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kurdish Proverbs

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Courage and Cowardice

Bravery without wisdom is like fire without light. A timid man carries a sledgehammer. A lion is a lion. What matter if it is male or female?

Cross-cultural Observations

I want neither the visit of the Arab nor the milk of a camel.

If they can benefit from it, people will look upon Arabs as dads and brothers.

Death

Let there be death, but I wish there was no old age.

Death, like a running monkey, visits every house.

The devil avoids a dead person but not a living one.

Fate

One cannot die until one's time is up. Move away from the wall that is about to crumble. (Don't tempt fate) Good times follow bad times.

Family Matters

Mother will throw herself into fire for her children.

The girl without a mother is like a mountain without a road.

Don't ever change a brother into a friend.

Financial Matters

Money is like dirt on the hands; wash them and it goes away. Not all that is yellow is gold. He who has no money would rather be dead.

Generosity

A generous hand doesn't become poor and the poor hand doesn't become generous. (Life is determined by fate.)

The generous hand reaches all goals.

His fist is full of millet and not a single morsel falls through his finger. (Said of stingy people.)

God

Fear the person who fears no God. God has created heartaches and cures.

Wish a mule for your neighbor so that God can give you a donkey.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen are killed by wicked men. Gentlemen prefer death to injustice. A gentleman is obliged to return the favor of another gentleman.

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Job Opportunity at KHA

Kurdish Housing Association is pleased to continue offering employment opportunities to meet the needs of the community. KHA is able to provide housing plus services to its tenants and service users. To continue providing this service we are seeking to employ a part-time Supported Housing Officer.

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We wish to appoint a caring and committed individual to work closely with a team of four people to advise, assist and fully support our tenants residing the supported scheme of KHA as well as providing advice and support to our service users.

To succeed in this role you should have:

- A minimum of one year experience of support providing.
- A minimum of one-year experience of managing projects.
- A minimum of two years experience in assessment, referrals and liaison.
- A good knowledge of community's background.
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- A good experience in using IT and different software.
- An excellent command of both English and Kurdish languages.

This post is initially for a fixed term of six months with an opportunity of being extended subject to successful completion of probation period as well as sufficient funds allocation. To apply for the job simply send your CV and your statement of interest and capability of doing the job by fax or e-mail by 8th August 2005.

For further information or to obtain a copy of job description and person specification please call KHA on:

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