our own selves and from our evil deeds. Whomsoever Allaah guides, none can lead astray, and whomsoever He sends astray, none can guide.

Lying is an evil characteristic, which all religions and systems of ethics warn against and which man's innate common sense (fitrah) agrees that it is wrong. Those who possess chivalry and sound reason also say this.

Truthfulness is one of the pillars on which the moral survival of the world depends. It is the foundation of praiseworthy characteristics, the cornerstone of Prophet hood, the result of taqwaa. Were it not for truthfulness, the rulings of all divinely-revealed laws would collapse. Acquiring the characteristic of lying is akin to shedding one's humanity, because speaking is an exclusively human trait.

(Bareeqah Mahmoodiyyah, Muhammad al-Khaadimi, 3/183)

Our purely monotheistic sharee'ah warns against lying in the Qur'aan and Sunnah, and there is consensus that it is haraam. The liar will have bad consequences in this world and in the next.

According to sharee'ah, lying is not permitted except in specific cases which do not lead to loss of rights, bloodshed or slander of people's honour, etc., but which concern saving lives, reconciling between people, or creating love between husband and wife.

There is a never a day or a moment when sharee'ah permits a person to tell lies or to say whatever he wants based on lies. One of the things that have become widespread among the common people is the so called "April Fool's Day", where they claim that the first day of the fourth solar month is a day when lying is permitted without being subject to any shar'i guidelines.

Many bad things may result from this, some of which we will mention below.

## The prohibition of lying.

1. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"It is only those who believe not in the Ayaat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allaah, who fabricate falsehood, and it is they who are liars

[al-Nahl 16:105]

Ibn Katheer said:

“Then Allaah tells us that His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) is not a fabricator or a liar, because only the most evil of people who do not believe in the signs of Allaah, the kaafirs and heretics who are known amongst the people for telling lies, tell lies about Allaah and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). The Messenger Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) was the most truthful of people, the most righteous, the most perfect in knowledge, action, faith and certain belief. He was known amongst his people for his truthfulness; none of them doubted that, to such an extent that he was known amongst them as ‘al-Ameen (the trustworthy) Muhammad.’ Hence when Heraclius, the ruler of Rome, asked Abu Sufyaan about the characteristics of the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), one of the things he asked was, ‘Did you ever accuse him of lying before he said what he said?’ He said, ‘No.’ Heraclius said: ‘If he refrained from telling lies about people he would not go and tell lies about Allaah.’

(Tafseer Ibn Katheer, 2/588)

2. It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “The signs of the hypocrite are three: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something, he betrays that trust.”

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 33; Muslim, 59)

The most evil kinds of lies are:

1. **Lies told about Allaah and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).**

This is the most serious kind of lie, and the one who does this is subject to a severe warning. Some of the scholars said that the one who does this is to be denounced as a kaafir.

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Say: ‘Verily, those who invent a lie against Allaah will never be successful’”

[Yoonus 10:69]

It was narrated that ‘Ali (may Allaah be pleased with him): “The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: ‘Do not tell lies about me. Whoever tells lies about me, let him enter the Fire.’”

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 106).

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Whoever tells lies about me, let him take his place in Hell."

(narrated by al-Bukhaari, 110; Muslim, 3).

Ibn al-Qayyim said:

"... 'Whoever tells lies about me, let him take his place in Hell', i.e., let him take his place in Hell where he will abide and settle; it is not like a manzil or camp where he stays for a while and then moves on."

(Tareeq al-Hijratayn, p. 169)

Lying also includes lies told about or to other people, such as

## 2. Lying in buying and selling.

It was narrated from Abu Dharr (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There are three to whom Allaah will not speak on the Day of Resurrection and He will not look at them or praise them, and they will have a painful torment." The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) repeated this three times. Abu Dharr said: "May they be doomed and lost, who are they, O Messenger of Allaah?" He said, "The one who lets his garment hang below his ankles, the one who reminds others of his favours, and the one who disposes of his goods by swearing a false oath."

(Narrated by Muslim, 106)

It was narrated that Hakeem ibn Hizaam (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'The two parties involved in a transaction have the option [of cancelling it] until they part. If they are honest and truthful, their transaction will be blessed for them and if they conceal something and tell lies, the blessing of their transaction will be wiped out.'"

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1973; Muslim, 532)

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah said:

"Allaah has enjoined truthfulness and honesty, and He has forbidden lies and concealment with regard to matters which should be known and revealed to people, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said in a hadeeth whose authenticity is agreed upon: 'The two parties involved in a transaction have the option [of cancelling it] until they part. If they are honest and truthful, their transaction will be blessed for them and if they conceal something and tell lies, the blessing of their transaction will be wiped out.' And Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

'O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allaah as just witnesses; and let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety'

[al-Maa'idah 5:8].” (Minhaaj al-Sunnah, 1/16)

### 3. **The prohibition on lying about visions and dreams**

This refers to when some of them claim to have seen such and such in a dream, but they are not telling the truth, then in the morning he starts to tell the people something that he did not see.

It was narrated from Ibn 'Abbaas that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Whoever tells of a dream that he did not see will be commanded [on the Day of Resurrection] to tie two grains of barley together, but he will never be able to do it. Whoever eavesdrops on people's conversation when they dislike that – or they try to get away from him - will have molten copper poured in his ears in the Day of Resurrection. And whoever makes an image will be punished and will be told to breathe life into it, and he will not be able to do so."

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 6635)

### 4. **The prohibition of speaking about everything that one hears**

It was narrated that Hafs ibn 'Aasim said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'It is sufficient lying for a man to speak of everything that he hears.'"

(Narrated by Muslim, 5)

### 5. **Lying in jest**

Lying in jest is haraam just like other kinds of lies.

It was narrated that Ibn 'Umar said: "The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said, 'I joke, but I speak nothing but the truth.'"

(narrated by al-Tabaraani in al-Mu'jam al-Kabeer, 12/391)

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah said: "They said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, you joke with us.' He said, 'But I only speak the truth.'"

(narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 1990)

### 6. **Lying when playing with children**

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'Whoever says to a child, 'Come here and take this,' then does not give him something, this is counted as a lie.'"

(Narrated by Abu Dawood, 4991)

This hadeeth was classed as hasan by Shaykh al-'Albaani in Saheeh al-Jaami', 1319.

## 7. Lying to make people laugh

It was narrated that Mu'aawiyah ibn Haydah said: "I heard the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) say: 'Woe to the one who talks to make the people laugh and tells lies, woe to him, woe to him.'"

(narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 235. He said: this is a hasan hadeeth. Also narrated by Abu Dawood, 4990).

The punishment for lying:

**The liar is warned of destructive punishment in this world, and humiliating punishment in the Hereafter. These include:**

### 1. Hypocrisy in the heart.

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"So He punished them by putting hypocrisy into their hearts till the Day whereon they shall meet Him, because they broke that (covenant with Allaah) which they had promised to Him and because they used to tell lies

[al-Tawbah 9:77]

### 2. Guidance to evildoing and to the Fire

It was narrated that 'Abd-Allaah ibn Mas'ood said:

"The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'Truthfulness is righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise. A person will continue to tell the truth until he is written with Allaah as one who tells the truth. Lying is evildoing, and evildoing leads to Hell. A person will keep on telling lies until he is written as a liar.'"

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5743; Muslim, 2607)

### 3. His testimony will be rejected

Ibn al-Qayyim said:

[The reason why the testimony of the liar is rejected]

The strongest reason why testimonies, fatwas and reports may be rejected is lying, because it corrupts the very essence of the testimony, fatwa or report. The lying tongue is like some

faculty that is no longer working; indeed it is even worse than that, for the most evil thing a man may possess is a lying tongue.

A'laam al-Muwaqqi'een, 1/95

#### **4. Blackening of the face in this world and in the Hereafter**

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And on the Day of Resurrection you will see those who lied against Allaah (i.e. attributed to Him sons, partners) their faces will be black”[al-Zumar 39:60]

#### **5. The liar will have the flesh of his cheeks torn to the back of his head**

It was narrated that Samurah ibn Jundub (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: “The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) often used to say to his companions, ‘Has anyone among you seen a dream?’ Then whoever Allaah willed would tell of his dream. One day he said to us, ‘Two (angels) came to me last night and woke me up, then they said to me, ‘Let’s go!’... so we set out and came to a man who was lying flat on his back and another man standing over his head with an

iron hook, and behold, he would put the hook in one side of the man's mouth and tear off that side of his face to the back (of the neck) and similarly tear his nose from front to back and his eye from front to back. Then he turned to the other side of the man's face and did just as he had done with the other side. Hardly had he completed this side when the first side was restored to its normal state. Then he went back and did that all over again. I said to my two companions, 'Subhaan Allah! Who are these two persons?' They said to me, 'Move on, move on!' (Then he said, describing how the two angels explained the things that he had seen): ‘As for the man you came across, the sides of whose mouth, nostrils and eyes were being torn off from front to back, he is the symbol of the man who goes out of his house in the morning and tells so many lies that it spreads all over the world.’”

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 5745)

إِنَّمَا يَفْتَرِي الْكَذِبَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْكَاذِبُونَ

(سورة النحل : 105)

جھوٹ افترا تو وہی باندھتے ہیں جنہیں اللہ تعالیٰ کی آیتوں پر ایمان نہیں ہوتا۔ یہی لوگ جھوٹے ہیں

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حدیث 196

جلد : جلد دوم

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حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ بَشَّارٍ حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ سَعِيدٍ حَدَّثَنَا يَهْزُبُ بْنُ حَكِيمٍ حَدَّثَنَا أَبِي عَنْ جَدِّي قَالَ سَمِعْتُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ وَيْلٌ لِلَّذِي يُحَدِّثُ بِالْحَدِيثِ لِيُضْحِكَ بِهِ الْقَوْمَ فَيَكْذِبُ وَيْلٌ لَهُ وَيْلٌ لَهُ قَالَ وَفِي الْبَابِ عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ هَذَا حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ

Jamia Tirmidhi, Vol2, Hadith 196

محمد بن بشار، یحییٰ بن سعید، حضرت بہز بن حکیم اپنے والد کے حوالے سے اپنے دادا سے نقل کرتے ہیں کہ رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم نے فرمایا ہلاکت ہے اس شخص کے لئے جو لوگوں کو ہنسانے کے لئے جھوٹی بات کرے اس کے لئے خرابی ہے اس کے لئے خرابی ہے اس باب میں حضرت ابو ہریرہ سے بھی حدیث منقول ہے یہ حدیث حسن ہے

The Prophet peace and blessings of Allah be upon him said :

'Woe to the one who talks to make the people laugh and tells lies, woe to him, woe to him

Jamia Tirmidhi, Vol 2, Hadith, 196

حدیث: بندہ اس وقت کامل مومن ہو سکتا ہے جب مذاق میں بھی جھوٹ بولنا چھوڑ دے۔ (تبرانی)

Dear Brother,

Praise is to Allaah.

اس حدیث سے پتہ چلا کہ جھوٹ بولنا کتنا بڑا گناہ ہے۔

اللہ تعالیٰ ہمیں ہدایت نصیب فرمائے۔

Lying is not permissible at all, at any time. And it is not permissible to imitate the kuffaar and to be like them, on this day or on any other, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "Whoever imitates a people is one of them."

(Abu Dawood, Musnad Ahmed-Hadees-e-Sahi)

Please find the attached documents about **April fool** in English as well as in URDU languages in the light of Quran-O-Sunnah.

Please read it Inshallah May Allah will give us Hidayath(Ameen)

وَأَتْمَنِي لَكُمْ عَامَ خَيْرٍ وَبِرْكَهٖ

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ابو زکریا



اپریل فول منانا گناہ ہے۔