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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَلَا تَقْفُ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالْبَصَرَ وَالْفُؤَادَ كُلُّ
أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
كَفَى بِالْمَرْءِ كَذِبًا أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُلِّ مَا سَمِعَ.

THE ETHICS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear brothers and sisters, addiction to social media is increasing daily. Studies show that people spend many hours a day on social media. Young addicts spend up to nine hours. This addiction leads to wasted time and feelings of guilt towards ourselves, our families, and Allah ﷻ. Dear Muslims, we must be mindful of the time we spend online. While socializing in the virtual world, we must not neglect our real social spaces, families, and loved ones. We must be conscious of what is *halāl* and *haram* to avoid violating others' rights. We should not share private matters that concern us and others. Remember, lying, cheating, slandering, and looking at *haram* things are sins in daily life and on social media. We are accountable to Allah ﷻ for our words, actions, expressions, and comments, even online. O Allah, guide us to use our time wisely, help us to be mindful of our actions and words, and make us among those who use their free time in ways that please You. *Āmīn*.