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Brotherhood:
is a strong tie that combines two parties or more; it is characterized by the continuation and pursuance. It originates from religion, lineage, foster, or even from the tribe and homeland.

Brotherhood in Islam:
is a Divine Shari'ah tie. It is an everlasting relationship that combines all Muslims worldwide regardless of race, color, language, or social status.

Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings): {The believers are but brothers} [49:10].

Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: " Verily there is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab or of a non-Arab over an Arab, or of a red man over a black man, or of a black man over a red man, except in terms of Taqwah (Piety)."

The Islamic religion:
is the principal constituent of the Brotherhood of Islam.

Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an(meanings):

{And hold fast to the covenant of Allah and never be disunited, and remember the favor of Allah on you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favor you became brothers.} [103:3].
In other words, you became brothers by His favor (by the blessing of Islam).

Rights of the Brotherhood of Islam:

- **Advising with wisdom and fair exhortation:**

Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "The religion is Nasihah (advice, sincerity)." We said, "To whom?" He (ﷺ) said, "To Allah, His Book, His Messenger, and to the leaders of the Muslims and their common folk."
Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):
{Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in the best way} [16:125].

- **To love/hate for other Muslim brothers what you love/hate for yourself.**

Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: «None of you believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.»

- **To avoid committing any form of injustice against all Muslims.**

Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "Oppression will turn into darkness on the Day of Resurrection."

- **To avoid envy, hatred and what leads to spoiling the tie of brotherhood.**

Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "Don›t nurse a grudge and don't bid him out for raising the price and don't nurse aversion or enmity and don't enter into a transaction when the others have entered into that transaction and be as fellow-brothers and servants of Allah. A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim. He neither oppresses him nor humiliates him nor looks down upon him. The piety is here, (and while saying so) he pointed towards his chest thrice."



- **Responding to one's greeting, visiting him in illness, following his funeral, accepting his invitation, and saying ‹Yarhamuka Allah (May Allah have mercy on you),› when he says ‹Al-Hamdu Lillah (Praise be to Allah)› after sneezing and giving him advice».**

  Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: " A Muslim owes another Muslim six rights: When you meet him, greet him; when he invites you, respond to him; when he seeks counsel, give him advice; when he sneezes and praises Allah, say to him: ‹May Allah have mercy on you; when he is sick, visit him; and when he dies, follow his funeral."

- **Cheerfulness.**

  Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: " Your smiling in the face of your brother is a charity."

- **Giving gifts increases love and decreases feelings of displeasure.**

  Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "Give gifts to one another and you will love one another.»

- **Telling one another:**

  I love you. So, when one says to his Muslim brother: I love you for Allah`s sake. The other replies: May He for Whose sake you love me love you!



- **Exchanging visits:**

  Visiting should be now and then to be fruitful.

- **Co-operation in righteousness.**

  To help one another in goodness, piety, giving advice, and righteous deeds.

  Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

  {And cooperate in righteousness and piety} [5:2].

Benefits of the Brotherhood of Islam:

- **Brotherhood is a Divine blessing.**

  Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

  { And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers.}[3:103].

- **Brotherhood is a means to love Allah,**

  the Exalted. Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "My love is obliged for those who love each other in Me."

- **Brotherhood is a means to earn the sweetness of Iman (Faith).**

  Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "There are three qualities for which anyone who is characterized by them
  will relish the sweetness of faith: he to whom Allah and His Messenger are dearer than all else; he who loves a man for Allah›s sake alone; and he who has as great an abhorrence of returning to unbelief after Allah has rescued him from it as he has of being cast into Hell."

- **Brothers in Islam will be in the Shade of Allah,**

  the Exalted, on the Day of Resurrection! Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "Seven people will be shaded by Allah under His shade on the day

when there will be no shade except His shade." And he mentioned "Two men who love and meet each other and depart from each other for the sake of Allah".

- **Brothers in Islam will have a high rank in Paradise.**

  Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: «Allah, the Exalted, has said: ‹For those who love one another for the sake of My Glory, there will be seats of light (on the Day of Resurrection), and they will be admired by the Prophets and martyrs».

- **Brothers' Shafa'ah (intercession) to one another.**

  Allah's Messenger (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: "People will be carried over Al-Sirat (a bridge set up over the Hell), and Allah saves whom He wills. Then, permission is given to angels, prophets, martyrs, and highly truthful persons to make Shafa'ah."

- **The tie of brotherhood will be everlasting even in the Hereafter.**

  Allah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an (meanings):

  { Friends on that day will be foes, one to another,- except the Righteous. } [43:67].

The Prophet's Companions
(May Allah be pleased with them)

Lived Up to Truthful Brotherhood, in word and deed

<u>My brother and his family are Needier!</u>

Ibn ‹Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: 'Someone has gifted a head of ewe to one of the Prophet's companions (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him).' The receiver said: 'My brother ‹so and so› is needier than me. Then, he sent it to seven persons successively, and everyone said: 'My brother is needier than me›, till it returned to the first house.'

- <u>Sharing Wealth</u>

  When Al-Muhajireen (Makkan immigrants) arrived at the Al-Madinah, Al-Ansar (people of Al-Madinah) shared their wealth with them (Al-Muhajireen.)

- <u>Trade with Allah, the Exalted!</u>

  Ibn 'Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) reported the shortage of food inflicted on people during the ruling time of Abu Bakr. At the same time, a caravan of provisions of 'Uthman Ibn 'Affan (may Allah be pleased with him) arrived Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah (City the Radiant). Thus, so many traders did their best to buy the provision of the caravan, but 'Uthman told them: 'How much will you pay? The traders said: 'We give you twelve for each ten.' He replied: 'Other traders will pay more than you.' They said: 'Fifteen for each ten. It is a big profit! We pay 15 Dirhams as a profit for each 10.' He replied: 'Someone will pay more!' They said: 'Who? We are the traders of Al-Madinah?! 'Uthman said: 'Allah, the Exalted, pays 10 for each 1!! So, will you pay more? After that, 'Uthman announced: 'It is For Allah's Sake! The Whole caravan will be given FREE to the Poor of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah!!



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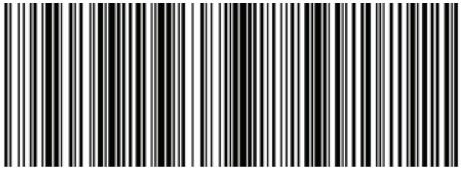

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