

## **THE SENSE OF ACCOUNTIBILITY PROMOTES PIETY**

It is for the Islamic scholars to define Piety, I can only mention the examples of the behavior of some persons which I believe to be Piety. These are the very people whom I already mentioned in my previous article. They were very strict in the matter of accountability. Thus I conclude that the sense of accountability and piety go together or promote each other in ones behavior. However, as I have said, it is not for me to define Piety, but I can show it in practice as I have observed it.

First of all let us look at the behavior of Molvi Bakhshish Ahmad Sahab whom I have mentioned in my last article. He was teaching in a madrasa in Gorakhpur. He had a piece of land in the village.. As he could not cultivate himself he had given it to a local farmer to cultivate on the land and divided the produce according to the terms agreed upon between them. Usually the tiller would sell Molvi Sahab's share of the crop and gave the money to him. Apart from the terms of sharing there was one strict instruction of Molvi Sahab to the cultivator that the crop when reaped and spread to dry it should not be taken to the common thrashing ground in the village called khalihan where people brought their crops for drying and thrashing. According to Molvi Sahab's instruction the crop would be spread in the field itself and would be thrashed at that very place after it was dry.

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