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Nabi ﷺ was sent as a mercy for the world. This is clearly stated in the Quran: **“And We have not sent You but as a mercy for the world”** (Surah Ambiyaa). Therefore, the *sunnah*, the way of life and teachings of Rasulullah ﷺ are guaranteed to be a mercy and a means happiness, peace, joy and contentment, although at times we may not be able to comprehend all the benefits and wisdom therein.

Nabi ﷺ, out of his deep love, care, concern and compassion for us, has explained which of our actions are good for us and which are a source of ruin and deprivation. Among the things which Rasulullah ﷺ sounded stern warnings against it, yet there is widespread involvement in it, is photography. Photography and picture making draw the wrath of Allah ﷻ and are a means of deprivation from the *rahmat* of Allah ﷻ and the company of angels.

Nabi ﷺ has mentioned, **“The severest punishment in the hereafter will be meted out on those who made or took (animate) pictures”**. (Bukhaari).

Nabi ﷺ refused to enter the home of his most beloved wife, Aisha رضي الله عنها because of some pillows upon which there were pictures. (Bukhaari).

In one narration, Hadhrat Aisha رضي الله عنها added that the noble countenance of Nabi ﷺ changed out of displeasure. (Targheeb).

Nabi ﷺ would send Sahaabah ﷺ to destroy pictures. (Abu Dawood)

We should carefully contemplate before snapping our next picture with our cameras, cellphones, etc., as to whether we have earned the pleasure of Rasulullah ﷺ or his displeasure?