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# THE TEST OF CONSCIENCE AND INNER VOICE

Rumour is the oldest media in the world. It is always harmful, creates tensions between people and affects relationships.

Almighty Allah explains in the following Quraanic verse: *“O you who believe! If a transgressor brings you news, verify it lest you harm a people in ignorance. You will then be regretful about what you did.”* (Chapter 49, Verse 6)

Put the rumour to this simple test, evaluate the results and listen to your inner voice.

- **WHO IS THE AUTHOR AND / OR THE FORWARDER**

Establish credibility. An immediate red flag is a message posted anonymously?

- **WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?**

Fake news use sensational headlines. Does it evoke anger? Check the entire article beyond the headline.

Be wary of content where the person quotes sources such as a brother wrote, a friend said, a former employee told me, a Moulana once observed, concerned brothers contacted me, the public are asking etc.

- **PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE AND WHY WAS IT SENT TO ME?**

Ask yourself, did the sender believe it was in my interest and I could benefit greatly from it?

- **WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT?**

Does it concern me? Delete it if not. If you feel that you can contribute positively then by all means, contact the parties mentioned directly. Forward only to persons who you believe can benefit or contribute positively

## ***DISHING THE DIRT IS DIRTY BUSINESS***

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