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## The role of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar on solving urban problems

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### ABSTRACT

Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar is one of the most important rule in Islam religion that have many benifities for human societies and there are many problems in urban areas that can be solved by doing Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar. However there are three levels of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar which are; **By indirect action, Verbally, By direct action.** But in this study the third level (**By direct action**) has considered and citizens and city administrators can apply this rules to solve urban problems. The research method is descriptive- analytic and the necessary data has collected both to documentary and surveying ways and the many questionnaires were filled by geography and urban planning students in Islamic Azad university of Shirvan.

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## INTRODUCTION

There are many problems in urban areas that involve citizens in cities around the world .these problems consume a lot of sources and energy and human in the recent decades has suffered them .urban administrations are responsible to solving these problems they have to prepare basic fundamentals for efficient operating of cities and prepare essential services for developing human resources and increasing efficiency and improve urban standards, setting effect of effective activities in private sectors on security, healthy and social wealth and also they have to Prepare necessary services and facilities to support productive activities and efficient activities of private institutes and finally they have to plan strategic planning in urban areas. Urban administrators can't be success without participating of citizens one of the Islamic rules than has effect on solving urban problem is Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar.

### Method:

This research has done to descriptive- analytic way and the needed data collected in two ways .some data are gathered to documentary method and the rest are gathered in surveying method and the main sources of data are: holy Quran, some scientific websites about Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar and cities problems , urban administrators and citizens and some books about cities ,and urban areas,

### The definition of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar:

One of the most significance of Islamic obligation is Amr Be Maroof( ordering to doing good and proper works) and Nahi Az Monkar(forbidding from sin). <http://www.islamic-laws.com/AmrBilMaroof.htm>

### The importance of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar in Quran and Hadith

Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar is one of the important rule in islam religious and Holy Quran and dear prophet of Islam Mohammad Mostafa(Sallallahu Alayhe wa Aleh),Emam Ali Alayhessalam) and other Islamic leaders have a strong emphasize on executing this important rule .some of these emphasize about Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az Monkar has mentioned in fallow:

Lo! those who disbelieve the revelations of Allah, and slay the prophets wrongfully, and slay those of mankind who enjoin equity: promise them a painful doom (Al-e Imran/21). Recommends of Quran to Muslims many :

Ye are the best community that hath been raised up for mankind. Ye enjoin right conduct and forbid indecency; and ye believe in Allah. And if the People of the Scripture had believed, it had been better for them. Some of them are believers; but most of them are evil-livers (Al-e Imran/110).

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Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* is a public duty and Quran says: The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakah and obey Allah and His Messenger. Those - Allah will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise..(Tawbah/71).

And also Allah says in Quran: And your Lord would not have destroyed the cities unjustly while their people were reformers. (Hud 117). Allah says in holly Quran: And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty. (Anfal/25).

You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah . If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient..(Al-e Imran 110).

Quran knows Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* as one of the distinguished attitude of faithful people and says

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Emam Ali (alayhessalam) said:

Doing all of the good and valuable works in the way of Allah in compare with Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* is not more than a fie that is droped in the deep sea. ( Najolbalaghai hekmat 374).

Benefits of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar*

There are many benefits in doing Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar*, some of the most impotran are as the fallow:

-supporting faithful people.

Everybody who performs Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar*, has supported Muslims.

-being among good people. Najolbalaghai Hekmat 31).

saied Emam Ali (Alayhessalam):do Amr Be Maroof till you be among the good people. (Najolbalaghah Nameh 31).

The damages of leaving Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar*

-being exclude from benefits of wahi

Said Islam's Prophet Mohammad Mostafa (Salavatollah Va Salamohoo Alayhe Va Aleh):

Whenever my people mind to the world the significance of Islam is taken from them and whenever the leave Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* the will be exclusion from the benefit of Wahi.

And also said Emam Ali (Alayhessalam);

Do Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* otherwise Allah's punishment will capture you.(Mizan Alhekmah 12731).

-being exclusion from Allah serendipities

Said Mohammad Amin (Sallalloho Alayhe Wa Aleh), dear prophet of islam;

Since people orthered each other to doing good works and hold back each others from bad and improper works and assist to good works they will be in welfare but if the don do that the serendipities leave them. (Mizan Alhekmah 12734). there are three levels of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar*:

*By indirect action:*

By indirectly expressing your dislike of the other person's wrongful behavior. For example, by not greeting him or greeting him without the previous warmth, or by ignoring him: with the hope that this might lead the person to think about change in your attitude towards him, and hopefully guide him to the right direction.

*Verbally:*

If the first method does not work, then talk to the person. Whether you should talk politely and friendly, or harshly depends on the situation.

*By direct action:*

This is only applicable to those who have authority over others: parents, teachers and Islamic government. If preventing the evil depends on physical action, then it must be thought out very carefully. The example mentioned in 49:9 is of this level of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* <http://www.rahebehesht.org/info/item.asp?ID=1202> The deletion of city

A **city** is a relatively large and permanent human settlement. Cities generally have complex systems for sanitation, utilities, land usage, housing, and transportation. The concentration of development greatly facilitates interaction between people and businesses, benefiting both parties in the process. A big city or metropolis

usually has associated suburbs and exurbs. Such cities are usually associated with metropolitan areas and urban areas, creating numerous business commuters traveling to urban centers for employment. Once a city expands far enough to reach another city, this region can be deemed a conurbation or megalopolis (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/City>)

*sustain cities:*

Unsustainable implies that at some point in the future development will be compromised or even threatened as environmental capacity is reached or environmental limits are breached. This may involve non-renewable resource depleting to the point of extinction or toxic emission to the point where it can't be absorbed or dispersed without several an irreparable damage to the environment. Sustainability may appear at a variety of scale to the globe. At local scale it is obvious that the environmental limits of many places have already been breached and that they have been rendered uninhabitable of over exploitations or over pollution as a result. (Hall 2006).

Many plans for sustainable urban development involve call to green the city. This is recognition that plants play important roles in moderating the impact of human activities in cities, such as absorbing emissions (Haughton and Hunter 1994:180).

Governments in the developed world aim, to secure continued economic growth (Jacobs 1997), the benefits of this growth for their people, are rising living standards that are defined in terms of increasing levels of personal consumption (Mohan 1999). The generation of poverty in the cities is inextricably associated with the generation of environmental degradation (Hall 2006).

Increased car use in cities is predominantly reflection of an increase in average journey length (Haughton and Hunter 1994).

The majority of developed world governments argue that sustainable development and economic growth are compatible (Blowers and Pain 1999).

Citizenship is the status of a person recognized under the custom or law of a state that bestows on that person (called a citizen) the rights and the duties of citizenship. That may include the right to vote, work and live in the country, the right to return to the country, the right to own real estate, legal protections against the country's government, and protection through the military or diplomacy. A citizen may also be subject to certain duties, such as a duty to follow the country's law, to pay taxes, or to serve in the military. A person may have multiple citizenships and a person who does not have citizenship of any state is said to be stateless. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citizenship> most important duties of a citizen towards his State

*(a) Allegiance:*

Every citizen is expected to be loyal to the state. His or her loyalty should, in no case, be divided. The state expects unstinted allegiance from its citizens.

*(b) Obedience:*

All the citizens should willingly and habitually obey the laws of the state. A democratic government is a government of the people themselves. Laws reflect their own will. There should not be, therefore, any hesitation in the obedience of laws.

*(c) Payment of Taxes:*

The administration of a country involves a certain amount of expenditure. This expenditure cannot be met without raising certain taxes. Citizens in their own interest, should, therefore willingly and honestly make payment of their taxes.

*(d) Public Spirit:*

Every citizen should be public spirited. He should not seek his self-interest and should always be ready to contribute his mite to the welfare of society.

*(e) Honest exercise of Franchise:*

Vote is a sacred trust in the hands of the citizens. It should always be used judiciously. Suitable representatives should be sent to the legislatures. A wrong use of vote may result in a bad government.

*(J) Help to Public Officials in the maintenance of Law and Order:*

It is the duty of every citizen to lend a hand of co-operation to public officials in the discharge of their duties. Every citizen should try to remove evils and crimes from society by rendering help to the officials concerned.

*(g) Work:*

Every able-bodied citizen should work and try to add something to the social fund. Idlers are a parasite on the society. Work brings in wealth and prosperity in the country. In countries like Russia work is considered to be a legal duty.

*(h) Toleration:*

Every citizen is expected to be tolerant towards others. Their religious beliefs "Do unto others what you wish to be done by," should be the motto before every citizen.

*(j) Resistance:*

It is more or less a moral duty. It is the duty of a good citizen to resist injustice from any quarter. If the government is unjust, it may also be resisted. [http://www.saavy.org/rights\\_citizens.html](http://www.saavy.org/rights_citizens.html)

*The main rights and duties of citizens in western countries:*

A citizen is a person who have national identity card of the country. There are many things that are important so these should be given importance and attention by the citizens of any country. As you know the countries run by the people have more opportunities for their citizens as compared to the countries where dictators are present. The people who are looking for their duties and responsibilities should look around them. There are many things that need their attention. Saying this that the government is responsible for each and everything is not correct because the citizens of the country are also responsible for the improvement and betterment of country. Let's start from the political elections. First of all it is the duty of the citizens to elect the people who are honest and skillful to run the government affairs. It is very difficult to give opportunity to all the people to participate in the political affairs and decisions so selective people representing specific groups of people are given chance to come and work for the people of their areas.

The citizens of any country should participate for the improvement and betterment of the country by playing their roles. For example, the smallest example is to make your streets and areas clean. Good citizens never throw the garbage in the streets so they are reducing the pollution. The people of Europe and America are good examples of good citizens who take care of their cities and country. There are so many examples that are important for the demonstration of the good citizens so you should try to adopt the practices and strategies that are helping to improve and promote the political and economical situations of the country. [http://www.saavy.org/rights\\_citizens.html](http://www.saavy.org/rights_citizens.html)

*The Duty of the Citizen towards the Ruler:*

Islam makes it incumbent upon the citizen to listen to and to obey the ruler in matters not pertaining to disobedience to God. Islam also obliges the citizen to advise the rulers, and to help him carry out his responsibilities of securing the common good.

Moreover, Islam warns against rebellion against the authority of the ruler, except in cases where the ruler breaches his covenant with God within the stipulations of the contract of ruler ship. However, in contemplating rebellion against the ruler, the subjects are required to take the interest of the nation into consideration. This is because the interest of the nation is a preponderant condition in taking such a serious decision. Thus these duties of the citizens towards the ruler have in effect created certain rights for the citizens, including:

\* Preservation of the community's faith, and the application of its laws and the protection of its cultural identity, customs and traditions and raising the cultural standard.

<http://www.dialogueonline.org/islamandtherights.htm>

the citizen's duties

-being familiar with the citizens rights in city societ

-being familiar with urban management duties, capabilities and limitations and making a coordinating between his or her expectations and the urban managements abilities an facilities.

- after familiaring with these two subjects, a citizen has to try to get the citizen's rights and make urban management to do its duties and giving the citizen rights to them.

Citizen has to try to participate to urban managing.-

-increase the sense of belonging to the city and section that lives there.

-Increasing the townsman to participate in cities affairs.

Based on the low of municipalities the details of citizen's duties are as fallow;

-trying to keep sanitation and water channels in the city.

-refusing of occupying passages and avenues.

-refusing of evacuating garbage and debris in forbidden places.

Participating to support and increasing the public sanitation.

-Participating to eliminate the mendacity in the city.-

- Participating to creating and developing cultural centers and increasing the social culture
- Trying to eliminating dangers of the broken walls in the public passages.
- refusing of putting some things the balconies up on the public passages.
- refusing of putting buildings chimneys in the way that make problems to citizens.
- refusing of establishing the places that bother citizens or may cause some problems for public sanitations.
- Participating to support and taking care of poor and parentless children.-
- refusing of putting tableau and signs in forbidden places and generally refusing any action and behavior that damages the city beauty, and cleanness.
- Not having expectation from urban management to get services in the areas out of the city and learning it to others.
- Trying to regard urban rules and learning it to others.

*The duties of urban administrators and municipalities:*

- 1-preparing basic fundamentals for efficient operating of cities.
- 2-preparing essential services for developing human resources and increasing efficiency and improving urban standards.
- 3- Setting effect of effective activities in private sectors on security, healthy and social wealth.
- 4- Preparing necessary services and facilities to support productive activities and efficient activities of private institutes in urban areas.
- 5-stategic planning.

<http://urbanmanagement.ir/?Type=Modules&Module=TextModule&C>  
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Common duties of citizens

There are many common duties of citizens in cities around the world some of the most important of citizen's duties are:

- participating to solve heavy traffic, air pollution, sound pollution, urban flood problems, driving problems, cleaning of urban environments, to care of urban green spaces, moderate consuming pattern moderate consuming pattern and so on. The following table shows the view points of many students of geography

**Table 1:** some questions about the most important problems

Questions	weak	fair	much	So much
1-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> solve heavy traffic in urban areas?	22%	32%	28%	12%
2-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> solve air pollution in urban areas?	24%	28%	34%	12%
3-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> solve urban flood problems in urban areas?	20%	32%	34%	14%
4-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> effect cleaning of urban environments?	8%	16%	44%	32%
5-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> solve sound pollution?	6%	44%	28%	22%
6-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> help to take care of urban green spaces?	4%	24%	40%	32%
7-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> solve driving problems in urban areas?	16%	34%	28%	24%
8-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> moderate consuming pattern in urban areas?	8%	30%	44%	18%
9-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> citizens rights in urban areas?	6%	24%	38%	30%
10-How much can Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az <i>Monkar</i> improve citizen culture in urban areas?	12%	36%	42%	8%
Support				

*Conclusion:*

Based on this research it was understood that Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* as one of the most important rule in Islam religion that can solve many problems in urban areas. And some of common urban problems are:

- heavy traffic, air pollution, sound pollution, urban flood problems, driving problems, cleaning of urban environments, to care of urban green spaces, moderate consuming pattern moderate consuming pattern and so on. based on the data in table (1), the most important effects of Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* to solve urban problems like cleaning of urban environments 44%, moderate consuming pattern 44%, Moderate consuming pattern 44%, improve citizen culture 42%, to take care of urban green spaces 40%, to fimilar with citizens rights 38%. therefore performing Amr Be Maroof Va Nahi Az *Monkar* in is proper way order to solving urban problems.

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