

Use of Intoxicating Stuff (Drugs)*

Under the Divine Islamic Law all the stuff beneficial to mankind has been declared to be permissible while all that is injurious and harmful has been forbidden. Islam follows nature in all its aspects. Permissible and forbidden in food have clearly been mentioned in the Quran and the Hadith as a basis for guidance.

These principles cover all that impairs human intellect. Human wisdom is the most important faculty. Man is superior to all other creatures on the basis of intellect. This is human wisdom that makes a man accountable under the Shariah norms. A sound wisdom makes a man perfect. What badly affects human wisdom and causes moral degeneration is that causes intoxication in whatever form it is. It's devastating effects perish human life.

Liquor is forbidden under the Islamic Shariah. It is a known fact. No matter with what name or brand in wine is served. Islamic Shariah clearly enjoins that whatever intoxicates a person is forbidden. There is some other stuff that causes intoxication. These are available in solid or liquid form. These drugs are used in a very small quantity but the intensity of their intoxicating effect is very much severe, opium, concine, smac, heroin, Ganja and similar other drugs are much more injurious than wine: The entire human fraternity has been confronted with evil social effects of it, and the people at large all over the world are concerned about it.

At the 21st seminar of the Islamic Fiqh Academy (India) held on 03-05 March 2012 at Jamia Islamia Banjari (Mhow), Indore (MP), the subject was debated at length.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

1- The world has adopted a double standard concerning liquor and the drug. Such discriminator is illogical and unacceptable. Liquor should also be treated as other narcotic, drugs. No license should be given for wine and its transaction, sale, purchase should be completely banned.

2- Under article 47 of the guiding principle of Indian Constitution, it has been laid down that the state will try to forbid the use of intoxicating stuff except for the medical purposes. Keeping in view the devastating effects of liquor as well as the said provision in the constitution, this seminar of Fiqh Academy India demands that immediate steps should be taken to enact law under the constitutional provision.

3- This seminar urges humanity at large and particularly Muslim community to distance themselves from liquor and drugs to save them from the ill effects of intoxication. They must not be a burden on the society but try to benefit their society by means of their caliber and capabilities.

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- 4- We must keep this fact in view that wisdom is most important faculty in human physique. But we are not the masters of our faculties. Allah Almighty has bestowed it upon us and we must utilize it in accordance with the enjoins of the Islamic Shariah. One must not do anything that causes damage to human faculties. Liquor has been forbidden under the Quranic enjoins, in whatever name or brand it is known or from whatever stuff it is manufactured.
- 5- Besides this all the intoxicating drugs whether solid or in liquid form, administered through injection or otherwise, are forbidden.
- 6- Cultivation of opium, Bhang (Cannabis) Ganja, all are produced to be used in drugs. To cooperate in this business and transaction is impermissible and forbidden.
- 7- All the stuff that contains opium, Bhang etc to be used as drugs, its sale/purchase is also forbidden.
- 8- Those addicted to using intoxicating stuff deserve punishment. Efforts should be taken to save them from the use of drugs and liquor. It is mandatory under the Islamic Law.
- 9- Those who help in the promotion of this addiction through its transaction or otherwise deserve severe punishment.
- 10- To endeavour and use methods that help the eradication of the use of drugs, liquor is desirable under the Shariah Laws.
- 11- If the treatment through permissible means fails to reform the addicted ones, narcotics, under the advice of expert physician as a gradual step may also be resorted to.
- 12- Physique, soul, health and human faculties have been bestowed upon by Allah Almighty. One must not do anything that damages them. So everything that causes intoxication must be avoided like smoking, Gutkha, etc etc.