

appear other than what we are; that we simulate no virtue, assume no excellence, adopt no disguise. The hypocrite thinks that they can hoodwink the world and the eternal law of the world. There is but one person that they hoodwink, and that is themselves, and for that the law of the world inflicts its righteous penalty. There is an old theory that the excessively wicked are annihilated. To be a pretender is to come as near to annihilation as a person can get, for there is a sense in which a person is gone, and in their place there is but a mirage of shams.

Hypocrisy is a deliberate deception, with either a positive or a negative motivation. Generally speaking, we are hypocritical either to achieve people's praise or to avoid their persecution.

Now let's chew carefully upon this warning from our Prophet (p). And a dire WARNING it is! "A time shall most surely come upon my people when Islam shall be left only in name. **The Quran will be read by way of ceremony** & nobody will act upon it. **Mosques no doubt there will be many, but they no longer will be the source of light & guidance.** The religious teachers will be the worst creatures under the sun; **all mischiefs will emanate from them** & the chastisement of God will come down upon their heads."

"At that time people rolling in riches shall be many; but those well versed in the Law of Islam, few & far between. **The sermon-grinders in the mosque shall be cunning & crafty.** The reciters of the Quran shall be deceitful dissemblers. They shall turn their faces away from Religion & expound on matters temporal. They shall devour the world as the fire consumes fuel. But remember that Hell shall be the abode of these people, for into that torturous place the cruel & the unjust have ever been cast."

God condemns Pharaoh & the hypocritical Egyptians. If there were to be a modern day Quran to a modern day Prophet then shameless America would grace its pages in the place of Pharaoh? Other than some flowery words & legislation purportedly to correct generations of bigotry & self-serving "christian" values, has anything really changed in this hypocritical & greed driven country.

What has America & its hypocritical Americans contributed to History & its civilization process? We cannot consider skyscrapers, hamburgers & mass graves of Natives to be a contribution to Civilization. Nor can we consider highways, Coca Cola & Mickey Mouse as eternal symbols of a quest for immortality. What have they positively contributed to the movement of History – apart from its end? Oh yeah, you've sucked the world into your immoral black hole

— Playboy & the millions of immoral websites & Facebook pages. **Hollywood:** your movies & music out of the bowels of hell have corrupted mankind with its glorification of sin. You hypocrites, using weapons of mass destruction, have destroyed thousands of years of history in Iraq, Afghanistan & Palestine. And you stand to tell the world how to live their lives. Beware of the liveried hypocrites of the usurers, money-changers, stock-gamblers, the exploiters, the enslavers & despoilers of the people. Beware of the ruling class politicians & preachers & mercenary menials in every form who are so "concerned" about your "patriotism" & your "religion." Who receive thirty pieces of silver like Judas for warning you against "perceived evils" because it will endanger your morality & interfere with your salvation.

Thomas Aquinas regarded hypocrisy as "a lie told by the signs of outward deeds" such as when one **pretends** to have a good intention in performing an action, when in fact the intention is corrupt. Ordinarily, a deed is a sign of the person's intention. Not so for the hypocrite, who "by outward signs of deeds or things...signifies that which they are **not.**" The Prophet (p) warned that we will all be judged by our intentions. Unlike other vices, hypocrisy is not opposed to a particular virtue, not even the one the hypocrite pretends to perform. Rather, it is opposed to TRUTH itself.

Hypocrisy is a complex vice, for it is unholiness combined with a simulation of holiness. The reason hypocrisy is looked upon with such disdain is that it is directly antithetical to humility. Beware of the preacher who always asks for your money in "the name of God."

The opposite of the hypocrite. **The sound-hearted man becomes an exemplar: he is, more than a man; he is a reality, a force, a molding principle. Such a man was Muhammad (p). Now, follow him in your quest for immortality.** Our personal commitment to avoid this deadliest of vice cannot wait. Toward that end, the Muslim's mandate is as straightforward as it is a profound moral challenge: be morally serious, be self-controlled; avoid self-deception.

Take the acid test. Stand in front of the mirror. It's for deep self-analysis. Look yourself in the eye. Peer into your soul. Do you lie? Do you break promises? Do you betray trusts? How you try to fool God!

The only vice that cannot be forgiven is hypocrisy.

The repentance of a hypocrite is itself hypocrisy

HYPOCRISY

**Politicians & Preachers:
spew the worse hypocritical excrement**

A person stands up to speak on integrity & ethics, in front of a gathering, laments, forcefully reiterates their importance, accuses others of lacking in those two qualities, when they have **not an ounce of either.** For neither man nor angel can discern Hypocrisy, the only evil that walks **invisible**, except to God alone. The most melancholy thing about human nature, is, that a person may guide others into the path of salvation, without walking in it; that they may be a pilot, and yet a castaway. The hypocrite's crime is that they bear false witness against themselves. What makes it so plausible to assume that hypocrisy is the vice of vices is that integrity can indeed exist under the cover of all other vices except this one. Only crime & the criminal, it is true, confront us with the perplexity of radical evil; but **only the hypocrite is really rotten to the core.** There are three signs of a hypocrite: when they speak, they lie, when they makes a promise they break it, and when they are trusted they betray their trust...so taught the most truthful of men, Muhammad (p). Hypocrisy is the root of Betrayal. And betrayal is a smashed broken trust. And a broken trust is a broken bond. And since in Islam bonds based on trust are sacred, a hypocrite is basically a violator of the Sacred. **God knows how many violators line up for the 5 daily prayers. Shockingly, you can meet the Devil smack in the middle of God's house.**

**When I wrote on my door: Leave your hypocrisy outside before you come in...Not a soul dared to visit me or open my door
– Khalil Gibran**



[QURAN: 4:145]

The hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire; no helper will you find for them

Let's delve into the cesspool of hypocrisy.

O! What may man within him hide. Though angel on the outward side. So wrote Shakespeare on the mother of all vices. We need sharp thinking about hypocrisy & self-deception in order to battle against these all-too-common manifestations of human sinfulness. We need a profound treatment of this basic structure of evil that permeates our homes, communities, and institutions, secular & sacred. An investigation of the wilderness of the darker side of human motivation. How do we go about countering this corrosive trend. There is mass spiritual death amongst religious people when devotional acts become mere mechanical rituals, neglecting the true inner dimension & spirit of faith. The reason is **hypocrisy...the most deadly form of sin.**

Hypocrisy, the pronouncement of a virtue while practicing a vice, is a most common complaint. A pastor/imam confesses to lewd sexual conduct. Some "joys" its true, are wrong in Heaven's eyes. Lewd also is to send flirty text/twitter/facebook with members of the opposite sex without the knowledge of your spouse. You "pray" ostentatiously, proclaim your disdain for worldly goods, serves others & fast. **False piety.** Heaven, in your understanding, is not averse to compromise. Maybe your conscience can be liberated by one of the false "sciences" lately formulated.

Hypocrisy is an inconsistency. Hypocrisy is the discrepancy between what appears & what is, between the way things seem & the way they are. Many people appear to be righteous on the outside, but in reality they are wicked. **Superficially virtuous.** They charm with their gleaming smile...remember that song: **Never smile at a crocodile; No, you can't get friendly with a crocodile; Don't be taken in by his welcome grin; He's imagining how well you'd fit within his skin.**

They show a "cheerful" manner & a general air of benevolence. However, such outward virtue is a thin veneer masking a sinister heart. Hypocrisy is a deliberate deception. It is deliberately appearing to be

what we are not. It is not accidental, but purposeful. It is a charade. Appearance does not match reality, **deliberately so.**

Hypocrisy, is deception by our actions or our words. It is often acting in such a way that people will come to the wrong conclusion. It is also possible for **our words to represent us in a way that is not true to fact.** Let's look into the "speeches" of American presidents, if it can be called such a noble thing. They call for restraint, reforms in the Middle East. **Who dares ask the US for restraint in Iraq & Afghanistan & Palestine & Syria & Yemen?**

Before McCain died his prescription for how to solve raging sectarian tension in Iraq caused by the US: "One of the things I would do if I were president would be to sit the Shiites & the Sunnis down and say, '**Stop the bullshit!**'" That's the thoughtful, insightful view of the highly experienced, profoundly serious maverick for whom foreign policy is a mastered discipline. Apparently, all Iraq needed for the last several years was some **profanity-laced** commands issued by the American president to the frightened sectarian simpletons, and harmony would have reigned. This is precisely the same belligerent, narcissistic pretenses that rendered Bush one of the most despised, destructive & impotent American leaders in modern history. McCain seems to believe that all that was needed was just a bit more belligerence & a more **imperious tone when dictating to his subjects around the world.** And Obama does the same. The American's words are confined to the realm of rhetoric & theater, but never action that follows through on that rhetoric. It's unadulterated political hypocrisy that turns the sheep over to the ravages of the wolves.

What about religious hypocrisy? The most dangerous of all. There are all kinds of preachers, some have it as a profession, a paid vocation, others are self proclaimed. The latter is the worst type. Contenting themselves to project this aura of holiness, holiness as in "clean speech" and "clean demeanor" and "clean attire," they give you sermons so eloquent & pleasing to the ears...

At first, if you are a novice, you are in awe – for they take on this godlike authoritative position, placing themselves on a pedestal of knowledge & piety...many have fallen in their traps. Because a trap it is. **A devilish trap.** Experiences will rip all illusions you have had about religious people. Try rubbing under the surface, try digging in a little more, and you will find nothing but deception, self-seeking, lies, manipulation, profiteering of

The Prophet (p):

Do not behave hypocritically;

otherwise, all your deeds will come to NOTHING

all kinds, opportunism, double standards – in short – pure hypocrisy.

Religious hypocrisy is the mother of all ugliness. It's hideous. It's grotesque. How often we see it. We can no longer brush it off as some coincidental mishap. Why have God put such scum in his houses of worship? The lesson will finally dawn – to recognize it for what it is.

At first the revelation is like a shock to the system, because the gap between the words and the deeds is enormous, because the illusions that these people have managed to entertain in the heads of their listeners are powerful. It is like when one is faced with a pathological liar – at the beginning you doubt yourself, you think you are reading too much into it, or are imagining things, and the deceiver keeps repeating that to you – that you are imagining things or comes up with some other explanation of a "divine nature." But you know in your heart of hearts that this is no imagination and that the insidious, vicious, harm has already happened by none other than the preacher – the self proclaimed preacher.

One would argue – so what, these people are no different from others, people are like that. After all they are human. Yes and no. No – because the ordinary Jamil, does not lift you up to bring you down. But most importantly the ordinary Jamil does not ram into your head all these ideals, principles and virtues you ought to live by. Nor does the ordinary Jamil mention the Divine word in every sentence, nor does the ordinary Jamil pretend to be something he is NOT. In all likelihood, the ordinary Jamil is much closer to God than all these preachers combined.

So why write all of this? Because appearances (both virtual & symbolic) have been ripped apart. **Because you can meet the Devil smack in the middle of God's house & in His places of worship, because Falsehood in the end, is always exposed.** In the golden age – the time of the Prophet (p) – **simplicity** flourished, in these days of iron, **cunning.** It is all-important that we be real; that we harbour no wish to

VERILY THE HYPOCRITES ARE

REBELLIOUS & PERVERSE

QURAN: 9:67

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