

“...Cooperate in righteousness
and piety,
but do not cooperate in
sin and aggression.”

Al-Quran 5; 2

AMR BIL- MA'RUF

• Lesson 7D07



Learning objectives

1. To define amr bil-ma'ruf and nahy an al-munkar
2. To analyse the necessity of amr bil-ma'ruf and nahy an al-munkar
3. To demonstrate the method and manner of performing amr bil-ma'ruf and nahy an al-munkar

KEY WORDS

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أَمْرٌ

Amr
order; encourage

مَعْرُوفٌ

Ma'ruf
that which is good

نَهْيٌ

Nahy
to prohibit

مُنْكَرٌ

Munkar
that which is wrong/evil

Ayat



Surah Aal Imran, 3:104

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ
وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ
وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

There has to be a nation among you summoning to the good, bidding what is right, and forbidding what is wrong. And it is they who are the felicitous.

Importance of Amr Bil-Ma'ruf & Nahy An Al-Munkar

- Enjoining the good means advising other to do good, and forbidding evil means advising others to keep away from evil.
- Amr Bil-Ma'ruf and Nahy An Al-Munkar allows believing men and women to be protecting friends of each other.
- Allah grants His mercy on the people who performs Amr Bil-Ma'ruf and Nahy An Al-Munkar.
- When a person invites another person to do something good, both of them get the reward! But, if a person does not stop someone from doing bad when they have the power to do so, then both may be punished.

Hadees Rasool (SAWS)

Rasulullah (s) has said:

'My nation will always be with goodness as long as its people enjoin good and forbid evil and assist one another in piety. If they do not do that, then blessings will be taken away from them and your evil ones will be imposed over you, and there will be no helper for them on the earth or in the sky.'

Rasulullah (s) said,

'Whoever enjoins good and prohibits evil is the deputy of Allah and the deputy of His Prophet on the earth.'

How to Perform Amr Bil-Ma'ruf and Nahy An Al-Munkar

In order for a person to perform amr bil-Ma'ruf and nahy an al-munkar, some conditions must be met. These include:

1. The person should know what is good and what is evil, even if it is only in a general sense.
2. The person should have some hope that his/her actions will have an impact on the wrongdoer.
3. The person should not be in danger of significant harm being inflicted on his person, reputation, or wealth.
4. The wrongdoer must intend to continue doing the improper and wrong actions.
5. The wrongdoer must be aware that his/her actions are in fact haram.

Fiqh Facts



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Ruling 1869

Enjoining good and forbidding evil is carried out at different levels:

- 1 Displaying heartfelt aversion; for example, by turning away one's face from, or not speaking to, the wrongdoer.
- 2 Verbally advising and guiding.
- 3 Physically enforcing; for example, by hitting or imprisoning the wrongdoer. This can only be done by the authorities or with permission from the highest religious authority of the time (i.e. *marja'*).

In conclusion

- Amr Bil-Ma'ruf and Nahy An Al-Munkar are part of the furu ad-din and are wajib.
- These 2 actions can help a family, a group of friends, and a community become better.
- Amr Bil-Ma'ruf and Nahy An Al-Munkar is not a matter of interfering in the lives of other people. It should be considered as making the people on our community better.
- Islam teaches us that these 2 actions must be performed in a certain manner.
- The Holy Quran tells us that the best community is one that encourages each other to do good and avoid evil (3:110).