

# A DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHTEOUS LIFE OF KALAM: PRACTICE TO SPIRITUALITY

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## Abstract

*Conscience is a form of truth; it is formed by our knowledge and actions. It makes us aware about what is right and wrong. Conscience is the registrar of all our good and bad deeds. It is our guide, promise, reward and punishment. Is that right? The conscience raises the question, but many times we do not listen to this conscience, particularly when we are the victims of corruption. Only a person with virtue can listen to the words of conscience and act accordingly. In this paper an attempt has been made to address the question that how should we live our lives as social beings? What are duties and responsibilities in society and how can an individual perform his or her duties and responsibilities faithfully for a righteous life in the perspective of APJ Abdul Kalam.*

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**What kinds of actions are the good actions?** The good actions are the actions that relieve a person from hunger, the action that makes the heart happy. The good actions are the action that frees a person from all kinds of sufferings and action that removes evil and spreads the light of peace. The entire nature and living beings are the creation of God. Therefore, that action is good which makes this nature and all the living beings living in this nature good and showing respect and honor to someone as they are is a good action.

**How can a corruption free society be created?** If every house is free from corruption, the country will be free from corruption. Politics should be done for the purpose of development, not for gaining power. Every person should work to protect the rights of each other. We should build a culture of tolerance of other people's opinion, style, idea and belief. Eliminating poverty and corruption should be the goal of every person's life. Every person should be treated with dignity and impartiality. All work should be done with development in mind. The country should be kept before politics.

**Why are we connected to each other?** The sky connects us. The wind connects us. The cloud connects us. The ocean connects us. O people do connect your hearts. Where there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character. When there is beauty in the character, there is harmony in the home. When there is

harmony in the home, there is an order in the nation. When there is an order in the nation, there is peace in the world.

**How can we build an enlightened society?** We can make our society enlighten by education with a value system, religion transforming into spirituality and economic development for societal transformation. Education is the experience of everyday events and the ultimate truth in the context of one's environment, society and the world. Quality education or good education comes when good teachers can teach with love and joy. Good education does not come by good buildings and advertisements.

**How does religion provide happiness and peace to individuals and society?** Religion has two aspects viz., theology and spirituality. The spiritual part or aspect of every religion seeks to discuss and promote the good life of the individual and the welfare of the society. A flower blooms and generously gives off its fragrance and honey. And when its work is done, it disappears silently. Similarly a person also has to do his duty and take responsibility and having finished his work, he also has to leave to give the place to the newer.

**How can the young generation be good?** When the teacher is empowered through his knowledge and experience, a young generation with good values will be born. When the spirituality of the religion is understood by everyone, peace and happiness will arise in the society. A person often becomes what he thinks about himself. When

he believes that he can do it, he really can because there is immense power within man that is just waiting to be unleashed. When he gets the right direction and inspiration, that power becomes a reality.

**Why should we dream?** Dreams are transforming into thoughts. All thoughts end in actions. If there is no dream, thoughts do not come. And if there is no thought, actions do not come. One must be a good person.

**How can one be a good person?** By doing one's own duty and responsibilities in the right way one can become a good human. Every person has certain duties and responsibilities according to his own profession and position. Only if he can perform his duties and responsibilities in the right direction can be a good person. Your children are the children of the spirit of life. They come through you but not from you. You can give your love and affection but not your thoughts because they are born with their own thoughts.

**How to be successful in life?** Winning does not mean physically defeating or hurting or killing someone. Real victory means winning will and winning the mind of the enemy. The current youth generation is suffering from lack of foresight and right direction. Problems are a part of life. Sorrow is the essence of success. Instead of seeing the surrounding condition and people as obstacles, they should be used as opportunities.

**What are the promises of God?** God did not promise, the sky will always be blue. Flowers will always be in bloom. God did not promise a rainless day, happiness without sorrow. But God did promise light to those who wander, power to those who work, rest to those who labor. God gives the promise to give the courage to think differently, courage to create new, courage to walk new paths, courage to make the impossible possible, courage to solve problems. Such brave youth are needed to build the country.

**What is the most powerful resource in this world?** A burning mind is the most powerful resource in this world, the world above and the world below. If there is anything which is free in this world, it is thought. That is why thought is freedom. Truth is above man made laws. Freedom of thought and new forms of thought must be kept unconditional and unrestricted. Power cannot be given by anyone, it comes from within. Helping others to win is the

highest good in life, rather than winning yourself. Wisdom is the tool that helps to save from destruction. It is an inner fortress that even the enemy cannot destroy.

### Conclusion

A righteous life is a choice and achievable action. And a person's righteous life not only makes the person good, but also makes the people around him good. A right action is that action that protects and maintains the equality, harmony and unity of society. It is not possible for any one person to eliminate corruption. It requires the honest will of all citizens. All individuals must stand up against corruption. We must realize that everyone in this world is connected to each other. Society must be enlightened by achieving economic development and by value based quality. The Younger generation need to dream about how they can move society forward through fulfilling their duties and responsibilities. Thought is what frees a person. A person should have the courage to face problems. Problems are a part of life. One should do one's own work with a strong mind. This strength comes from one's own knowledge, from the heart.

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