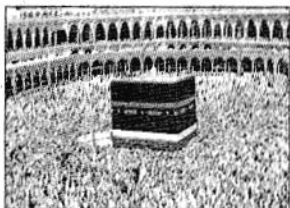


Best way of settlement

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The Quran points out that the whole material world is a world of peace. Stars are constantly moving, but there is no clash between the stars. According to the Quranic scheme, the same world culture is required of mankind. In the chapter entitled Al-Nisa' (Women) the Quran gives guidelines on this subject: *"If a woman fears ill-treatment or indifference on the part of her husband, it shall be no offence for her to seek a reconciliation, for reconciliation is best. But people are prone to selfish greed. If you do good and fear Him, surely God is aware of what you do."* (4:128)

Here, the Quran enjoins us to adopt the policy of reconciliation in controversial matters. The immediate context of this verse is the resolution of husband-wife

differences, but the Quran, by giving a particular reference, gives a general direction. The policy of reconciliation is not only effective for husband and wife problems but is equally useful for all other problems, both national and international. When controversy arises, reconciliation is the best course. You have to adopt a conciliatory rather than a confrontational approach. The conciliatory approach always minimises the problem, while the confrontational approach aggravates matters, while leaving the initial problem unsolved. You are not living on an isolated island. You have no option other than to live with others, with a family, with a society, with a nation — this list goes on to international affairs. If you become egocentric and ignore other people, you will make others your rivals, so the best policy is to accept others, adopting the policy of adjustment. You have to avoid all kinds of clash, so that you may save your energy and your time.