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## Publishers Note

Slander and backbiting has been condemned by the Noble Qur'ân which compares the act of carrying tales to that of carrying wood. The allegory is superb. Just as wood spreads fire, so does backbiting which ignites passions, creates ill-will, and foments hatred.

There are several Verses in the Noble Qur'ân denouncing the tendency to evil talk:

﴿ هَمَّازٍ مَّشَاءٍ بِنَمِيمٍ ﴾ [القلم: ١١]

“A slanderer going about with calumnies.”  
(68:11)

﴿ مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴾ [ق: ١٨]

“Not a word does he utter but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it).” (50:18)

﴿ وَيَلِّ لِكُلِّ هَمْزٍ لَمْرُؤٌ ﴾ [الهمزة: ١]

“Woe to every slanderer and backbiter.”  
(104:1)

The Arabic word for slandering is *Nameemah*, referred to as the act of carrying tales from one

person to another. However, *Nameemah* is much more than this. It also includes disclosure of information, whether oral, written, or symbolic expression, calculated to tarnish a person's image.

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The Muslim *Ummah* is distinctive with the qualities of love and brotherhood, affection adorns the hearts and smiles beautify the faces. The principles among the believers are those of brotherhood and good friendship. Allâh has said:

﴿ إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ ﴾ [الحجرات: ١٠]

“The believers are nothing else than brothers.” (49:10)

Allâh has prohibited the believers from anything that may induce enmity and hatred amongst them:

﴿ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيُضِدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ ﴾

[المائدة: ٩١]

“*Shaitan* wants only to excite enmity and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling, and hinder you from the remembrance of Allâh and from *Salât*. So, will you not abstain?” (5:91)

Allâh has conferred His favor upon His slaves









