



Mutual Respect

Halaqah

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What do you think Mutual Respect is?

- Class discussion.
- Mutual respect is part of the British Values as well as Islamic Values.
- Islam has placed great emphasis on respect itself.

What is it?

- Mutual respect is when you respect one another regardless of creed, colour, nationality religion, culture, tradition or gender.
- Mutual respect is given in every given manner, be it in Sport, school, community social or political life.

Mutual respect in Religion

- <https://youtu.be/V6bX9Xp8Ugo>

Mutual respect in sport

- <https://youtu.be/T-8xlzVai8I>
- (different players from different teams)



Mutual respect on the roads,
that extend to animals also.

- <https://youtu.be/QRYLb4ItZog>

A story of Hazrat Umar RA and mutual respect

- By 637, Muslim armies began to appear in the vicinity of Jerusalem. In charge of Jerusalem was Patriarch Sophronius, a representative of the Byzantine government, as well as a leader in the Christian Church. Although numerous Muslim armies under the command of Khalid ibn al-Walid and Amr ibn al-'As began to surround the city, Sophronius refused to surrender the city unless Umar came to accept the surrender himself.
- Having heard of such a condition, Umar ibn al-Khattab left Madinah, travelling alone with one donkey and one servant. When he arrived in Jerusalem, he was greeted by Sophronius, who undoubtedly must have been amazed that the caliph of the Muslims, one of the most powerful people in the world at that point, was dressed in no more than simple robes and was indistinguishable from his servant.
- *The Mosque of Umar still stands across the street from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre today*
- Umar was given a tour of the city, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. When the time for prayer came, Sophronius invited Umar to pray inside the Church, but Umar refused. He insisted that if he prayed there, later Muslims would use it as an excuse to convert it into a mosque – thereby depriving Christendom of one of its holiest sites. Instead, Umar prayed outside the Church, where a mosque (called Masjid Umar – the Mosque of Umar) was later built



How do we bring this into our lives?

- <https://youtu.be/AqMO76Qbv0E>

Mutual respect for the war casualties

- The casualties were huge in the world wars. We should feel for the lives lost in those wars.
- UK suffered a loss of 900,000, the Islamic Caliphate of Turkey lost 325,000 soldiers, in fact many Muslims from the East were fighting on the British Side, due to the British Raj, approx 72,000 casualties were Muslims.



A funeral procession passed in front of the Prophet (PBUH) and he stood up. When he was told by the people that it was the coffin of a Jew, he said, "Was he not a human being?"



The sign of a beautiful person is that he always sees beauty in others."

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