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CONTENT OF CONVERSATIONS AMONG MUSLIMS OF SIMILAR AND DIFFERENT CULTURES

Saodah Wok

Introduction

Muslims from various backgrounds, with hierarchical status in the family or level in the academic institutions vary in their conversational content, depending on the situation. As such, this chapter tries to explore some of the variations that are permissible according to Islam as to how Muslims are communicating with one another. The situations explored are based on two case studies. The first case study discusses a Muslim family's conversational content in an agricultural community, with children-parents and husband-wife communication dyads. The second case study discloses the conversational content among students of various cultures and between students and lecturers from various cultures.

The Prophet's Traditions and Practices in Conversation

Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) had shown us many examples that we could follow in terms of conversation, talking to different types and levels of people. The following discussion provide as some of his traditions and practices in conversation from which we could learn and follow.