

# ON SELFISH ARROGANCE

**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.**

Selfish arrogance is the seed of sin and disobedience.

We read in Sura A'raf (ch. 7): verses 12 & 13:-

"(Allah) said: 'What prevented you from bowing down when I commanded you?' he (Iblis) said: 'I am better than he: You created me from fire and him from clay.'

(Allah) said: 'Get you down from this: it is not for you to be arrogant here: get out, for you are of the meanest (of creatures).' "

And in Sura Qasas (ch. 28): verse 39 we are reminded:-

"And he (pharaoh) was arrogant and insolent in the land beyond reason, --- he and his hosts: they thought that they would not have to return to us!"

Selfish arrogance is an evil seed which keeps humans from mending their ways.

Such folk, when they speak of ancestral ways, or public opinion, or national honour, or racial pride, are so very often thinking of themselves or a small clique that delights on injustice.

Remember, only by serving Allah (S.W.T.) will we cut out pride and selfishness.

Our Nabie (S.A.W.) is reported to have said:-

"A community must refrain from boasting of its ancestors. All of humanity are from Nabie Adam (A.S.), and he was from earth."

And

"The proud will not enter the blissful abode (paradise)."

## **Worksheet**

1) Does Islam make room for racial pride?

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