

Nurturing The Heart

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What is arrogance?

Arrogance is typically understood as an **inflated sense of self-importance, where a person overestimates their own worth, knowledge, or abilities and underestimates or dismisses others. It's closely related to pride, and egoism**

Arrogance is a **blameworthy characteristic** which is the feature of Iblees, one of the greatest diseases of the hearts, which gives birth to many other diseases. Arrogance (*kibr*) is among the destructive traits, and no one is entirely free from it. Its removal is a personal obligation (*farḍ 'ayn*), and it cannot be eliminated merely by wishful thinking.

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What do you notice?

قَالَ مَا مَنَعَكَ إِلَّا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمَرْتُكَ ۚ قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ ۚ ١٢

[Allāh] said, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" [Satan] said, "I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay [i.e., earth]." (7:12)

وَنَادَىٰ فِرْعَوْنُ فِي قَوْمِهِ ۚ قَالَ يَاقَوْمِ ۖ أَلَيْسَ لِي مُلْكُ مِصْرَ وَهَذِهِ الْأَنْهَارُ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِي ۚ أَفَلَا تُبْصِرُونَ ٥١

And Pharaoh called out among his people; he said, "O my people, does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and these rivers flowing beneath me; then do you not see? (43:51)

ج قَالَ إِنَّمَا أُوتِيْتُهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ عِنْدِي

He said, "I was only given it because of knowledge I have." (28:78)

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عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ مَسْعُودٍ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ مِنْ كِبَرٍ
قَالَ رَجُلٌ إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ يُحِبُّ أَنْ يَكُونَ ثَوْبُهُ حَسَنًا وَنَعْلُهُ حَسَنَةً قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ جَمِيلٌ يُحِبُّ الْجَمَالَ
الْكِبْرُ بَطْرُ الْحَقِّ وَغَمْطُ النَّاسِ

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Abdullah ibn Mas'ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “**No one who has the weight of a seed of arrogance in his heart will enter Paradise.**” A man said, “But a man likes to have nice clothes and nice shoes.” The Prophet said, “Verily, Allah is beautiful and He loves beauty.
Arrogance is to disregard the truth and to look down upon people.”

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Pride against the truth: This is to reject the truth and not to accept it. So anyone who reject the truth is proud and arrogant – in accordance with what he reject of the truth. So it is obligatory upon everyone to humble themselves to the truth which Allah sent His Messenger with, and which He sent down in His Book.

Pride towards people: This type is to despise the people, and to look down upon them. This attitude arises when a person is amazed with his own self, thinks highly of himself, and thinks he is better than others. So this causes him to have kibr towards the creation, despise them, mock them, and to degrade them through both speech and action. Allaah's Messenger sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam said:

“It is enough evil for a person to despise his brother Muslim.”

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Ibn al-Qayyim (r.a.) – Al-Waabilus-Sayyib minal-Kalimit-Tayyib (p. 15)

One of the Salaf (Pious Predecessors) said: “**Indeed a servant commits a sin by which he enters Paradise; and another does a good deed by which he enters the Fire.**” It was asked: How is that? So he replied: “The one who committed the sin, constantly thinks about it; which causes him to fear it, regret it, weep over it and feel ashamed in front of his Lord – the Most High – due to it. He stands before Allaah, **broken-hearted and with his head lowered in humility.** So this sin is more beneficial to him than doing many acts of obedience, since it caused him to have humility and humbleness – which leads to the servant’s happiness and success – to the extent that this sin becomes the cause for him entering Paradise. As for the doer of good, then he does not consider this good a favour from his Lord Upon him. Rather, he becomes arrogant and amazed with himself, saying: I have achieved such and such, and such and such . So this further increases him in self adulation, pride and arrogance – such that this becomes the cause for his destruction.”

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تِلْكَ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فَسَادًا^ج وَالْعَاقِبَةُ
لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

That home of the Hereafter We assign to those who do not desire exaltedness upon the earth or corruption. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous. (28:83)

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رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

“O my Lord, expand for me my breast [with assurance], and ease for me my task, and untie the knot from my tongue so that they may understand my speech.” (20:25-28)