

ANSWER

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنِ اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُونَ

And who keep themselves away from vain things. [23:3]

COMMENTARY

[Attributes] of a perfect Believer on the basis of which he has been promised *falāh* in this verse both in this world and in the Hereafter

[An] attribute of a good Muslim is that he abstains from frivolous and vain things. (*Laghw*, translated in the text as 'vain things') means useless talk and action which do not bring any religious reward and in its extreme form it may include sinful acts that are positively harmful and must, therefore, be avoided. And in its mild form *laghw* is neither useful nor harmful but it is very desirable to give up this habit. There is a hadīth in which the Holy Prophet ﷺ said (*It is a part of one's being a fair Muslim that he gives up all that is useless for him*). For these reasons guarding oneself against useless acts has been described as an attribute of a good Muslim in this verse.

TASFĪR IBN KATHĪR

(And those who turn away from Al-Laghw.) refers to falsehood, which includes Shirk and sin, and any words or deeds that are of no benefit. As Allah says: (And if they pass by Al-Laghw, they pass by it with dignity) (25:72). Qatādah said: "By Allah, there came to them from Allah that which kept them away from that (evil)."

End.

