

God is beautiful and loves beauty.

*(Inn Allaha jameel wa-yuhibbu l-jamaal)*

(A *hadith* of the Prophet Muhammad (s) in *Sahih Muslim* 1.93:91.

According to Sahih Bukhari, Muhammad refrained from bad language; neither a 'Fahish nor a Mutafahish. He used to say "The best amongst you are those who have the best manners and character."

Origin of word Adab

To invite to dinner – the act of inviting

Formal occasion – dinner at the court or palace

court of our maker

each other

From the lexicon

Manners

Etiquette

Relationship of the Mureed and the Murshid (who is mureed and who is murshid – we are all mureeds of God – remember Musa and Khider who was Musa's teacher – who was Khider's teacher.

“He taught the discipline of the mind and the acquisition of good qualities and attributes of the mind or soul” - the discipline to be observed in the prosecution of study – when does it end? Are we not studying it all the time here?

“good discipline of the mind and manners 'he disciplined or educated well; rendered him well-bred, well mannered, polite; instructed him in polite accomplishments”

Invites people to the acquisition of praiseworthy qualities and dispositions and forbids them from acquiring such as are evil.

Adib – one who practices and displays adab

Adab, in the context of behavior, refers to prescribed Islamic etiquette: "refinement, good manners, morals, decorum, decency, humaneness". While interpretation of the scope and particulars of Adab may vary among different cultures, common among these interpretations is regard for personal standing through the observation of certain codes of behavior. To exhibit Adab would be to show "proper discrimination of correct order, behavior, and taste."