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Drinking Alcohol and Gambling

(شراب و جوا)

❖ يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ قُلْ فِيهِمَا إِثْمٌ كَبِيرٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ وَإِثْمُهُمَا أَكْبَرُ مِن نَّفْعِهِمَا -

They ask you regarding wine and gambling; tell (them), there is great sin in these for men, and some profit too: but the sin is greater as compared to benefit. (02:219)

❖ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْلَامُ رِجْسٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ -

O believers! Wine (intoxicants), and gambling and idols, and using darts are unwanted; and are all acts of Shaytan; keep away from them, so you may happily prosper. (05:90)

Dear People! The main distinction between human being and animal is ‘wisdom’. In Arabic language wine is called **خمر** (Khamr). This means “thing which covers the brain”. Look! Wine or alcohol spoils your main distinctive item that is ‘wisdom’. The evilness and disadvantages of alcohol are numerous. You become a kind of animal. No modesty, no shame, no etiquettes, and no manners, all destroyed. No consideration for God no care for the Noble Prophet.

Once upon a time, a cruel King had ordered somebody to do any one thing out of the three. The first was killing a man. The second was raping a woman. And the third one was drinking wine. Considering wine as lesser evil, that foolish person chose to drink it. His intension was not to do the first two things, but ultimately he did these two as well. That is the why alcohol has been labeled as **أُمُّ الْخَبَائِثِ** (mother of all evils).

Alcohol is prohibited in Islam only. After 1300 years, now some Non-Muslims realized that alcohol is a bad thing. Therefore, at many places ‘Drugs Quitting Societies’ are being formed. But, the way in which they are implementing is not Islamic; as such any fruitful results are not coming out. In America as well, it was tried hard to leave drinking alcohol but their efforts were not based on ‘faith’ that is why they failed. Rather, the situation is deteriorating. As such, the matter had to be left as it is.

Nowadays, due to the influence of West, this habit of ‘drinking alcohol’ has entered into the Muslim culture as well. If Non-Muslims are involved in this bad habit then what does it matter with us ---? Very sad! Muslims are drinking. Men Muslims at one side, now even Muslim women have started drinking. ---- One woman was served wine in sufficient quantity. After some time she came to this stage that she said, “I think among all of us anybody even recognizes whose father is of whom?” ---- This may be astonishing to listen to you that in one Expo-center there was a competition of ‘Wine Drinking’ between men and women. In this event, women remained victorious.

Wine is good for nothing. It gives happiness for a short time but in fact is a curse forever. It is a pleasure for little period but ruins the whole life. This is not a drinking-vessel but is a heart-breaker. This is a brown fairy but is full of distress. First this plays with you, then ridicules, and then causes to weep. Then it catches with your neck. Once you are arrested in its claw then coming out of it is very difficult. It gives disgrace in this world and ‘hell’ in hereafter.

‘Drinking Alcohol’ has one brother too, that is ‘Gambling’. Man is born to earn money and not to act on the following sayings:

مال مفت دل بے رحم

(Unlawful wealth, merciless heart)

Presently, the gambling is widespread all over. When the government officials are themselves involved in this affair then who will give punishments on this crime? Right from small to big and poor to rich all are playing the game of bridge. They don’t like to play simple cards. They do not consider it as a game until money is used. Everywhere, clubs are established but the main event comes out as playing bridge which is in fact gambling.

Betting on horse racing is going on since long. In the previous days Arabs used to gamble on animal’s meat. Their main intension was to distribute meat in poor. There was something good even in the bad aspects. Now present world is being spoiled and in hereafter they will get black face.
