

Why So Serious?

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Introduction

- Leisure and art
- Two extremes
- Comprehensive religion
- The Prophet (SAWS) and his companions

Beauty

وَالْأَنْعَامَ خَلَقَهَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا دِفْءٌ وَمَنْفَعٌ وَمِنْهَا

تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٥﴾ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا جَمَالٌ حِينَ تُرِيحُونَ وَحِينَ تَسْرَحُونَ ﴿٦﴾

- And the grazing livestock He has created for you; in them is warmth and [numerous] benefits, and from them you eat.
- And for you in them is [the enjoyment of] beauty when you bring them in [for the evening] and when you send them out [to pasture].

Surat al-Nahl: 5-6

Beauty

- In Allah's creation
- In the Quran
- In the various arts:
 - Poetry
 - Singing
 - Paintings
 - Calligraphy
 - Games, etc.

Poetry

- The Prophet (SAWS) and the companions
- Imam Abdullah ibn Mubarak and Imam Shafi'i

وَالشُّعْرَاءُ يَتَّبِعُهُمُ الْغَاوُونَ ﴿٢٢٤﴾

- And the poets - [only] the deviators follow them

Surat Ash-Shu`arā: 224

Singing

- The two singing girls
- Gift for the Ansar
- The Abyssinian boys

Conditions for Singing

1. The song should comply with the Islamic teachings and ethics
2. The performance should not inspire lust and desires
3. Singing should not be accompanied with prohibited things
4. Anything in excess is prohibited
5. Be your own judge and mufti

Comedy and Leisure

- The Prophet (SAWS) with:
 - His wives
 - Hassan and Hussein (RA)
 - Other companions
- The companions

The Prankster Sahabi

- Nuayman ibn Amr (RA)
 - Gift for the Prophet (SAWS)
 - On a trip with Suwaibit
 - With Uthman ibn Affan (RA)

Conditions for Joking

1. Cannot be lies or mislead people
2. Cannot insult or bring down other Muslims
3. Cannot scare other Muslims
4. Cannot make light of a serious issue

Conclusion

- Leisure is medicine for the heart
- Balance is the key to everything
- Know your boundaries

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