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## The Reality of Singing and Music in Islam

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(Saheeh Muslim/ Mishkaat Al Masaabih, p411)

6: وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا أُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ.

عليه وسلم: إن الله تعالى بعثني رحمة للعالمين وهدى للعالمين، وأمرني ربي عز وجل بمحق المعازف والمزامير والأوتان والصلب وأمر الجاهنية...  
(رواه احمد، مشكوة 318)

Allah ﷻ has stated in the Holy Qur'an: 'And of Mankind is he who purchases idle talks (i.e. music and singing, ect) to mislead (men) from the Path of Allah without knowledge, and takes it (the Path of Allah, Verses of the Qur'an) by way of mockery. For such there will be a humiliating torment (in Hell-fire).' (Surah Luqman, 31:v6)

It is mentioned in the Tafsir of Qurtubi that Nathar Bin Harith who was a rich man amongst the Makkan polytheists used to purchase singing & dancing slave girls and invite people to gatherings where they would perform. His main objective in doing so was so that the people would be prevented from hearing the Qur'an related from Rasulallah ﷺ and the message of Islam.

### Warnings from the Ahadith

Rasulullah ﷺ has stated: 'that individual who sits where women are singing (for entertainment), on the Day of Qiyamah molten glass will be poured into their ears. (Tafsir Qurtubi, Hashiya of Abu Dawood)

Sayyidina Ali ؑ relates that Rasulallah ﷺ stated: 'there are many reasons due to which the Muslims will be afflicted with the punishments of Allah ﷻ, one of which is that singing girls and musical instruments will become common.' (Tirmidhi v2, p45)

Sayyidah Aiysha ؓ relates that Rasulallah ﷺ stated: 'that person who dies in a state that he is listening to music, do not read the Janazah Prayer of that individual'. (Tafsir Qurtubi v7, p51)

From the above traditions, the extreme dislike of music & singing by Rasulallah ﷺ can be understood, and how severe the punishment is for that person engrossed in this sin. To the extent that the Muslims have been told to leave the performance of the Janazah Prayer of such a person.

It is unfortunate, in this day and age, the very Muslims for whom the pure words of the Qur'an have been revealed as a form of guidance and Mercy, prefer instead to listen to music. Allah forbid, if death was to come to a Muslim in this state, then what would be the status of that person in front of Allah ﷻ and His Rasulallah ﷺ according to the above Hadeeth?

Rasulullah ﷺ has said that: 'The state in which a person dies is the state in which that person will be raised on the Day of Qiyamah'. (Mishkat Musabih, At Targib)

Many people drive their cars engrossed in music, without the knowledge of what is coming the next second. There are many incidents that happen where people pass away and are labelled as Martrys for dying in an accident. What is there to prove this? It is possible they left the world being flagarantly disobedient to Allah ﷻ and did not have the blessing to utter the words of Iman.

Sayyidina Jabir ؓ relates Rasulallah ﷺ stated: 'Music and singing grows hypocrisy in the hearts, just as water causes plants to grow.' (Mishkat Musabih, Baihaqi)

Rasulullah ﷺ stated: '2 voices in the Dunya and Akhirah are deserving of being cursed – (1) the sounding of music on a happy occasion (2) to scream/shriek at the time of grief or affliction.' (At Targib wal Tarheeb)

Rasulullah ﷺ stated: 'Some people of my nation will verily drink alcohol, but will call it by another name and they will have musical instruments played around them. So Allah ﷻ will cause the Earth to devour some of them, and from them some will be disfigured into apes and swine.' (Sunan Baihaqi no.5114)

The above mentioned words of Rasulallah ﷺ are verily truth and will come to pass. There are many people in the World who have claimed to witness this prophecy with their own eye witness statements. However, it is hidden from the public realm.

## One of the missions Given to the Prophet ﷺ was to Destroy Musical Instruments

Sayyidina Abu Umamah رضي الله عنه relates that Rasulallah ﷺ said: 'Allah ﷻ has sent me as a Mercy and Guidance for the A'lamin. 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)

Rasulullah ﷺ was sent as a Mercy for Mankind. The teachings of Islam are for all nations until the Day of Judgment. Rasulallah ﷺ has related a few reasons of the many for which he ﷺ was sent to Mankind. The purpose of brining 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; first and foremost was Music. Shaitan uses Music to infiltrate, control and confuse the mind and destroy the inner peace of people. When this is disturbed, the person's bodily actions are easily led to those actions that Shaitan wishes one to perform.

Sayyidina Abu Sa'id Al Khudri رضي الله عنه related: On a particular journey with Rasulallah ﷺ, we were in Arj. Incidentally, a man came and started singing in front of us. Rasulallah ﷺ said: 'Grab him and stop the Shaitan.' He said: 'It is better for a persons stomach to be filled with puss, instead of filling it with songs.' (Sahih Muslim/ Mishkaat Al Masaabih, p411)

By filling a persons stomach with puss and impure things, the only thing that will be affected will be his health. However, through habitually being involved in songs and music, a person is in danger of losing his Islam.

Nowadays, in the parties and weddings of the Muslims as well as those functions which are held in the name of Deen, music has become a common practice. Without this, people do not consider their functions to be correctly performed. Reality being, the acceptance of music has become normal instead of its rejection.

The acceptance of the elders allowing and enjoying music is having a very detrimental mental and spiritual effect on the younger generations.

Just as the Prophet ﷺ stated: 'My Lord has sent me to destroy musical instruments.' If we think with a clear mind, are the Muslims today abstaining from this or increasing in it? Are the elders of the family protecting their children from this vice or turning a blind eye to their adoration for music?

## Music and Singing in the Light of Ulema and Fuqahas writings

The above Ahadith prove the impermissibility of Music and Singing in Islam. For this very reason (the proof of narrations and Qur'an) the Ulema and Fuqaha have always been unified on the reality of Music and Singing being Haram.

Imam Shabi رحمه الله states: 'the one who sings and for whom it is sung, both are cursed by Allah ﷻ.'  
Fudhayl bin Ayaz رحمه الله states: 'the act of singing and music inclines one towards Zina.'

Nafi' رحمه الله the teacher of Imam Malik رحمه الله states: 'he was once travelling with Sayyidina Abdullah bin Umar رضي الله عنه and he (Abdullah bin Umar رضي الله عنه) happened to hear a flute, he (Abdullah bin Umar رضي الله عنه) stuck both his fingers in his ears and walked far away from that area so that he could no longer hear that flute. He said, whenever Rasulallah ﷺ would hear such a noise as this, he too would do exactly as I have done.' (Sunan Baihaqi v4, p283)

Rasulullah ﷺ stated: 'To listen to useless things (music and singing) is a sin, and to sit in such gatherings where this is done is transgression of Allah's laws, and to get pleasure from this sin is to deny the blessings and bounties of Allah ﷻ on His servant. It is for this reason that one safeguards themselves from these actions.' (Fatawa Shami)

The Shari'ah of Islam has very strictly prohibited Muslims from taking part in and listening to music and singing, it is unfortunate that the Muslims are engrossed in this great sin nowadays. And instead of the sound of Quranic recitation coming from the homes of the Muslims, day & night the sound of Music is emitted many a time, it is not enough for some to be engrossed in this sin, they also include others in this sin by making them hear it too.

Today the most pleasing things for our youth are the smart phones, instant messaging and social networking platforms...due to which they forget the meaning of day and night. This is destroying the morals of dignity and respect and causing immodesty to be rife.

### **Important Point to Note in Respect of Nasheed and Qawalis**

The strange thing is that in this day and age, through these Haram means people try to propagate Islamic values and the listeners take it as a form of worship to listen to Nasheeds and Qawalis accompanied by music, this is nothing but mocking the name of Islam and the Shari'ah.

It is similar to claiming to do a good deed by reading the Holy Qur'an and Ahadith through a musical medium, the Muslim Ummah can never accept this. In the same manner the name of Allah ﷻ and His Prophet ﷺ is taken with impermissible voices and mediums.

These nasheed and qawalis are many a time worse than music and songs, as many of the recitors hold incorrect beliefs and proclaim statements of Shirk and Kufr within the wordings. Granting the walis of Allah the status of Prophet and the Prophets the status of Allah ﷻ. Therefore, is it important to verify the origin of a nasheed and its recitor to safeguard oneself from this evil also.

Sayyidina Ibn Umar رضى الله عنه related: The Prophet ﷺ stated: 'Do not praise me in excess of that which is right, like the Christians have done to Isa (Jesus) son of Mary رضى الله عنها. I am merely the servant of Allah and one of His Prophets. Therefore, refer to me as Abdullah and Rasulallah.' (Saheeh Bukhari/ Saheeh Muslim)

May Allah ﷻ protect us from the evils and influence of music and grant us the understanding of His Deen and purify our hearts and minds. Ameen! آمين

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