

WHAT A CORRUPT SOCIETY IS THIS !

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Preface

The society which was organized under the guidance of the Holy Prophet (Sallal Lahu Alaihi Wasallam) was given the title of "Khair-e- Ummah" (the best society) by Almighty Allah and its speciality is described in the Divine words "enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong and believing in Allah".

But among the Muslims of the present age, there is only a tiny group which possesses this virtue. The condition of the rest is such that, despite their claim to be Muslims, they have drowned themselves in sins and are busy spreading evils. Hence they are not 'Khair-e- Ummah' but they are 'Sharr-e Ummah' (the worst society). This is the reason why Corruption and Immorality have spread out on a large scale among Muslims and corruption has turned into a tempest. On the one hand there is the claim of having faith in Allah and Aakhirat (GOD and Hereafter) and on the other an exhibition of the worst kind of deeds. This reflects the defect in their belief. Had they trust in the Quranic Words :

لَيْسَ لِنَاسٍ إِلَّا مَا سَعَى

meaning "and that for man is only that for which he made effort" (Najm, 39) and had they really believed that on the Day of Judgment, everybody will have to get punishment or reward according to his deeds and that "those who are surrounded by their sins they (surely) are the companions of fire (Hell) where they shall abide eternally" (Baqarah,81), they would not have become so bold in behaving badly. The thing which has suspended their belief in the divine reward and punishment is the misconception about 'Shafa'at' (intercession) which the Quran has rejected strongly, so also their wrong imagination that since they have clung to the 'Daman' of their 'Buzurgs'

(saints) and 'Peers' (sages) and as they are offering 'Niyaz' to them they will save them from the punishment of Hell on the Day of Qiyaamah.

Religious Muslims are generally careless about reforming others and there is a group which very much exaggerates description of the reward of good deeds but totally ignores the duty of forbidding what is evil though this duty has been imposed on them by the holy Quran. The item of raising voice against the gushing flood of evils finds no place in their programmes. In fact, the checking of corruption and opposing the evils requires courage without which man can do nothing in this direction. Therefore, wherever Allah has asked us to tell the truth he has also ordained us to be patient. Would that these people realize what a big crime they are committing by sidetracking the responsibility of forbidding the evil Taking the Jews to task for their common corruption the Holy Quran had said

لَوْلَا يَنْهَاهُمُ الرَّبَّيُّونَ وَ الْأَحْبَارُ عَنْ قَوْلِهِمُ الْإِثْمَ وَأَكْلِهِمُ الشُّحْتَ
لَبُئْسَ مَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ . (مائدة- ٦٣)

"Why do not the Rabbies and the theologians forbid them from uttering sinful words and eating things forbidden? -Evil indeed is what they are doing "(Maaidah.63)

This pamphlet is written for arousing this feeling An effort has been made herein, while making a brief survey of various evils, to shake those who are indulging in this immorality Presenting the commandments of Quran before them, they have been reminded of the final result of disobedience so that if their souls are not dead, they may heed and reform themselves May this pamphlet reach the maximum number of people and become an instrument of their reformation Aameen!

INTRODUCTION

It is a very big tragedy that Muslims have deviated from the guidelines given by the Quran and the Sunnah for the construction of a Muslim society. Lamentably, the deviation is also so much that they have neither a feeling of the trampling under feet of moral values nor of the fact that they are indulging in evil instead of good and in destruction instead of construction.

**“Waa-e Nakami ke Mataa-e Kaarvaan Jataa Rahaa
Kaarvaan Ke Dil Se Ahsaase Ziyaan Jaata Rahaa”**

(What a dreadful defeat that the caravan has lost not only its wealth but also the feeling of the big loss!)

Over and above this, if some people call them toward reformation and such callers are indeed few the careless masses are not prepared even to listen to their words. Such is the stone-heartedness which creeps into a society when it gets deeply drowned in sins, crimes and evils and insists on treading the same dirty path. In such a polluted atmosphere, the problem faced by those few people who by the Grace of God get up to take the work of reform, is that to whom and how should they address! Despite this difficulty, thank God, the doors of improvement are not yet tightly closed. Experience shows that a sincere and sympathetic approach has

indeed produced some good result and several slaves of God have changed their course for the better .

In view of this situation, it is felt necessary to discuss at some length those evils which are the product of modern civilization, particularly of the media and which have firmly held the society in their clutches.

THE TELEVISION:

In this age, the invention of television has turned every house into a cinema house. It spreads obscene songs as well as presents shameless scenes. Beautiful ladies are brought before the eyes of the public and all are invited to enjoy ‘body watch’. Awkwardness is badly exhibited in the name of advertisement. Nudity is such that man may begin to perspire shamefully. The serials are such that tales of romance and events of violence may erase the feeling of morality from hearts forever. Events are shown in such a way that minds may become poisoned by idolatry and polytheism. Films are such that they may make the viewers expert in crimes and quarrels. In short, mischief is being systematically spread by

producing and presenting things which burn out morals, create criminal mentality and ruin faith and belief. Since T. V. tempts both the eyes and the ears people go crazy over it to such an extent that in the residence of a newlywed couple the T.V. set enters first and thereafter the bride. Even the slum-dwellers do not miss it.

Despite all this, it cannot be said that television is a bad invention and hence unlawful in itself. No, its usefulness is also great. It presents news along with actual surroundings whereby man not only becomes aware of world events but he can also observe many happenings himself which is an obvious necessity of the present age. Religious programmes are also shown through it including scenes of Hajj. Sometimes dramas are telecast which can help social reformation. Medical, technical, scientific, astronomical, etc. information is being presented quite clearly. The devastations of earthquakes, floods and riots are shown in such a way that the viewer feels he is in their midst. In addition to all these things, it is also important that the scenes of war shown on television are obviously both

useful and essential. Some years back they had telecast the war between Iraq and other Gulf countries which was necessary both for the information of the public as well as for the instruction of the military. It was shown how scud missiles had rained on Israel and Riyadh, etc and how the anti-missile "Patriot" could destroy them in mid-air. Was there any person who did not want to observe such events? It was all the more beneficial from the military view-point. Such martial techniques are essential for jihad purposes too. Who can then deny the useful and essential aspects of television?

Concerning the question of T.V. being JAIZ (Lawful) or NAJAIZ (Unlawful)- permissible or non-permissible there is no reason for regarding it as unlawful in itself because it is the use or misuse of it which can be considered either lawful or unlawful from the viewpoint of Islamic shariah. T.V. cannot be condemned as NAJAIZ by comparing it with painted picture, because, the invention of Television is the result of a law of nature according to which the picture or impression of everything including our own selves is being transmitted into space. Modern technology has found out the way of retrieving the said imprint which is the work a T.V. set does through T.V. cameras and aerial antenna and satellite receiver. It is just like the earlier invention of transforming sound waves into electrical waves and vice versa through radio technology. Here man utilizes light waves. The photo impression of man falls everywhere including Water wherein too we can see our shadow like a mirror. The mirror is an ancient invention which has not been disallowed by Shariah. Someone may say that the picture seen in a mirror is, temporary whereas the film makes it permanent. But, firstly, the pictures appearing on the T.V. screen are, as far as the viewers are concerned, temporary, not permanent and, secondly, the Shariah has never imposed any

condition of temporary or permanent. If the picture seen in a mirror has been admitted by the Shariah as permissible, It is so not because it is temporary in nature but because, it is, according to physical law of nature, an impression which appears like a picture due to the mercury applied on glass. As it is a useful thing, it has not been disallowed by the Shariah. Now, if as a result of advanced scientific technology the said impression is transformed into a picture on the screen of television, it can be regarded as an extension of improvement upon mirror and is thus un-prohibited or admissible. On this ground, the necessity of keeping the eyes within religious limits on T.V. screen is almost like controlling our ears within Shariat limitations while listening to a radio. If the sound is that of a singer woman both its broadcasting and listening is prohibited. Similarly it is the prohibited scenes and actions which cannot be allowed to be telecast and viewed. In other words T.V. itself is a useful thing and hence not absolutely inadmissible. But if it is used to see and hear and to make others see and hear prohibited scenes and sounds then telecasting, viewing and hearing all are unlawful from the Islamic viewpoint, and all those who take part in such activities will be sinners. It can be said here that, in such a case, one cannot see anything on (or make any use of) T.V. because they bring in women all the time and even news casters are women. Then the truth is that we have also to skip off undesirable photos and pictures while reading news papers which are often full of unhealthy scenes. Similarly we can use T.V. turning our eyes from prohibited scenes appearing on a T.V. screen. Likewise, if such obscenities crop up during news casting we can even switch off the set for some minutes. One who can take such precautions may utilize T.V. Otherwise it is compulsory to keep away from the idiot box. If one is doubtful about the misuse or careless use of it by

one's family members it will not be proper to bring it in one's home.

Family atmosphere is being badly polluted by unscrupulous use of T.V. Especially, it terribly harms children's mind and character. Can you now not observe T.V.'s harmful effects in the behavior of kids and teenagers? It is the direct result of the awkward and ugly things telecast by various trade and business companies in the form of advertisements. Can kids ever learn any thing except vulgarity after viewing such rotten scenes?

Do not children learn by heart vulgar songs and are the youth not driven in dirty lanes of sexual anarchy? Does not the exhibition of singing and dancing by almost naked ladies contribute to social corruption from the moral viewpoint? After observing such nonsense on such a large scale do you still intend to use T.V. in the same way as deniers of God and the Hereafter do? Then what is the difference between you and them? Momin (Faithful) is the one who does everything remaining within the boundaries drawn by the Islamic Shariah. There are difficulties in observing such a control. But, then because of that restrain he gets qualified for Divine Reward. Remember:

إِنَّ السَّمْعَ وَالبَصَرَ وَالفُؤَادَ كُلُّ أُولَئِكَ كَانَ عَنْهُ مَسْئُولًا .

(بنی اسرائیل آیت-۳۶)

"Verily, the hearing, the sight and the heart, each of them will be asked." (Bani Israil. 36)

Then what will be the reply of those eyes and ears which used to derive pleasure from the sights and sounds of women on T.V. and radio? What will be the explanation of those hearts which entertained bad thoughts due to sexual sensations? Has not God Almighty commanded men and women to keep their

gaze low before unrelated persons of the opposite sex? Is it not, then, a visual and audial adultery to engage oneself in viewing and hearing prohibited things? One who does not feel the harm of such big evils cannot lead a righteous life. If he offers his daily prayers he should keep in mind that Salat (Namaaz) prohibits one from obscenities and bad things. The Holy Quran says:

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَى عَنِ الفَحْشَاءِ وَالمُنْكَرِ (سورة نكبت آیت-۴۰)

"Verily Salat (Namaaz) prevents from lewdness and evil" (Ankaboot, 40)

Is then not this prayer spiritless which does not obstruct him from indecency and licentiousness?

Briefly speaking, if T.V. has, on the one side, become an unavoidable necessity of life, on the other, it is also contributing a lot to large scale destruction of morals. So its use would be admissible only if proper care is taken to save ourselves from its evil effects. The one who is unable to use T.V. within admissible limits should turn his face away from it.

SPORTS:

The progress of civilization has also created 'progressive' kinds of sports. Cricket, foot ball, hockey, tennis, gymnastics, boxing, skating, horse race, mixed races of male and females, car race, etc. are not such short time entertainments which can be allowed to go on without criticism. Neither are they being played within moral limits which can be regarded as advantageous. The fact is that these things have maddened people to such an extent they have become the aim of their lives. T.V. radio and press publicise these games and sports in a big way which very much contributes in influencing young minds whereby they are led on wrong lines.

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It cannot be denied that entertainment is a requirement of human nature. Islam has also allowed it to a certain extent. It is mentioned in the holy Quran that Prophet Yusuf's brothers had asked the permission of their father Prophet Yaqoob for taking young Yusuf for playing games.

أَرْسَلَهُ مَعَنَا غَدًا يَرْتَعُ وَيَلْعَبُ - (سورة يوسف - ١٢)

"Send him with us tomorrow that he may refresh himself and play." (Yusuf,12)

And Prophet Yaqoob had allowed it.

Similarly, it is mentioned in the books of the holy Prophet's biography that the mother of all muslims, Aayesha (May Allah be pleased with her), used to play with dolls with other little girls when she was young.

كنت العب بالبنات عند النبي ﷺ (بخارى كتاب الادب)

"I used to play with dolls in the presence of the Holy Prophet." (Bukhari, Kitaabul Adab)

And so far as these games are concerned which are good for health like running or which teach defence techniques like swimming or which are essential for jihad like shooting and horse-riding etc., Islam has not only allowed them but has also encouraged them :

الا ان القوة الرمي ، الا ان القوة الرمي ، الا ان القوة الرمي-

"Listen! There is power in shooting. Listen! There is (Muslim -Kitaabul Imara)

Those were no sports of entertainment or a pastime but they were a source of strength which has been commanded by Lord Almighty for the purpose of Jihad or the holy war:

وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ - (سورة انفال - ٦٠)

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"Muster against them all the strength that you can". (Anfaal,60).

But sports of the modern civilized world of today are neither bound by any moral limits nor are they the source of attaining any good goal. They are merely a pastime and only offer a chance to boast about one's superiority over others. Just think about cricket. It appears that the players have made it the aim of their lives. They go on playing all the year round and are making grand shows of their matches in large stadiums which are built only for this purpose throughout the world. Billions of rupees are spent for this purpose and the winning players are not only loudly praised by the people but they also become popular and prestigious only on this account. Muslim countries are ahead in this pastime and they are wasting unlimited amounts on it. Those players who win the matches are given big awards as if they had performed a great adventure by making more runs whereas only seven runs (sae between Safaa and Marwah in Hajj) are quite sufficient for the success in both the worlds of a Faithful Momin. Cricket news are being broadcast and telecast daily on radio and T.V. and newspapers also publish their detailed accounts with bold headlines. Even religious periodicals do not lag behind in this affair. They never criticise it. Most of the dailies reserve some pages for such news. As a result, every child strives to become a famous cricketer. Not only small children but even youth have begun to play on public roads and footpaths putting passer-bys to a lot of trouble. A collective congregation (Salaat) is going on in a mosque; yet right in front of them the cricket lovers are busy playing! Looking at such serious engrossment of the players one thinks of putting a bat and a ball in their graves so that they may continue to play cricket even in their life after death! No wonder, when the questioning angels

(Munkar and Nakeer) arrive before them they might imagine that they belong to another team which has come to play with them.

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ ذَلِكَ .

Power is only with God and we seek His refuge against all detractions.

Added to this show business is the mixing of women with male players. They exhibit their bodily charms wearing nominal clothes. Shameless shows of their swimming are telecast so that every feeling of shame may be washed out from the heart of every viewer.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ .

Verily we are from GOD and toward HIM is our return.

Those engrossed in games forget that Divine punishment can come down upon them any moment:

أَوَ أَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا ضُحًى وَهُمْ يُلْعَبُونَ . (سورة اعراف- ٩٨)

“ Or do the people of the townships feel secure that Our punishment will not come in broad daylight while they are playing ?” (Aaraaf,98)

A recent example of such a Divine wrath is the earthquake of Killari, in Maharashtra, which had wiped out the residents along with their residences. Several such calamities do visit us and yet those who are drowned in sins and evils are not prepared to open their eyes. What a great loss awaits the one who meets with his death while playing:

وَ الْعَصْرِ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

وَ تَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَ تَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ . (سورة عصر)

“By Time, verily man is in loss except those who believe, and do righteous deeds, and enjoin upon each other truth, and enjoin upon each other patience.” (Surah Al-Asr)

Time is melting like ice. The span of life given by God to everybody is decreasing every second. This period of life has been given to him so that, utilizing it properly, he may develop those virtues within him which may lead him to ‘Jannah’ (Paradise) in the ‘Aakhirat’ (Hereafter). But if he does not appreciate time and wastes it aimlessly he is sure to be in loss in the eternal life after death. The punishment of Hell is indescribably terrible, a mere mention whereof is enough to raise hair on ends in dread and fear. Have then those who waste their lives in games imagined that they will get similar entertainment in Hellfire !

A game, be it of any kind, except one that fulfills some important goals does cultivate a mentality of remaining constantly engrossed in games. Then, when man becomes habituated to it, his interest therein goes on multiplying and he forgets thinking about GOD. And when man stops thinking and remembering ALLAH he loses his sense of responsibility and accountability, and then gets inclined towards games of luck and lotteries like gambling. The games of losing and winning turn him into a gambler. Gambling initially was a game the undesirability of which has been described in the Holy Quran in these Words :

إِنَّمَا يَرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ

وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ . (سورة مائدة- ٩١)

“ Satan only seeks to cast enmity and hatred among you, by means of wine and gambling, an keep you, away from the remembrance of Allah and from Salat prayer): ‘Will you not then abstain?’” (Maaidah. 91)

Most of the games of today mentioned by us above have developed various forms of gambling which cultivate the mentality of earning money unlawfully.

Forgetting prayer makes man unmindful of obeying Allah. Hence Imam Bukhari in his collection of Ahadith has formed a chapter titled:

باب- كل لهو باطل اذا شغله عن طاعة الله وقوله تعالى ومن الناس من يشتري

لهو الحديث ليضل عن سبيل الله (بخارى كتاب الاستئذان)

“Every sport which makes man forgetful of obedience to God is Batil (unlawful-prohibited)”.

Allah commands: “There are people who purchase aimless things so as to lead man astray from the Path of God.”

The truth is that those who do not keep the high aim of Hereafter before their eyes make worldliness and its games their aim of life.

These absurdities of sports are such that those whose moral feeling is awake cannot deny their harmfulness. But generally people get influenced by their attractions and their engrossment in them increases day by day. This engrossment in sports is a very big cause of the current social corruption. Had they valued TIME they would have acted responsibly.

NARCOTIC DRUGS:

One of the big reasons for social corruptions is indulgence of the new generation in the evil habit of drinking alcohol and using narcotic drugs. The intoxication from alcohol gives a special feeling of temporary pleasure and turns the drinker toward pleasure-hunting. Once habituated he never gets rid of it. He gradually gets addicted to it.

A large number of Muslim youth today is fond of drinking and is busy in merry-making. They are concerned only with today and are totally unmindful about what will happen tomorrow.

In the words of Omar Khaiyaam:

“Today is the only available occasion; tomorrow is uncertain; So go on hunting pleasure now, for, though there will be moon-lit nights we will not remain.”

While the Holy Quran has warned:

إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ يُحِبُّونَ الْعَاجِلَةَ وَيَذَرُونَ وَرَاءَهُمْ يَوْمًا ثَقِيلًا - (سورة الانسان-٢٧)

“These people love this fleeting life and leave behind them a very severe Day.” (Al-Insaan,27)

It seems that faith in the Quran has been shattered. Otherwise, these drunkard people would not have indulged in drinking and pleasure-hunting.

The Quran has explicitly declared wine as Haraam (unlawful). It has also explained its harmfulness:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رَجْسٌ
مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ
يُوقِعَ بَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ

عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ - (سورة المائدة ٩١-٩٠)

“O you who believe! intoxicants and gambling, stone-alters and divination from arrows for drawing lots are all filthy and acts of Satan. So restrain from this, so that you may succeed. Satan only seeks to cast enmity and hatred among you by means of wine and gambling and keep you away from the remembrance of Allah and from Salat (Prayer). Will you then abstain?” (Surah Maaidah,90-91)

Describing the foremost harm of wine-drinking it is said that it is ‘rijs’ meaning a Satanic act which injects perversity in mind and spoils moral character. We can see that the thoughts of drunkards are dirty and their character and behavior is filthy.

Hence whosoever wants to lead a pious life and whosoever intends to keep his thoughts clean must always remain far away from all sorts of intoxicants.

Another harm of drinking is that it creates enmity and hatred between people because it arouses feelings which result in quarrelling. Thus man is not only deprived from peace in his own home but his relations with others also become strained causing occasional bloodshed.

Its third and worst harmful effect is that it prevents man from the remembrance of his Lord and from Salaat (Prayer). In other words, it is the specialty of intoxicants that they make man unmindful of God. Hence drunkards and drug users are neither interested in remembrance of Allah nor in offering prayers. This carelessness gives an opportunity to Satan to ride over him. An intoxicated man utters all kinds of nonsense and does not realize what he says. Therefore Salaat is not permissible in a state of drunkenness.

It is clear that an intoxicated person has no control over his senses. Therefore a drunk car driver often causes accidents thereby endangering lives of others. Intoxicants multiply crime rate. Besides, they are very harmful to health and affect heart and brain badly. The faculties of decision-making, self-controlling and thinking are seriously damaged. Many die of excessive drinking.

When a thing which is the root cause of all these evils and which is correctly called 'Ummul Khabaais' (Mother of evils) is consumed on a large scale, society will naturally become more and more immoral. The happenings all around us testify to this truth.

A new form of intoxicants are those narcotics which are brain-boggling, that is, which deprive the brain of its sensitivity or intellect. One of them is 'Hashish' (charas, ganja, bhang)

which is derived from the leaves of a plant. It can be inhaled like tobacco and also eaten. This is a hallucinogenic drug which creates hallucinations in one's mind whereby its user begins to wander in a make-believe world and gets artificial pleasure through unreal imaginations. A longing for such imaginary happiness drives one toward Hasheesh.

Another drug is heroin which is prepared by mixing a special kind of chemical with morphine, which is an opium-like matter extracted from the raw seeds of the poppy plant. Heroin is dissolved in water and then injected in the human body which, within seconds, creates a strange feeling of warmth and pleasure and causes drowsiness. It affects the

senses so adversely that man cannot concentrate his thoughts on any thing. Its consumers ultimately turn into criminals. The New Encyclopedia Britannica has detailed its harmfulness (Please see Vol.5,p.883).

The third thing is 'Garad' (Brown Sugar) which is prepared by mixing some things with heroin. A little quantity of the brown sugar smoke is inhaled like snuff which drugs man into a condition similar to that created by heroin. One who is addicted to it experiences much trouble in its absence

to such an extent that he becomes restless. Besides stunning the brain 'Garad' also makes the human body lean and causes death within a short time. People become addicts of such dangerous and killer drugs just toward the tension of worldly worries off their minds. In other words, they have become so fed up with their lives that they want to get rid of it at any cost. The trade of 'grad' is fast increasing today and many youngsters are seen involved therein. Garad (brown sugar) users are mostly worthless and wretched fellows found lying in awkward positions here and there. They even resort to stealing for purchasing 'Garad'. Their crimes have become a

big nuisance for the human society .

The fourth material is cocaine which is obtained from the coca plant which is imported from other countries. Its injection into the body gives a false feeling of freshness to the user who thinks he is no more tired. He starts swimming in an ocean of imaginary pleasure but its poisonous effects on mind (brain) are deadly. It causes melancholy and convulsions which often proves fatal.

In short, these drugs which are being consumed on a very large scale now are extremely harmful to physical health as well as devastating for the functioning of the brain. It very adversely affects man's moral life and social behavior. Man has been given this earthly life to pass it with a full sense of his responsibilities and it is a fact that after using such mind-baffling drugs man can never fulfill his responsibilities. Thus such things are disastrous for the very aim of man's life.

One of the reasons for the ban on drinking prescribed or commanded in the Quran is that it prevents man from the remembrance of Allah and Salaat and this evil effect is found in all narcotics. As their consumption either in a solid form or in a liquid injection desensitizes the brain and makes man . unmindful of God, they fall in the category of Haraam (prohibited) things. A hadith says:

كل مسكر حرام (مسلم كتاب الاثرية)

“Every intoxicating thing is prohibited.” (Muslim, Kitaabul Ashrabah)

Another hadith in “Aboo Dawood” clarifies further:

نهى رسول الله ﷺ عن كل مسكر ومفتور . (ابوداؤد كتاب الاثرية)

“The prophet of Allah has prohibited every thing which intoxicates the mind and harms the faculty of thinking. (Aboo Dawood, Kitaabul Ashrabah)

Hazrat Umar (R.A.) has described ‘Khamr’ (intoxicant) like this :

والخمر ما خامر العقل . (بخارى كتاب الاثرية)

“Khamr is a thing which overpowers brain: (Bukhaari, Kitaabul Ashrabah)

Allamah Ibne Taimiyah says:

اكل هذه الحشيشة الصلبة حرام، وهى من اخبث الخبائث المحرمة،

وسواء كل منها قليلا او كثيرا . (مجموع فتاوى ابن تيمية ج ٣ ص ٢١٣)

“The eating of this solid Hasheesh is prohibited It is the Worst of all prohibited evils, if taken in a little quantity or a large one.” (Majmooa-e Fataawaa-e Ibn-e Taimiyah, Vol. 34. P. 213

These details make it clear that anything which creates intoxication or suspends the faculties of thinking and reasoning and adversely affects the faculty of decision-making or differentiating, be it solid or liquid, is Haraam and hence the use of drugs is compulsorily prohibited It is the official duty of every Muslim to prevent people from evils But the present condition of the Muslim society is such that many a number of them are destroying their homes and families by themselves becoming drinkers and drug addicts, They are not even ashamed of indulging in the trade of these things. In other words, the reformers have turned Corruptors This disobedience to Divine guidance has made them criminals, the result of which is very bad in this life and extremely humiliating and painful in the Hereafter Let them take heed before facing the ultimate loss.

UNLAWFUL (UN-ISLAMIC) Earning

(a) One of the basic causes of the current corruption is unlawful earning. Men are woefully indulging in it. They want to earn more and more with less and less effort so that they may 'raise' their standard of living and may lead their lives "comfortably", responding to all the demands of modern day civilization, be they essential or not. They call themselves "Muslims" and declare their faith in the Islamic Shariah, but their practical lives are free from the limitations imposed by Islam. They do not differentiate between Halaal (lawful) and Haraam (unlawful) and care not the least whether their ways of earning money are admissible or not, and also whether what they are admitting into their stomachs is clean or dirty. Neither do they care whether their wealth is pure (paak) nor are they mindful of the pit of destruction in which they are plunging.

An unlawful thing which has badly engulfed our social life is interest or 'Ribaah'. The world-worshippers have established such a system of economy that it has become impossible to keep any trade or business free from interest. In such circumstances the obligation of giving or paying interest is comprehensible, because, when there is no alternative except paying interest on loans, one has to bear this injustice. But there is no cause at all for earning interest and thereby eating others' money unlawfully and unjustly. The Holy Quran has termed interest as an unjust oppression. Therefore, any amount of interest which has been included in our income against our wish, should not be used for ourselves but must be spent in other good purposes as a Sadaqah. But people have become very bold in both eating interest and engaging themselves in trades of interest. Many people do not consider that the interest given by banks is interest while it is an obvious interest; the Ulama are unanimous on its being interest. Whenever a man

getting loan from a bank has to pay a big amount by way of interest he feels it painful. This, in itself, shows that interest is the other name of taking undue benefit of a fellow human being's difficulty. Such a feeling is not experienced in trade when the purchaser pays the amount of trade profit to the seller. This is an obvious difference between trade and interest and also between the profit earned in business and the interest earned on trade loans. Moreover, it is a fact that the amounts which are being kept in banks in savings accounts or fixed deposits are being used by banks for giving loans to traders at high rates of interest. It gives a part of the total income to the deposit holders or the share-holders. Thus the amount of interest which a bank credits to the accounts of the account-holders is a portion of the interest earned by the bank and it can by no means be called a trade benefit or business profit. Besides bank interest, people have also devised other heinous ways of earning interest. Accordingly when something is sold on credit the seller fixes its price so high that it becomes difficult for the purchaser to pay and this transaction becomes a cause of conflict. It appears like a trade or business transaction but the mentality behind it is surely that of an interest devourer and it certainly is a kind of exploitation which is based on taking an undue advantage of the poor purchaser. Bonds also contain interest. More interest thereon is being earned by selling it at a high price.

"Ribaah" (interest) has been termed absolutely Haraam (unlawful) by the Holy Quran. There is no difference in earning it on transactions of individual needs and on loans given for trade and business purposes. 'Ribaah' (interest) is that excess amount which is being recovered over and above the principal amount of loan. It is a clear and obvious cruelty toward the indebted man and it affects the morals of the recovered very

adversely. Hence Islam has sternly prohibited it. The Holy Quran say:

الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الرِّبَا لَا يَقُومُونَ إِلَّا كَمَا يَقُومُ الَّذِي يَتَخَبَّطُهُ الشَّيْطَانُ مِنَ الْمَسِّ. ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا الْبَيْعُ مِثْلُ الرِّبَا وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا فَمَنْ جَاءَهُ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ فَانْتَهَى فَلَهُ مَا سَلَفَ وَأَمْرُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَمَنْ عَادَ فَأُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ . (سورة بقره- ۲۷۵)

“Those who devour (take) interest will not rise except as rises the one whom the devil, by his touch has made crazy. That is because they say: Trade is like interest where as Allah has made trade lawful and forbidden interest. Now he who, after hearing admonition from his Lord, desists, whatever he has taken in the past is his and his case is with Allah; But those who repeat (the offence are companions of the Fire; they will abide therein.” (Surah.Baqarah.275)

This ayat (verse) gives a threat to interest-earners that they will remain in Hell for ever. This shows that it is the most serious offence. How can any true faithful person have courage to earn interest after hearing such a stern warning?

The Quran has described the taking and devouring interest by the Jews as an item of the charge sheet of serious sins which shows that the prohibition of interest is a pre-Islamic Divine Commandment.

وَ أَخَذِهِمُ الرِّبَا وَقَدْ نُهُوا عَنْهُ وَأَكْلِهِمْ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ
وَ أَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا . (سورة نساء- ۱۲۱)

“And because of their taking interest when they were forbidden it, and of their devouring peoples’ wealth unlawfully. And we have prepared for those who disbelieve a painful

punishment.”(Nisaa,161)

(b) Bribery is also very rampant today. When high government officials take bribes why the lower category should not! Government machinery has become so much corrupt that people have to pay big amounts as bribe. Neither a municipal clerk or a high officer misses it and no work is carried out without the payment of bribe. No paper moves from one table to another unless something is paid to the concerned employee. People approach courts for getting justice but there also the concerned clerks do not give required documents or copies of judgments without collecting some bribe. In short, no department functions without getting bribed. So much so that even in a hospital if someone has to collect the body of an expired relative, one has to throw some bits of bread before man-like animals to get the body in time. One meets with stone-heartedness even at a time which demands sympathy. Government as well as semi-government workers all are crawling in the muddy water of bribery .In short, corruption has captured the entire society in its clutches tightly. As a matter of principle, the character of Muslims ought to have been clean and they should have saved themselves from taking bribe because their position is that of those who remain steadfast on justice and equity and that of those who are expected to cure the disease and never like those who extract money through oppression and high-handedness. But, alas, they too are badly involved in corruption. They also think that today’s cash is better than tomorrow’s credit. But they will realize on the Day of Qiyamah (Judgment) when they will see that by devouring others’ wealth unlawfully, they have filled their bellies with fire !

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ . (سورة نساء- ۲۹)

“O You believe! Do not devour one another’s property by false methods.” (Nisaa. 29)

The way of Jews has been described as:

أَكَاوُنَ لِلشُّحْتِ - (مائدة-٢٢)

“(They are) devourers of forbidden things.” (Maidah,42)

Here the word used in the Quran is ‘Suht’ which means unlawful money, especially bribe. A Hadith clarifies:

لعن رسول الله ﷺ الرشاشى والمرتشى. (ترمذى ابواب الاحكام)

“The Holy Prophet has condemned both the taker of bribe as ‘Yell as the giver of bribe.’” (Tirmizi, Abvaabul Ahkaam) and the Ulema have explained:

فاما الرشوة فى الحكم او رشوة العامل فحرام بلا خلاف. (مغنى ج٩ ص ٤٨)

“ A bribe which is given for obtaining court ruling or to any officer (who is responsible for doing the work) is unlawful. No one differs in this opinion.” (Mughni, Vol:9, P.78)

Really speaking anybody who has been appointed on a certain post, be he a government officer or an ordinary employee, a minister or a peon, a judge or a court employee, a semi-government worker or a clerk, a person in charge of any workshop or company or institute, he is responsible to carry out his duty for which he is getting a decided salary. Therefore, he is not entitled to get from anybody any amount or reward or gift for any service rendered by him. He must fulfill his duty honestly. Any hesitation in doing one’s job without collecting any amount, or to deny to do the work, or delay the work of one who wants to get his right, or to put pressure on him to give bribe or to show favours to one who pays bribe or to accept gifts in exchange of doing one’s duty are all various forms of corruption and bribery .It is never and in no circumstances

allowed to accept it. As regards the giver, he also is a sinner. Of course, in today’s difficult conditions, one might find no way of getting his dues without paying bribe. In such extraordinary situations the giver may be forgiven if it is absolutely impossible to save oneself from injustice and oppression without paying bribe, because, he is not giving money for any ulterior motive but only to ward off oppression. It is mentioned in the commentary of ‘Tirmizi’:

فاما ما يعطى توصلا الى اخذ حق او دفع ظلم فغير داخل فيه . (ج٢ ص ٥١٥)

“Whatever is given for warding off oppression or for obtaining one’s right is not considered bribe.” (Tohfa Vol.4, P.565)

And Mughni mentions:

وان رشاه ليدفع ويجزيه على واجبه فقد قال عطاء وجابر

بن زيد والحسن لا باس ان يصانع عن نفسه . (مغنى ج٩ ص ٨٤)

“And if he pays to save himself from oppression or gives a gift to obtain his right, then,” according to the opinion of Ataa Jabir bin Zaid and Hasan (Basri), “there is no objection in giving bribe.” (Vol.9.P.87)

This allowance is only up to the limit of helplessness. Otherwise to become bold in bribery on the basis of this allowance is never lawful.

In today’s society bribery has taken the form of an epidemic. Scams amounting to crores of rupees are being exposed. Muslims are also involved therein showing their bad character. It is this bribe due to which obtaining justice has become very difficult and it is also because of it that oppression is increasing day by day. Bribe-devourers have crossed all limits and people have become fed up with their demands. The Government has totally failed in stopping the corruption.

Its real remedy is the belief that we will have to account for our deeds before God and that we will have to face reward or punishment as per our deeds in the Hereafter. For this, it is necessary to stir the minds and hearts of people. This task is strenuous indeed. But, then, there is no other way of purifying the society and of removing the deep rooted corruption. Legal remedies can be effective only to a certain extent. But when the law-enforcers themselves become corrupt how can the law show its effectiveness?!

(c) Gambling One more way of earning unlawful money is gambling which has adopted new faces today, for example, matka, race, lottery, etc. Gambling is the name of taking up other's money or losing our money to others only by way of chance. This affair of gaining and losing is against justice which God Almighty has imbibed in human nature and the command to establish which has been issued by the Shariah. But those people who are tempted to acquire easy money without any effort or work and who aspire to become millionaires overnight become gamblers. This habit puts them to monetary loss and poverty and renders their family members in a pitiable condition. If, by chance, they sometime, win, temptation for more makes them put their entire property at stake. Moreover, they squander the unlawfully earned money lavishly.

“Maale Haraam Bood Bajaye Haraam Raft”

(Unlawful money went away to unlawful place)

Nowadays lottery has also become very common. Governments too are patronizing (even conducting) it themselves. Thousands of people purchase lotteries. Only very few of them get rewards. Rest of the losers rub their hands repenting that their money has slipped away. The winners begin to dance thinking that luck has favoured them and made them millionaires in one day. But they do not realize that it is

an unlawful earning which would never prove fruitful. Lottery is an advanced form of gambling. Western thinkers also have accepted this truth. Some countries have banned it in view of the financial, commercial, moral and social evils brought by it. Islam has banned gambling, be it in any form, because of its moral and other kinds of disadvantages and harms: The Holy Quran says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ - إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقَعَ بَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنْتَهُونَ - (سورة مائدة: ٩٠-٩١)

“O you who believe! Wine and gambling, stone-altars and divination from arrows for drawing lots are all filthy and acts of Satan. So refrain from them, so they you may succeed. Satan only seeks to cast enmity and hatred among you by means of wine and gambling, and keep you away from the remembrance of Allah and from Salaat (Prayer). Will you not then abstain?” (Maidah,90-91)

How can a Muslim venture to be involved in a thing which has been termed ‘Rijs’ (dirt) and a satanic deed? But, what a pity that a big section of Muslim masses is unaware of the teachings of the Quran and they do not fear God while committing the biggest kinds of crimes !

(d) Falsehood and Dishonesty: Telling lies and cheating others has become a common thing in trade and business. Today it is difficult to find anything in its pure (unadulterated) form. The mentality of profiteering has invented ways of adulteration which makes its detection very difficult for the consumer. Mixing of water with milk is not a new thing. Many other eatables too

have become adulterated. They mix even harmful things which result in dangerous consequences, for example, mixing harmful oils with eatable oil, mixing kesari dal which is poisonous with other eatable pulses, mixing red colour with chilly powder, mixing rubbish things with spices, etc. Such traders, some of them are also Muslims, care for nothing except profiteering. They care the least about the harmful effects of their filthy deeds on the health of their consumers.

The Quran has cursed severely those who tilt their balances and measures in their favour to the detriment of the other party:

وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا اكْتَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ يَسْتَوْفُونَ - وَإِذَا كَالَهُمْ أَوْ رَزَقُوهُمْ يَخْسِرُونَ - أَلَا يَظُنُّ أُولَئِكَ أَنَّهُمْ مَبْعُوثُونَ لِيَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ - يَوْمَ يَقُومُ النَّاسُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ - (سورة المطففين - ١٠٣-١٠٦)

“Woe to those that indulge in defrauding, those who, when they have to receive by measure from people, exact full measure, and when they have to give by measure or weight to people, give less than due. Do they not think that they will be raised up on a mighty Day when (all) mankind will stand before the Lord of the worlds.?” (Mutaffifeen, 1 to 6)

Mixing decreases quantity. Therefore the mixer becomes a sinner of the offence of curtailing fills and measures. Moreover he also cheats people and plays with their lives. How can their earnings be called lawful? The plight of such traders as pictured in a hadith of the Holy Prophet is this:

ان التجار يبعثون يوم القيامة فجارا الامن اتقى الله وبرو صدق - (ترمذى - ابن ماجه)

“Traders will be raised up as offenders on the Day of Judgment, with the exception of those who feared Allah and

acted honestly and who spoke the truth.” (Timizi-Ibn-e Maajah)

Those who are mad after money plunder others, be they widows or orphans or the poor. They do not realize that they are filling their bellies with fire. Quran has severely warned the devourers of the wealth of orphans:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ الْيَتِيمِ ظُلْمًا إِنَّهُمْ يَأْكُلُونَ فِي بُطُونِهِمْ نَارًا وَسَيَصْلُونَ سَعِيرًا - (سورة نساء - ١٠)

“Verily those who devour the property of orphans unjustly, devour only fire in heir bellies. Soon they will enter a blazing fire.” (Nisaa.10)

And the result of those who devour unlawful wealth has been described thus in hadith:

لا يدخل الجنة لحم نبت من السحت وكل لحم نبت من السحت كانت النار اولى به - (مشكوة كتاب البيوع رواه احمد)

“The flesh made up of unlawful eating will not enter the Paradise and every flesh nourished by unlawful eating is worth only of Hell fire.” (Mishkaat, Kitaabul Buyoo)

SQUANDERING AND EXTRA VAGANCE:

Just as some Muslims do not care for the lawful and the unlawful in their earnings so also they care the least about the limitations laid down by the Shariah in the matter of spending money. Sometimes they spend beyond their limits which is squandering and sometimes they spend it on useless things which is ‘Tabzeer’ or extravagance. The harms of tobacco are quite obvious. Yet many people are chain smokers. It has become a thing of fashion to smoke costly cigarettes among well to do people. They derive a sort of pleasure in turning

rupees into smoke and do not ever think of the trouble experienced by those sitting near them. Senseless spending of money on smoking is a clear proof of their irresponsible behaviour. Collectively people spending crores of rupees on smoking is like throwing out money. Tobacco is planted on thousands of hectares of land. If this land is cultivated for growing grains, food production can be raised considerably and can improve the country's economy.

Ladies are very fond of wearing expensive clothes. They ask their men folk to fulfill their demands in this regard. They require a new set of clothes for attending every marriage ceremony. They feel it shameful to wear those clothes which were once worn for attending another function. This fondness of making a show of clothing's compels them to purchase scores of pairs of clothes and suits. A lot of money is thus wasted. They neither think about their genuine needs nor do they spend within their bounds.

Big amounts are spent in offering Niyaz and Fatiha to saints (Buzurgs). Large size metal cooking pots (Degs) are put on fire in the month of Muharram for preparing 'Khichda' (a mixture of grains and meat) and all are invited to the feasts. Such feasts are held on large scales also on the occasion of "Giyarahwi Shareef" These are acts of open disobedience to God because Islam says that offering of Nazr and Niyaz in the name of anyone except God is totally unlawful, and is Shirk (polytheism). But Satan has made these things pleasant in the eyes of his followers. So they make big shows thereof.

A fake show of religiousness is also made on the day Of Meelaadun-Nabi (Holy Prophet's birthday), whereas making it a function is, in itself, an innovation (bid'at). But those ulema who have led the masses to innovations encourage them to celebrate Meelaadun Nabi with fun fare. So as per their

instructions, large gates are built and a lot of lighting is also arranged. The juloos rally arranged on the day of Meelad is a live presentation of the character of ulemaa-e soo (bad scholars) and of the corruption rampant among Muslims. Such rallies are led by ulema. They burn up a lot of firework the noise whereof is deafening. It seems thousands of rupees are being spent away within minutes only in an entertainment show. There are long lines of trucks and cars in which children and youth make an ugly exhibition of awkwardness. It is difficult to guess as to how much amount is being spent on such shows of vanity. This much diligence for a thing which is not commanded by the Shariat and this much wastage of money in the show business is the result of the unhealthy mentality of Muslims.

Excessive expenses in marriages is a common thing. Wealthy or poor, all indulge in extravagance because they cannot satisfy their feelings unless they do so. What is surprising is that even religious people do not lag behind in this matter except those whom Allah wills. Expensive invitation cards themselves speak out how pompous the ceremony would be. Large amounts are being spent on decorations. The parents of the bride also arrange big feasts, whereas the feast which is according to the Sunnah is Valimah and it should be arranged by the groom himself.

These are just a few examples of extravagance, otherwise, unwise expenditure has become very common. If Muslims are prepared to understand, the following quotations from the Quran are sufficient to shake them:

يَقُولُ أَهْلَكْتُ مَالًا لُبَدًا أَيَحْسَبُ أَنْ لَمْ يَرَهُ أَحَدٌ. (سوره بلد: ٦-٧)

"He says 'I have squandered vast wealth' Does he think that none sees him?" (Balad, 6 - 7)

إِنَّ الْمُبَدِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَكَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ لِرَبِّهِ كَفُورًا -
(سوره بنی اسرائیل - ۱۷)

“Verily the squanderers are the brothers of Satan, and Satan is ever ungrateful to his Lord.” (Bani Israil, 17)

The virtue of a true Faithful (Momin) is described thus:

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا أَنْفَقُوا لَمْ يُسْرِفُوا وَلَمْ يَقْتُرُوا وَكَانَ بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ قَوَامًا -
(سوره فرقان - ۶۷)

“And those who, when they spend, are neither prodigal nor grudging, but keep a balance between the two.” (Furquan,67)

The Holy Quran commands that the wealth earned by a man should not only be spent only on oneself and family, but other relatives and the poor have a right therein. So God commands:

وَأْتِ ذَا الْقُرْبَىٰ حَقَّهُ وَالْمِسْكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَلَا تَبْذُرْ نَبْدِيرًا -
(سوره بنی اسرائیل: ۲۶)

“Give the kinsman his due, and the destitute and the way farer and squander not (your wealth) wastefully.” (Bani Israil,26)

This shows that when a man will squander he will not give the rights of relatives and kins etc. And now days it is common among Muslims to spend money like water for pleasing themselves by taking part in expensive show business but they show no pity on their own poor relatives. So far as giving to the destitutes and needy people are concerned they think that a little donation (Sadaqah) is sufficient. They have wealth which is far more than their needs yet they take no interest in solving the problems of the poor.

QUARRELS & FOUL WORDS

Is there any house today where there is no quarrel? Quarrel are rampant between the bride and her mother-in-law, quarrel between husband and wife, brother and brother, sister and sister, father and son, neighbour and neighbour, between the residents of the same building due to their children, between two politicians, business partners, employers and employees. It seems quarrelling has become a second nature of the people. These daily quarrels have destroyed social peace and tranquility. They are making people devoid of serious thinking.

Quarrels are increasing because no effort is made to understand each others' point of views. They indulge in instant suspicion. Dishonesty also plays its role. Feelings of anger are not kept under control. Suspicious mentality keeps one ever ready for a fight. All of these things are symptoms of moral illness. Nobody cares to cure them. Consequently man misses goodness and prosperity. Happiness bids goodbye. Not only this, man even indulges in many a sin.

A very big sin is using foul language or using bad words which has become almost a part of the speech of the ignorant folk. While quarrelling they become utterly shameless and use extremely foul and obscene words which no noble man would bear to hear. The one who uses foul words, for the mother of the opponent never think, that the poor lady has nothing to do with their dispute. Do they at all know what big sin it is to attack the honour of an innocent lady? The holy prophet. tradition (hadith) says every kind of foul language is a sinful disobedience of Almighty Allah.

سباب المسلم فسوق - (بخاری کتاب الادب)

“To use foul language for a Faithful is sinful disobedience.” (Bukhari, Kitaabul Adab)

And perhaps these people are unaware of the fact that as soon as a man utters a word it is being at once noted down by an angel and, therefore, on the Day of Judgment (Qayamat) they will see them with their own eyes in the Divine record of their deeds (Naama-e Aamaal) including the foul words uttered by them. Only then they will realize as to what a great burden of sins have they brought upon their heads by uttering obscene and foul words with their tongues. Would that they keep their tongues clean!

The Holy Quran has ordained:

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا - (بقره - ٨٣)

“And Speak aright and kindly to people.” (Baqrah,83)

Hence a Muslim must always be soft-tongued. But the nature of the people is deteriorating and they use foul words every now and then. This is a great moral downfall. Many people are downgrading themselves in this way.

During quarrel a man is unable to remain firmly on the side of truth and justice and begins to encroach upon the rights of others. But it is a religious responsibility of a Muslim to always stick to justice even if he has to deal with his own people or with others and even if telling the truth puts his own self in a loss.

Quarrelling spoils mutual relations Kinship are broken Enmity and hatred takes the place of affection and love. But Islam has ordered us to maintain good relations mutually. Says the Holy Quran:

وَأَصْلِحُوا ذَاتَ بَيْنِكُمْ - (سورة انفال - ١)

“And keep straight the relations between yourselves.” (Anfal.1)

And a hadith warns of a severe punishment for breaking

off blood relations :

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ قَاطِعُ رَحِمٍ - (مسلم كتاب البر)

“The one Who cuts off blood relations will not enter paradise.” (Muslim, Kitaabul Bir,)

The one of the causes of quarrels is not keep accounts clear Not sticking to one’s word in transactions, showing carelessness in the payment of dues and giving false promises strains mutual relations and fighting follows. The Holy Quran teaches us to talk properly:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ قُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا - (سورة احزاب - ٤٠)

“O you who believe ! Fear Allah and speak a straight speech.” (Ahzaab. 70)

Speaking straight Includes telling the truth, being straightforward instead of mixing words, not making false promises, giving a promise after proper thought, for trust is built only on straight talk. Those who do not stand by their words lose trust.

A tug of war for snatching posts and positions also ends in quarrelling. That is why today, various religious organizations, political parties, Schools, etc, are also in a very bad condition Everyone is craving for a position so that he may appear big. This longing to become big makes man selfish and he does not remain fit for any kind of selfless service. His reward in the Hereafter also vanishes, because, the reward in the Hereafter is given only for a service which has been rendered with the only aim of pleasing Allah. A Hadith says:

لا تسأل الامارة فان اعطيتها عن مسألة وكلت اليها وان

اعطيتها عن غير مسألة اعنت عليها - (بخارى كتاب الاحكام)

“Do not ask for position, because, if it is given to you on

your asking, you will be left with it (unaided) and if it is entrusted to you without your asking, you will be aided (by God).” (Bukhari, Kitaabul Ahkaam)

But, alas, even religious workers forget this teaching of Islam and run after posts and positions. When they get a position they think it their victory. They forget that every position is accompanied by responsibility and God will question about that responsibility.

INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION:

The worst form of the current corruption is injustice and oppression. Encroachment of rights, high-handedness toward the weak, unlawful grabbing's, depriving heirs of (their property, non-payment of loans, and dishonesty in trusts has become an everyday affair. But the most perplexing thing is the rampant killings and blood sheds. Even in small matters man loses temper and gets up to shed blood. Human life has lost its value and respect. Mere arousal of feelings makes man kill others and shoot outs have become the order of the day. People are being killed on roads in broad daylight. The killings are also barbarous indicating that man is becoming more and more stone-hearted day by day. The most savage style of blood shed is terrorism which is planned by the mentality of conspiracy Exploding a bomb secretly kills many an innocent and maims many for ever. This is a spreading of mischief on earth. Quran call it the biggest sin and has ascribed it to the disbelievers. The number of such evildoers is increasing day by day and the law of the land has failed badly in restraining them.

Many Muslims are also indulging in unnecessary bloodshed while Quran has strongly forbidden the slaying of life without right.

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ - (بنی اسرائیل - ۳۳)

“And slay not the life which Allah has forbidden save with right (Bani Israil. 33)

This honour and respect of life is on the basis of humanity without any distinction of religion or creed. Killing of an individual without right has been termed by the Quran as the slaughter of the entire human race:

مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا

قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا - (سورة مائدة - ۳۲)

“Whosoever kills a human being for other than manslaughter or for spreading mischief in the earth. It shall be as if he killed all mankind. (Maidah.32)

Whosoever kills a faithful without right and intentionally has been given the threat of Eternal punishment.

وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِدًا فَجَزَاءُ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ

عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا - (سورة نساء - ۹۳)

“And whoever kills a believers intentionally. His recompense is Hell, to abide therein (for ever), and the wrath and the curse of Allah are upon him, and He has prepared a dreadful torment for him.” (Nisa.93)

In this verse five punishments have been described for the killer of a Momin intentionally and without a right cause. First, his place will be in Hell; second, he will remain therein for ever; third Allah will frown on him; fourth, God will curse him and five, he will have to suffer a very severe torment which has been prepared especially for him. This shows the seriousness

of this crime. But people have taken this sin very lightly and every now and then news continue to come from the neighboring country that a group of Muslims shot another group of Muslims while they were offering salaah (prayer) in a mosque. This is the height of mischief. No consideration of killing without cause, no respect for the mosque, no honour for the worshippers; when Muslims become so evil from where will the world get peace? Muslims are the salt of the soil. When they indulge in destruction, who will do the construction?!

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