

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

العدل

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In this paper, we will reflect on another attribute of Allah the Almighty;

## AL-'ADL

Al-'Adl means that Allah is Truly Just, He is the only one who can give true justice for all. His Justice will cover everyone.

Allah Almighty is Truly Just in what He created, in His laws, in His judgements, in His rewards and punishments, and in His mercy and compassion.

Think about it, Allah Almighty created every living thing and provided it with sustenance. From the smallest plants to the biggest trees, they live and grow with sunlight and water from the skies. Allah Almighty created Animals of vast diversity, they survive on the abundant resources that Allah Almighty has put within their reach.





Human beings are created in the best mould,  
the earth is specially designed to produce sustenance and comfort for  
human beings. This is only part of Allah's justice for His creation.  
Allah Almighty says in surah Al-Jaathiyah verse 13:

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ ۗ اِنَّ فِيْ ذٰلِكَ لَآٰيٰتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَّتَفَكَّرُوْنَ

*“And He has made subservient to you, whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, they are all from Him; in that are Signs indeed for those who reflect.”*

Similarly, we witness His justice in His laws. Allah Almighty is All-Knowing of our frailties as human beings; thus, He gave us a shariah that is fair to us all. Human beings are not asked to do something beyond their capacity. He offers relief for every difficulty that might emerge in our lives. Allah Almighty says in surah Al-Hajj verse 78:

وَمَا جَعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّيْنِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ ۗ

*“and He has imposed **no** difficulties on you through religion.”*



His justice and fairness can be seen in His judgement and His rewards and punishments.  
Allah Almighty says in surah An-Najm verses 39-41:

﴿٤٠﴾ وَأَنْ لَّيْسَ لِلْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا مَا سَعَى ﴿٣٩﴾ وَأَنْ سَعْيُهُ سَوْفَ يُرَى ﴿٤٠﴾  
ثُمَّ يُجْزَاهُ الْجَزَاءَ الْأَوْفَى ﴿٤١﴾

*“And that the human being shall have nothing but what he strives for. And that his effort will be seen. Then shall he be rewarded for it with the fullest reward.”*

Thus, we see how Allah Almighty is The Most Just, His sublime justice permeates the beautiful Sharia that He has given us.





Our beloved Prophet *sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam* said in a Hadith Qudsi reported by Abu Zarr r.a.:

عن أبي ذر الغفاري رضي الله عنه، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم فيما يرويه عن ربه عز وجل أنه قال: يا عبادي إني حرمت الظلم على نفسي ، وجعلته بينكم محرما فلا تظالموا ،

*“The Prophet sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam said – as he reports from Allah, Tabaraka wa Ta'ala, that Allah Almighty states: “O My servants, indeed I have forbidden upon myself injustice, and I forbid injustice among you, so do not be unjust to one another... .”*

Hadith narrated by Imam Muslim.

Such is the importance of justice, that Islam makes it a core principle of the faith.

Allah Almighty says in surah An-Nahl verse 90:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ

“Allah commands justice ... .”



In fact, Allah Almighty attaches justice to piety/taqwa.  
Allah Almighty says in surah Al-Maa'idah verse 8:

اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَى ۖ

*“Be just, it is nearer to piety.”*

Allah's mercy and love falls upon those who are just.  
He says in surah Al-Hujuraat verse 9:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ

*“Indeed Allah loves those who are just.”*

When we study the notion of justice in the Holy Quran, we find that justice is demanded in general terms, and in specific circumstances, towards others whether we like or dislike them, in peace or war, in our words and actions, towards ourselves or others.

It is therefore very clear to us that justice is an attribute that permeates the entire Shariah and its laws. This includes justice and fairness in dealing with the differences and diverse views and attitudes, whether in matters of gender or religious and cultural differences.

Justice is a necessary ingredient of a harmonious family and a harmonious society.



Where injustice prevails, societies will suffer, and will ultimately collapse and fail. The Holy Quran tells of nations and peoples destroyed because of their own injustices.



When one looks into the Sharia system, they will see clearly Justice that comes with wisdom and care for the rights of all.

We therefore need to re-examine, review and reassess our own understanding and application of justice today in line with the principles and boundaries of Islam and in congruence with the guidance of our beloved Prophet *sallallaahu 'alaihim wasallam*. This will ensure that we remain true to the value of justice as laid down by the Holy Quran and the Prophetic Sunnah.





In summary, the name of Allah Almighty “Al-Adl” reminds us to uphold justice at the individual level, the family level, the community level and amongst all humans by not transgressing the rules and laws of Allah Almighty.

Being just towards others must include the defence of their rights.

Being Just to Allah's creations must include justice towards animals, vegetation and the environment broadly.

Let us truly contemplate this name of Allah Almighty and examine the way we approach justice in our interactions. May we improve our efforts, and may we become among those who truly love justice and truly implement it, by doing so, Insha'Allah we will get closer to the mercy of Allah, The Almighty, The Most Just.

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