

## Questions and Answers

**Q1. What do the Quran and the traditions of Prophet (PBUH) tell us on backbiting and scandal mongering?**

**Ans:** The Quran says:

Woe to every (kind of) scandal –monger and backbiter.

The prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said that the similitude of a person who indulges in backbiting is to a man who has eaten the flesh of his dead brother.

**Q2. What do the Gita and the Bible tell us on backbiting?**

**Ans:** The Gita says:-

Freedom from fear ,purity of heart ,perseverance in (pursuit of)knowledge....freedom from the habit of backbiting ,compassion for (all) beings, freedom from avarice....are his who is born to god like endowments. Ostentation, pride...are his who is born to demoniac endowments.

The Bible says:-

For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle his whole body.

**Q3. What do the Granth sahib and Lord Buddha tell us on backbiting?**

**Ans:** The Guru Granth Sahib says:-

The slanderer carries the great burden of sins, without payment he carries loads.

Lord Buddha in his Eightfold Path says:-

One requires living a life based on right speech.

**Q4. Why did the servant of Rabbi Simeon bring tongues both the times?**

**Ans:** The servant of Rabbi Simeon brought tongues both the times because he believed that the tongue issues the good and also the bad. There is nothing better than a good tongue and nothing worse than an evil one.

**Q5. Why did Rabbi Simeon invite his disciples for a meal?**

**Ans:** Rabbi Simeon invited his disciples for a meal because he wanted to teach them the virtues and vices that a tongue can do.

**Q6. What according to you is the moral of the lesson?**

**Ans:** The moral of the lesson is that we should refrain from backbiting and scandal-mongering for the injuries caused by the tongue are the hardest ones to heal. We should always be polite and humble in our attitude to others.

**Q7. How does our tongue do good or bad to others?**

**Ans:** Our tongue by being polite can please others and bring a smile on other's face. A tongue has the power to make a sad person happy but the same can prove disastrous as well. It can hurt the other person so deeply that he will always remember our rude remarks. By insulting, and speaking ill of others, we leave an ugly scar in their hearts that always pricks them.