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The Key to All Evils are Alcohol and Drugs

Rasulullah ﷺ said, “If a person who is habited to ‘Khamr alcohol’ dies, this person will meet Allah ﷻ as an ‘Aabid-wathn’ (idol-worshipper). (Masnad Ahmed/Sunan Baihaqi)

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مَنْ عَمِلَ الشَّيْطَانَ فَاجِتْ

والميسرُ

: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ

(روى ابن ماجة عن أبي هريرة والبيهقي في شعب الإيمان وقال ذكر البخاري في التاريخ) .

عليه وسلم:

Allah ﷻ says in Qur'an: O you who believe! Intoxicants (all kinds of alcoholic drinks), and gambling, and Al Ansab, and Al Azlam (arrows for seeking luck or decision) are an abomination of Shaitan's handiwork. So avoid (strictly all abominations) in order that you may be successful. (Surah Al-Maidah v90)

Admonition and warnings of Consuming Alcohol in Ahadith

There are two ways to learn, the easy way and the hard way. The hard way is personal experience. After falling into the trap and destroying one's life, one realises what he has done was wrong, but in many cases it is very difficult to resolve. The easiest way is the way of Islam, which we have been taught by Rasulallah ﷺ. Here are a few Ahadith in regards to the admonition and warnings of alcohol:

عليه وسلم: إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى بَعَثَنِي رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ وَهُدًى لِّلْعَالَمِينَ، وَأَمَرَنِي رَبِّي عَزَّوَجَلَّ بِمَحَقِّ الْمَعَارِضِ وَالْمِزَامِيرِ وَالْأَوْثَانِ وَالصَّلْبِ وَأَمْرَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ
بِعَزَّتِي لَا يَشْرَبُ عَبْدٌ مِنْ عِبِيدِي جُرْعَةً مِنْ سَقِيئِهِ الصَّدِيدِ مِثْلَهَا وَلَا يَتْرُكُهَا إِلَّا سَقِيئَهُ مِنْ حِيَاضٍ . (318)

Sayyidina Abu Umamah رضي الله عنه relates that the Prophet ﷺ said: ‘Allah ﷻ has sent me as a Mercy and Guidance for the A'lam. And My Lord has ordered me to get rid of: musical instruments, singing, idols, the cross and the traditions and customs of the time of ignorance. And Allah ﷻ has sworn by His honour: ‘If any one of my servants drink even a drop of alcohol, I will make them drink the same amount of the puss of the inhabitants of the Hell Fire. And when any one of my servants leaves alcohol for My sake then I will quench their thirst with the pure streams of Paradise.’ (Masnad Ahmed, Mishkaat Al Masabih p318)

The Prophet ﷺ was sent as a Mercy for Mankind. The teachings of Islam are for all nations until the Day of Judgment. The Prophet ﷺ has related a few reasons of the many for which he ﷺ was sent to Mankind. The purpose of bringing Mankind onto the right path of guidance. To take them out of the oppression of desire and the self into the servitude of the Creator. There were six specific things which were to be eradicated through the correct adopting of Islam; the finality of the statement of the Hadeeth Qudsi is admonition of consuming alcohol. Shaitan uses this to infiltrate, control and confuse the mind and destroy the inner peace of people. When this is disturbed, the person bodily actions are easily led to those actions that Shaitan wishes one to perform.

Sayyidina Abdullah bin Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said, “Every intoxicant is ‘Khamr’ and every intoxicant is Haraam (prohibited). Whosoever drinks ‘Khamr’ in this world and dies in the state that one was habituated to and did not repent from such a sin, this person will not drink it in the Hereafter.” (Saheeh Muslim)

Sayyidina Jabir رضي الله عنه narrates that a man came from Yemen and asked Nabi ﷺ about a drink which was drunk in Yemen, called ‘Miraz’. Rasulallah ﷺ replied, “Does it intoxicate?” He replied, “Yes.” Rasulallah ﷺ then replied “Every intoxicant is Haraam (prohibited). Allah ﷻ has made a promise that whosoever drinks an intoxicant, Allah ﷻ will make him drink from ‘Teenatul-Khabaal.’” They (the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم) said, “Oh Rasulallah! What is ‘Teenatul- Khabaal?’” He ﷺ replied, “The sweat or pus of the people of Jahannam (Hell).” (Saheeh Muslim)

We realise from these Ahadeeth that drinking alcohol (beer, wine, spirits etc) and the taking of drugs is a very grave sin for a Muslim. We as Muslims are very lucky that we have been forwarned of its dangers and consequences, not only in this world but also the Akhirah. In another Hadeeth:

Sayyidina Abdullah Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said, “Whosoever drinks intoxicants, his Salaah will not be accepted for forty days (The obligatory act of Salaah will be fulfilled, however, there will be no reward for such Salaah, and Allah Ta’aala knows best). If he repents, Allah ﷻ will accept his repentance. If he continues to do so, he is given respite until the fourth time, there after he will not be forgiven, i.e. Allah ﷻ will not give him the ability to repent, and he will be made to drink from ‘Nahrul-Khabaal’ (The sweat or puss of the people of Jahannam.)

Sayyidina Abdullah Ibn Umar رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said, “A disobedient person, a gambler, a person who boasts of favours and a constantly intoxicated person will not enter Jannah (Paradise).”

Adopting a Habit of Consuming Alcohol and drugs is Akin to Polytheism

Sayyidina Ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه narrates that Rasulallah ﷺ said, “If a person who is habited to “Khamr alcohol” dies, this person will meet Allah ﷻ as an ‘Aabid-wathn’ (idol-worshipper). (Masnad Ahmed)

Sayyidina Abu Musa Al Ashari رضي الله عنه used to relate: ‘Drinking alcohol or leaving Allah ﷻ to worship an idol..... I do not distinguish a difference between them.’ (Sunan Nasai)

Reasons for Adopting and Consuming Alcohol and Drugs

People use drugs for enjoyment and fun- we are witnessing the ‘now.com’ generation using ecstasy and speed in their pursuit for happiness, or to escape the pain and suffering of their lives – a ‘time-out’ from the pressures they endure to conform and fit in.

One Article in the Saudi Arabian papers Stated that the Prime Reasons for the Spreading of Alcohol and Drugs are:

1. **Bad Company:** We either do not know what bad company is, or we think we have to hang around with them (people of bad influence). What is bad company? Such company that increases even one sin in a person is considered as bad company. Staying with the drug addicts is bad company.
2. **Affluence:** The second reason for drug expansion is affluence, excessive spending of money. We do not budget; we have no sense of responsibility when it comes to spending. If we were to budget, half of our problems would be solved, because a lot of Haraam actions involve spending money on drugs, cigarettes, etc. So cut out all Haraam and unwanted costs and we will be solving most of our problems.
3. **Self ego:** The attitude that I want to be a champion and a leader amongst my friends and peers.
4. **Peer pressure:** Surveys show that 60% have drugs due to peer pressure and sole pleasure.

Remember the saying of Sayyidina Umar Farooq رضي الله عنه, “Take account of yourselves before you are accounted for.”

What are the effects of drugs?

1. They cause harm to the body;
2. They cause moral insensitivity;
3. They weaken will power;
4. They cause the user to turn to crime to pay for drugs.

They impair the ability to make decisions, leading to irresponsible behaviour. Sayyidina Uthman Ibn Affaan رضي الله عنه said, “Intoxicants are the key to all evils.” A man was once asked either to tear up a copy of the Qur’an, kill a child, bow in worship to an idol, drink a cup of alcohol or sleep with a woman. He thought the lesser wrong would be to drink the cup of alcohol, and he did. Hence this caused him to sleep with a woman, kill a child, tear up a copy of the Qur’an and bow down in worship to an idol.

Due to alcohol and drugs also, how many Muslim homes have we seen that have been destroyed and women have been given divorces. Many young women have become like widows and children as orphans, even though their fathers and husbands are alive. They are so engrossed in alcohol and drugs that they have no time for their wives and children.

It is astonishing that the countries in the World that fall under the ‘Islamic World’ are issuing permits for the sale of alcohol in their countries and serving it on their own airlines. At the same time these same rulers claim to be the vanguards of Islam, its protectors and spokesmen. Would that there were leaders today in the Muslim world like; *Shaheed-e-Pakistan* General Muhammad Zia Ul Haq Shaheed رحمه الله. In his governance, among other things, he prohibited alcohol from being carried and served on PIA airlines. Even

though people were greatly against this, he did not care for their blaming and insults. This alone was a great proof of his Iman and love of Islam and Shari'ah. May Allah ﷻ accept his efforts and services to Islam and grant him a lofty abode in Paradise, Ameen!

May Allah ﷻ safeguard us all, especially the youth against the evil of this fast-flowing disease that is polluting our environment and surroundings. Ameen! آمين

والله وحده هو المسؤول والمستعان وهو الهادي إلى سبيل الخير والسلام .
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