



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa hailed the strong ties binding Bahrain and Thailand. Receiving outgoing Thai Ambassador Chayapan Bamrungphong at Gudaibiya Palace, HRH the Premier lauded joint cooperation in all fields.

mand, Gen. Joseph Votel yesterday at Safriyah Palace. HM the King praised the solid longstanding Bahraini-US relations highlighted by joint coordination and coordination in various fields, especially in military and defence



The Ministerial Committee for Legal Affairs has convened a meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Jawad Salem Al Arrayed, to discuss the topics and memos listed on the meeting's agenda. The committee discussed proposed draft laws by the Council of Representatives and the Shura Council to the government and prepared its relevant opinion memos in this regard



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Humility: The search for a lost virtue.

ver the past few decades, the world has been altered; transformed and seemingly developed in more ways than one can count. Amidst the advancements and the discoveries, whilst we continue to grow, we have found ourselves in decline with regards to areas that we have unfortunately embraced with comfortable acceptance.

Throughout distant years in history, we have faced an abundance of travesties, trials and tribulations; we conquered and we fought, we became one on so many levels, yet found ourselves still separated. But Alas, that is the way of the world. Humanity however, agreed on certain virtues; areas of morality, and blissful existence that became the key to a unified and respectfully peaceful global community. Humility is one such virtue: one that continues to decline...to deteriorate and to steer itself into impending extinction.

Although we seek to eradicate this ego-driven society, of which we are often in denial, we forget the significance of humility in every aspect we embark on. Professionally, the decline in humility has created faltered leaders, power-thirsty individuals, and a line of dissatisfied employees that succumb to maltreatment. Emotionally, we live in a world where the lack of humility instigates an alarming rate of verbal, mental and physical abuse that has birthed itself into every existing generation. Socio-politically, the 21st century has been blinded to tolerance, and compassion; which are ultimately the most predominant aspects of humility. Thus, we find ourselves numb and indifferent to the intensity of violence and tragedy that we hear about with every passing day.

Stressing on lost virtues has never been as imperative as it is today; in a progressive world, we have begun to find ourselves navigating further away from aspects of such nature. Families, society, educational institutes and the economic workforce have adversely redefined humility; We have adamantly negated the basic etymology of the word itself, which is ironically enough, rooted from 'Human'. We have opposing associated words such as cowardice, indecisive, and weak to those individuals who carry an essence of humility in them. Whilst humility denies arrogance and narcissism, it is those very traits that have begun to form a desirable being; one who has the lines between arrogance and confidence very aptly and strategically blurred.

Although facts and figures would most certainly reaffirm the decline in virtuous living, the state of affairs on a global and personal front has become the main indicator of such an unfortunate and volatile circumstance. One that can only be rendered and restored once we understand that humility does not entail that we think less of ourselves, but rather that we think of ourselves, less.

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