

## ***Rights of children with mental disabilities*** (in the light of Islamic teachings)

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### **Abstract**

*God created this world and inhabited it with man. Man was not primary creature of God. Man was bestowed with knowledge by Him. As a result, man became Crown of the Creature and they got duties and rights. Islam teach every person to their Rights and Duties. Islam is first religion which introduce first time the rights of disable persons. Good behavior with disable persons is the basic law of disability in Islam. This behavior is not result of mercy and pity but it is the result of that rights which they got equal to the life of common people which is due to the nation and community.*

*We should Treated with disable persons with great respect and care. we should give preference and extra protocol while interacting with these special persons in comparison with physically normal human beings.*

*Islam does not appeal for mercy with disable persons but it advised to all human to behave well with them and condemns also the injustice of society with them.*

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There are two types of people:

1. One is those people whose intellect is not complete due to various reasons, such as minor children, those insane who are intoxicated or intoxicated, whose intellect is veiled or forgetful who often forget things.
2. Those whose intellect is perfected and they are the people who are wise, mature and secure from all the things mentioned in clause number one.

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1. From the point of view of intellect, those people cannot be bound because the order wants to be carried out and it is futile to expect the execution of the order from the person who cannot understand the order.

2. The rest of the argument is that this hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) is blessed. The pen has been taken away from three types of servants (a sleeping person, a child, and a madman who has no sense), i.e. they are Marfu' al-Qalam.

Types of Disability:

1. Physical Disability: People who have such defects, wounds or defects in their bodies that cause obstacles in carrying out the normal activities of human life.

2. Communicative Disability: Loss of speech or hearing or complete lack of ability is called communication disability.

3. Mental disability: This type of disability is considered the most dangerous of the three types mentioned above. Mental disability can be more or less severe. Complete mental retardation or impairment of mental abilities is also included in mental retardation. In some countries, such children are declared insane. The number of people with mental disabilities is increasing day by day. Mentally disabled people may appear normal, but they are not fully able to think. Some mental diseases are more dangerous than malignant diseases like cancer, diabetes and blood pressure. Mental diseases often start from childhood. They become unjust and sometimes the cause of this is bitter accidents and incidents that occur in life. However, in any such case, if it is treated by a good doctor in time, then healing is possible, otherwise it is otherwise. Such people become a burden on the society and the earth.(1)

Congenital or accidental disease which causes deprivation of the basic principles of health.

It means a person without an excuse, that is, a person with a mental or physical disability and a person with a disorder. According to the Arabic dictionary, this word is not only applied to mental and physical defects, but in its literal meaning, it is semantic, broad, and general keeps.(2)

According to medical experts: Any person for whom participation in the normal activities of life becomes limited not temporarily but on a permanent basis is called disabled.(3)

A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities. (4)

According to the United Nations Convention (On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities), persons who have a long-term physical, mental or sensory impairment that prevents them from playing their role in society are called disabled.(5)

## Definition And Meaning Of Intellectual Disability

According to the American Association on Mental Development (AAMD) "Mental retardation is a below-average performance of personal mental functions and a concomitant manifestation of defects in outward behavior and is particularly evident during the developmental period.(6)

The WHO defines it as “a significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information and to learn and apply new skills (impaired intelligence)”.(7)

According to the World Health Organization, people with reduced abilities to understand new and complex information and to learn and apply new skills.

Mental disability refers to the inability of the brain to function properly. In this condition, the speed of physical development in childhood can also be very slow.

Mental retardation consists of a series of disorders of a psychological, biological or social nature, which determine the lack of abilities necessary for daily life.

Generally, a person is considered mentally retarded when their intelligence function is below an IQ of 70-75 and when they have significant limitations in two or more areas of adaptive abilities.(8)

Mentally retarded children refer to children who are intellectually and intellectually behind other children.

Nowadays, people with disabilities are called special people instead of being called disabled because of their self-esteem so that they can be encouraged and contribute to the struggle of life.

The word "disabled" is made up of excuses. It refers to helpless, helpless, helpless people who have been left behind in the race of life due to some mental, physical or psychological weakness. One of the meanings of "disabled" is forgivable because Such people have been exempted from certain duties in the Shari'ah and therefore they are called disabled.(9)

### Characteristics of mental retardation and their classification

About 200 million people have an intellectual disability (IQ below 75). This represents 2.6% of the world's population-(10)

While their population is actually much higher than that, these are the people who are officially registered, while there are many who are not registered. I am not introduced because the parents keep them away from their relatives and neighbors for the sake of their respect and dignity in the society.

The World Health Organization (WHO) classification of mentally retarded persons on the basis of intelligence in 1968 is given below.

1. Persons with mild mental retardation
2. Persons with moderate mental retardation
3. People with severe mental retardation
4. People with severe mental retardation(11)

Sr.	Group	Scale Intelligence	Ratio of mental Retardation
1	Mild mental retardation	70-50	75%

2	Moderate mental retardation	50-35	20%
3	Severe mental retardation	35-20	03%
4	Severe mental retardation	20-0	02%

#### 1. People with mild mental retardation

Such children are able to read and have an IQ of 50-70. These children are physically fit. But their mental development is more than half and less than three quarters of that of a healthy child. That is, if the age of the child is 12 years, then his mental age will be equal to a child of 6 to 8 years.(12)

#### 2. Persons with moderate mental retardation

Their mental age is half or a third of their physical age, for example, a 12-year-old child has the mental age of a 4-6 year old. Their literacy, numeracy and social skills are Obligatory

#### 3. People with severe mental retardation.(13)

The mental age of these children is equal to a quarter of the physical age. For example, the mental age of a 12-year-old child is the same as that of a 2-3-year-old child. The physical development of these children is slow. Despite special training, they are not able to fulfill the basic tasks and needs of daily life. They need supervision at all times.(14)

#### 4. People with severe mental retardation

These children are completely disabled mentally and physically. In simple words, understand that these children are just a pile of flesh. All ages need the support of others. The age of these children will be very short compared to other children. The more severe the mental retardation is, the shorter the child's life expectancy will be because severe mental retardation usually comes with many additional problems.(15)

### Features

Due to the mental performance of a child with mental retardation, his growth slows down or stops, which affects other spheres of his development and other spheres of development. (motor, language, self-care, and social) are disproportionately delayed, so that a child with mental retardation fails to achieve his or her natural standard for his or her physical age and, as a result, learns essential skills late. He lags far behind his peers in the race of life.(16)

Children with mental retardation have a limited vocabulary and reflect poor language skills, so they have difficulty understanding complex language and concepts that make it difficult for them to express their needs or feelings and problems in an appropriate way. Can't do it. Due to lack of intelligence, they develop wrong behaviors, cannot control their emotions or get angry or show excessive affection. Stubbornness and stubbornness are very much in nature. Mental. Children with disabilities have a very weak memory, so they lack the ability to think and understand. It is difficult to concentrate on work due to the fact that the ideas

are scattered, so there are many experiments and concepts for the understanding of concepts and skills. Want to repeat.

Children with mental retardation have difficulties in recalling the acquired information, so they understand even the simplest task late and forget it quickly. Therefore, the understanding of concepts and skills requires concrete objects or experiences. Sometimes due to the lack of coordination in general and fine movements, these children lack the ability to protect themselves from dangers in time. (17)

### **Types of mentally retarded children**

#### **1. Down syndrome/Mongolian children**

These children are easy to recognize because of their physical resemblance to the old Mongol race.

#### **2. Hydrocephaly**

In case of accumulation of water in the brain of these children, the size of the brain increases.

#### **3. Kirtan Tan/Congenital Mental Weakness**

These children are congenitally deficient in iodine. Due to this, they have a disproportionately large head, short and thin legs, flat feet, thick tongue and problems with eating and drinking.

#### **4. Microphilia**

The heads of these children remain small, usually these children are also called Dule Shah's rats in Pakistan.

#### **5. Autism**

These children are recognized by their movements in the first three years of their age. These children repeat specific movements, avoid social interaction. They do not make eye contact with others.

### **Treatment of mentally retarded children in history**

In ancient times around the world mentally and physically disabled people were treated worse than animals. There was no sign of their rights in human societies. In ancient times, in some European societies, it was customary that if a child was born with a disability, the parents would kill it so that it would not be a burden to them. There were many superstitions associated with the mentally and physically disabled.

For example, disabled people were believed to be possessed by ghosts and witches. Even the Greek city-state legislators Lycurgus (820 BC - 730 BC) and Solon (638 BC - 558 BC), who made laws in Sparta and Athens, allowed governments to kill the disabled...because the disabled could not work. They were not able and could not fight.

The ancient Greek state of Sparta, in which every citizen had the status of a soldier, and military regulations began to be observed from the time the children were born. If tested, he would be thrown into the desolate slopes of the mountains to perish. (18)

Leave the ancient Greek philosophers! A seemingly enlightened brain and humanist philosopher like Plato said that mentally and physically disabled men and women are a

burden on the society. It is noteworthy that even after the renaissance and revival of sciences in the West, the disabled were considered untouchable for a long time. The famous British philosopher Herbert Spencer (1903-1820) urged his government not to spend money on caring for the disabled because they could not work.

In the period of Jahiliyyah, Aristotle and Plato etc. declared the killing of the disabled as obligatory because they are a burden on the country's treasury. The Hindu (Varino tribe) used to separate from the disabled rather than abandon or kill them. The African tribe (Kajan) used to say that evil spirits cling to the sick, so one should stay away from it. Strelvi (Didi tribe) used to say that a person with a deformed face should be killed. Islam came and protected them and gave them their rights.(19)

The condition of the pre-Islamic Arabian Peninsula was no different. Arabs would not eat with disabled people and he would have to live a life of isolation, despair and poverty, cut off from people.(20)

Since ancient times, there was a tradition that the disabled or a person with a disability was considered isolated from the society. In the society, these children were sometimes treated as punishment for sins and sometimes as the shadow of evil spirits and ghosts. Then, when superstition took its head, these mentally retarded children started to be considered as Wali Allah Peer Faqir. Any step taken for their education and training or welfare due to superstition and weak beliefs would be insolent. This situation continued for a long time.(21)

### **Current Society and Mentally Retarded Persons**

Our attitude is more wrong with the mentally disabled than the physically disabled. They are the people whom Allah Almighty will not even ask about their prayers until these mentally disabled come to their senses, but we used to stone them. They tear their clothes and humiliate them to death with pride, although only harmless mentally disabled people are kept at home, while dangerous types of mentally disabled insane people are admitted to mental hospitals. Even these mentally and physically disabled people were treated worse than animals and it was customary in some societies It used to be that when a child was born with a mental or physical disability, the parents used to kill him because at that time it was believed that these people were possessed by ghosts and today we humiliate these people and become the image of Jahiliyyah. There is a hadith about such people, may the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) come and establish the rights of animals and humans.

The pen has been taken from three people, one from a sleeper until he wakes up, another from a minor until he becomes an adult, and a third from a madman until he regains his senses.

. In the hadith of Abu Bakr, instead of "وعن المجنون لحتى يعقل " , " وعن المبتلى حتى " , " يبرأ " from a person suffering from insanity until he recovers.(22)

The parents of a disabled child surely feel grief and sorrow upon his birth and his sufferings during upbringing, when he grows up, and the sufferings of the caregivers, the labor on him

and the labor on the child, and seeing the carelessness of the child is certainly sorrow. It happens. But it is obligatory to be satisfied with the judgments and decisions of Allah Ta'ala.(23)

### **The right of one Muslim over another**

Every human being has every right and every other human being and in exchange for this right, it is necessary to pay some duties to him, on the basis of these rights and duties, the peace of the society is maintained. They have rights and some duties are mentioned in the Hadith of the Prophet.

ان ابا هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول: "حق المسلم على المسلم خمس: رد السلام, وعيادة المريض, واتباع الجنائز, وإجابة الدعوة, وتشميت العاطس". (24)

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that I heard the Messenger of Allah (may peace be upon him) say that a Muslim has five rights over a Muslim: to answer a greeting, to know the mood of a sick person, to accompany a funeral, to accept an invitation, and to sneeze. (In response to his "Al-Hamdulillah") Saying YarahmakAllah.

Maulana Maududi says that a disabled person has a right over the entire society that the society should provide him with food. A disabled person can eat from every house and everywhere to satisfy his hunger. His disability itself establishes his right over the entire society. Therefore, wherever he gets food from, it is permissible for him.(25)

Allah Ta'ala has described this right in another place in the Holy Qur'an in this way:

وَفِي أَمْوَالِهِمْ حَقٌّ لِّلَّذِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُم مَّا يَحْكُمُونَ (26)

And the questioner and the needy had a right in their possessions.

### **Rights of mentally retarded children**

Islam has given fundamental rights to these people as well as share in property, marriage and divorce, education, training, employment, in order to encourage the disabled as much as possible to treat them well. Not only gave them rights but also gave them a place in the society.

### **Birth Right**

With regard to mentally retarded children, premature birth can determine whether the child is mentally retarded or not and these tests are done in the womb of the pregnant mother. Amniocentesis test and Chorionic Villus Sampling, but there is also a risk of pregnancy loss.(27)

Abortion occurs in two cases. 1. Before Nafah Ruh 2. After Nafah Ruh

The scholars of Ikram agree that after 120 days have passed since the birth of the spirit in pregnancy, it is forbidden to lose or abort the pregnancy and this act will be considered as killing a person and cause abortion. Ghraha will be required on the person, whether it is the mother or the father.(28)



It is stated in the Quran

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ (29)

And do not kill the soul which Allah has forbidden to kill unjustly.

Islam has also given the right to life to the child inside the mother's womb, but the one who destroys it or does something intentionally that causes the pregnancy to be lost will be punished. In the same way, if a woman commits a crime, her punishment is to delay the birth of the child, but also to delay it until she eats herself.

in the hadith of the Prophet

عن ابي هريرة " ان امرأتين من هذيل رمت إحداهما الاخرى فطرح جنيها فقضى فيه النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم بغرة عبد او امة. " (30)

On the authority of Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah, two women of Huzail fought and one killed the other, her child fell, then the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, ordered to give a slave or a concubine.

### Right of inheritance

A mentally retarded child is often overlooked in the distribution of inheritance because it is considered that these people are not capable of protecting the property. Sometimes all or part of it is transferred to a relative. The property is not transferred to them. While Islam has given mentally retarded children the right to inherit from their parents.

Before Islam, only those who were able to protect their clan were entitled to inheritance, children and women were not entitled to inheritance, and all those who were not able to ride a horse were entitled to inheritance. If they could do it or they were mentally retarded, they would not have received anything from the inheritance, but Islam changed this law, but determined the share of each person. It is stated in the Holy Qur'an.

يُوصِيكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي أَوْلَادِكُمْ لِلذَّكَرِ مِثْلُ حَظِّ الْأُنثَيَيْنِ ۚ فَإِنْ كُنَّ نِسَاءً فَوْقَ اثْنَتَيْنِ فَلَهُنَّ ثُلُثُ مَا تَرَكَ ۚ وَإِنْ كَانَتْ وَاحِدَةً فَلَهَا النِّصْفُ ۚ وَلِأَبَوَيْهِ لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا السُّدُسُ مِمَّا تَرَكَ إِنْ كَانَ لَهُ وَلَدٌ ۚ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وَلَدٌ وَوَرِثَهُ أَبَوَاهُ فَلِلْمِثْلِثِ ۚ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَهُ إِخْوَةٌ فَلِلْأُمِّهِ السُّدُسُ ۚ مِنْ بَعْدِ وَصِيَّةٍ يُوصِي بِهَا أَوْ دِينَ ۚ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ لَا تَدْرُونَ أَيُّهُمْ أَقْرَبُ لَكُمْ نَفْعًا ۚ فَرِيضَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنْ اللَّهُ كَانَ عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا (31)

Allah commands you regarding your children, the share of one male is equal to that of two females, then if there are more than two females, then two-thirds of the wealth left for them, and if there is only one female, then it is hers. half, and if the deceased has children, then each of his parents should get one-sixth of the total property, and if he has no children and the parents are the only heirs, then one-third of his mother's. If the deceased has brothers and sisters, then his mother has a sixth share, (this will be the share) after his will or the payment of his debt, your father or your son, you do not know which of them will give you. There are those who bring more profit, this portion has been fixed by Allah, verily

Allah is All-Wise, All-Wise.

If he is unable to protect his property himself, then he is supervised by his guardian, who does not have a guardian, his guardian is the ruler of the time. He should be treated with



his property. They are also unable to drink, so their protection and food can be managed from this property.

### Right Of Name

Every born child has the right to be given a good and beautiful name, which also has good meanings and attributes. Such a name, which has the meaning of polytheism, indecency or any evil, is prohibited. In the hadith of the Prophet.

انكم تدعون يوم القيامة بأسماء آبائكم فحسنوا بأسمائكم- (32)

Indeed, on the Day of Resurrection, you will be called by your names and by your parents' names, so keep beautiful names.

عن ابي وهب الجشمي وكانت له صحبة، قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "تسموا باسماء الانبياء، واحب الاسماء إلى الله: عبد الله، وعبد الرحمن، واصدقها: حارث، وهمام، واقبحها: حرب، ومرة: (33)

Abu Wahib Jashmi, may Allah be pleased with him, narrates that the Messenger of Allah, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "Name the prophets, the most beloved and favorite names in the sight of Allah are "Abdullah" and "Abd al-Rahman", and The truest names are "Harith" and "Hammam", and the most disliked and ugly names are "Harb" and "Marah".

### RIGHT Of Ancestry

A child who is born, be it disabled or mentally retarded, has the right to be associated with his lineage because it is this lineage that gives him recognition in the society and it is this lineage that forms the basis of the family.

Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an.

أَدْعُوهُمْ لِأَبَائِهِمْ هُوَ أَقْسَطُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ ۖ فَإِنْ لَمْ تَعْلَمُوا آبَاءَهُمْ فَاخْوَائُكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَمَوَالِيكُمْ ۚ وَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ فِيمَا أَخْطَأْتُمْ بِهِ وَلَكِنْ مَا تَعَمَّدَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ ۚ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا - (34)

Call them by the names of their real fathers, this is the full justice in the sight of Allah, so if you do not know their fathers, then they are your religious brothers and friends, and if you forget about it, then there is no sin on you, but they Whatever you do with your heart's desire, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Ancestry has a lot of importance in our society, so this importance has been maintained in Islam as well. It is not allowed for a person to change his ancestry. If someone does this, it is considered very bad.

عن ابي ذر رضي الله عنه، انه سمع النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم، يقول: "ليس من رجل ادعى لغير ابيه وهو يعلمه إلا كفر ومن ادعى قوما ليس له فيهم فليتبوا مقعده من النار." (35)

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: He heard the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saying, "Whoever deliberately makes someone other than his own father his father, he has committed disbelief, and whoever If a person joins his lineage with a nation with which he has no (lineal) connection, then he will make his abode in Hell.

## Right to Protection

Killing a child after birth is equal to an adult person. Before Islam, people used to kill their weak children so that they would not become a burden on them. Allah Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an.

مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِنْهُمْ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ لَمُسْرِفُونَ. (36)

For this reason, We wrote on the Children of Israel that whoever kills a human being without revenge for blood or without (preventing) corruption in the land, it is as if he has killed all humans, and whoever spares someone life. It is as if he spared the lives of all mankind, and our messengers have brought to them clear commands, yet many of them are still transgressors in the earth after that.

If these people need any medical help, they should be given medical help immediately and they should be taken to the hospital as soon as possible to save their lives.

## Right of Aqeeqah

Every born child has the right to perform aqeeqah because it is a sacrifice on his part and it protects the child from the evil of Satan. Muslims have also been ordered to do the same.

عن سمرة بن جندب، عن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "كل غلام رهين بعقيقته تذبح عنه يوم سابعه، ويحلق رأسه ويسمى." (37)

Samura bin Jundab (may Allah be pleased with him) said that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Every child is pledged in exchange for his aqeeqah. He should be slaughtered on the seventh day, his head should be shaved, and he should be named."

## Right to Education and Training

If mentally retarded people are given training, they can do many daily tasks by themselves, such as changing their clothes, eating by themselves, defecating, etc. Rather, they can perform minor tasks in a better way. Can get jobs like painting, cutting wood, tending animals (feeding, milking, bathing etc.) Good training is very important for this.

The acquisition of knowledge is of great importance in Islam. In the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty ordered His Beloved Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him) to make this supplication to Allah Almighty for himself.

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا. (38)

And say, O my Lord, give me more knowledge.

Similarly, in view of the importance of acquiring knowledge, the Prophet ﷺ called it an important duty and said:

طلب العلم فريضة على كل مسلم. (39)

Acquiring knowledge is obligatory on every Muslim.

## Right to Treatment and Care

Mentally retarded children spend their whole life with the support of others, so it is more important to take care of them and take care of their health than other children.

Islam has ordered not only the treatment and treatment of all such persons who are sick or suffering from any kind of disability, but it has also been ordered to take better care of them. For this, ordinary Muslims are ordered to help them financially. Also given.

All such persons who are mentally or physically ill should be treated in time. Treatment is their fundamental right because no disease has arisen in the world which has not been revealed by Allah.

عَنْ رَجُلٍ مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ قَالَ: عَادَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَجُلًا بِهِ جَرَحٌ، فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ادْعُوا لَهُ طَبِيبَ بَنِي فُلَانٍ. قَالَ: فَدَعَوُهُ فَجَاءَ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ! وَيُعْنِي الدَّوَاءُ شَيْئًا؟ فَقَالَ: سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! وَهَلْ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ دَائٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا جَعَلَ لَهُ شِفَاءً. (40)

It is narrated from a Companion that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) visited a man of the Ansar who was wounded. People called him and he came, he said: O Messenger of Allah! Oh Prophet of God! Does medicine work? He, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: Subhan Allah! Whatever disease is in the earth, Allah Almighty has also created its cure.

لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الَّذِينَ أَحْصَرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ضَرْبًا فِي الْأَرْضِ. (41)

Charity is for the needy who are stuck in the path of Allah and cannot walk in the country. Mentally retarded people always deserve special attention from other people. Serving these people and taking care of them is a work of great reward in the eyes of Allah, therefore Allah has declared it as His service. A hadith in Sahih Muslim.

عن أبي هريرة ، قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "إن الله عز وجل يقول يوم القيامة: يا ابن آدم، مرضت فلم تعدني، قال يا رب: كيف اعودك وانت رب العالمين؟ قال: اما علمت ان عبيد فلانا مرض فلم تعده؟ اما علمت انك لو عدته لوجدتني عنده؟ يا ابن آدم، استطعمتك فلم تطعمني، قال يا رب: وكيف اطعمك وانت رب العالمين؟ قال: اما علمت انه استطعمك عبيد فلان؟ فلم تطعمه، اما علمت انك لو اطعمته لوجدت ذلك عندي؟ يا ابن آدم، استسقيتك فلم تسقني، قال يا رب: كيف اسقيك وانت رب العالمين؟ قال: استسقاك عبيد فلان، فلم تسقه، اما انك لو سقيته وجدت ذلك عندي؟" (42)

On the authority of Sayyidina Abu Huraira, the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said: "Allah will say on the Day of Resurrection: "O son of Adam! I fell ill and you did not take notice of me?" He will say: O Lord! How could I know about you? You are the owner of all places. The Lord will say: "You do not know that such and such a servant of mine was ill, you did not know about it. If he had known about it, he would have found me near him. O son of Adam! I asked you for food, you did not give me food? He will say: O Lord! How could I feed you, you are the master of all places. The Lord will say: "Don't

you know that my so-and-so servant asked you for food and you did not feed him. If you had fed him, he would have received his reward from me." . O son of Adam! I asked you for water, but you did not give me water. The servant said: How could I give you water? You are the master of the whole world. The Lord will say: "My so-and-so servant asked you for water, but you did not give him water. If he did, he would have received his reward from me."

Visiting disabled people is their first right, rather it is a Sunnah. Prophet ﷺ said:

عن ابي موسى رضي الله عنه، قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "فكوا العاني يعني الاسير واطعموا الجائع، وعودوا المريض."-(43)

Abu Musa Al-Ash'ari, may God be pleased with him, narrated, "He said that the Messenger of God, may God's prayers and peace be upon him, said: "Aani" means free the prisoner, feed the hungry, and visit the sick."

Because the mentally retarded people cannot take care of themselves, their families have to take care of them, so these people should be given a clean environment, their cleanliness should also be taken care of in whatever place or bed they sleep. If they are lying down, they should be kept clean and their clothes should be taken care of because cleanliness is very important in the teachings of Islam. (والله يحب المطهرين) and (الطهور شطر الايمان).

لِلْفَقَرَاءِ الَّذِينَ أَحْصَرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ضَرْبًا فِي الْأَرْضِ.-(44)

Charity is for the needy who are stuck in the path of Allah and cannot walk in the country.

The religion of Islam, through the care, compilation and rehabilitation program of special (disabled) people, has made them effective workers and best citizens of the Islamic society without being a suspended part of the society and a burden, and they can do so without any hindrance or hesitation. They were able to live like ordinary members of the society. On the contrary, the civilized and developed western nations of the modern era are ascribing all the efforts regarding special people to themselves. If history is studied, it becomes clear as day that Islam has provided a solution to the problems of disabled people, the facilities and services provided to them in terms of their care, support and rehabilitation. It has provided opportunities, the way it has taken care of disabled people and made them equal to other members of the society, its example is not found in any other religion in the world.

### Leave from Duties

Different facilities should be arranged for these people by using their own resources. For this, parents can also use the latest technology. Islam has made the pen weak from all such people. The Prophet ﷺ said.

عن علي عليه السلام، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم، قال: "رفع القلم عن ثلاثة: عن النائم حتى يستيقظ، وعن الصبي حتى يحتلم، وعن المجنون حتى يعقل"، قال ابو داود: رواه ابن جريج، عن القاسم بن يزيد، عن علي رضي الله عنه، عن النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم زاد فيه والخرف.-(45)

Hazrat Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "The pen is lifted from three people: from a sleeping person until he wakes up, from a child until he becomes an adult, and From the madman until he comes to his senses". Abu Dawud says: It was narrated by Ibn Juraj on the authority of Qasim bin Yazid, on the authority of Ali, on the authority of Ali, on the authority of the Holy Prophet, and the addition of "Khust al-Wadi."

Currently, the number of mentally retarded people in the world is 13%. It is constantly increasing. This is such a large number without which our society is not complete.(46) Mentally retarded persons are a part of our society, if they are neglected, the balance of society may be disturbed. Born into the world, he gets all the rights that are the rights of all other children. Islam has removed all the duties for these people, whether religious or worldly, from them, but other people have their rights. It has been ordered to behave with love and compassion.

Today, in the developed countries of the world, separate schools, scholarships, and treatment facilities are being provided for these children. While Islam, fourteen hundred years ago, during the reign of Hazrat Umar (Radi Allahu Anhu), Islam prescribed scholarships for all children. has made it mandatory to pay the rights of these people and this is not a favor to them, but because of them, Allah Almighty bestows many of His blessings on the people of this world.

Islam ordered the rights of disabled people at a time when the people of the West used to kill them considering them as a burden, but today they seem to attribute all the efforts made regarding their rights to themselves.

### **Summary**

Even in today's advanced era, some parents try to get rid of these children considering them as a burden on them, so they keep these children confined at home and do not pay any attention to their health or education. They try so that these children do not meet with anyone and other people do not know about them, while Islam gave a clear command about them that they should be taken care of, but added this thing to the duties of Muslims: They should provide them with protection, training and treatment.

The right to be treated equally with the disabled at all stages of life should be recognized, but the association of the disabled at all stages of life is not possible. For example, in the state of mental or physical disability, their participation in political, economic and social activities Equal participation will remain unimaginable, but a sympathetic attitude towards them at every stage of life will nevertheless lead to development in their mental and physical development and their indifference will prove to be a good spirit for them. Which will have negative and positive effects on both their physical and spiritual well-being and depression.

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