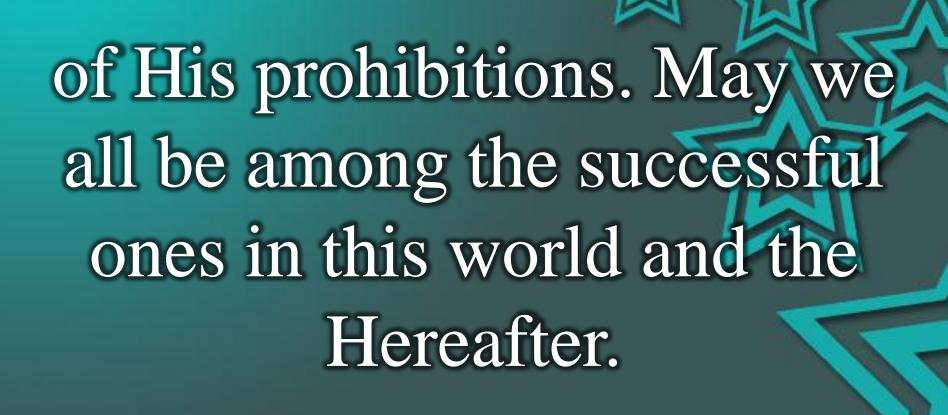


INIOXICANIS: THE MOTHER OF AILEVILS



I remind myself and my beloved audience to strive to increase our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all



Among the prohibitions that we must truly avoid from as Muslims is the prohibition of consuming intoxicants. Hence, let us altogether internalize upon today's khutbah entitled:

"Intoxicants: The Mother Of All Evils." Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "O you who have believed,

indeed, intoxicants,

gambling, [sacrificing on] stone alters [to other than / Allah], and divining arrows are but defilement from the work of Satan, so avoid it that you may be successful."

(al-Maa'idah 5:90)

Intoxicant refers to any type of beverage that will cause its consumer to become intoxicated and loses his intellectual ability in making proper judgment. When the intellect or mind can no

longer function to control one's actions and movements, then such person will become vulnerable to evil and negative behavior. Such is the reason why intoxicant is deemed as

mother of all evils. This reality is very difficult to be comprehended by humans. The following are several facts that clearly indicate how intoxicants actually lead to evil:

i. Researches have been conducted in the United States, Canada, and South Africa to study the relationship between the culture of drinking alcohol and domestic violence.

The findings indicated that there is significant correlation between alcohol addiction by the husband or wife that results in domestic violence upon the spouse.

ii. Statistical research that was done in the United States have found that cases of driving under the influence of alcohol have contributed to 13,846 fatal accidents, which corresponds

to 37% of the 37,261 total cases.

iii. Numerous organizations have been established worldwide advocating against alcohol consumption across the globe such as

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Latvian Women's Anti-Alcohol Society, and many more. iv. History has shown that the United States of America, a liberal country,

has actually banned the sale, manufacture, storage, and transportation of alcohol due to its harm. This was implemented through an amendment in the U.S. Constitution stemming from

the National Prohibition Act (Volstead Act) passed in 1919. Unfortunately, in 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt endorsed the repeal of the prohibition that lifted the ban and allows for

the manufacture and sale of alcohol.

For the sake of safeguarding the intellect and the maslahah (well-being or public interest) of the society, Islam strictly forbids

consuming intoxicants with the threat of severe punishments. First, the one convicted for consuming intoxicant is to be flogged with 40 lashes. Second, the 'ibaadah of the one

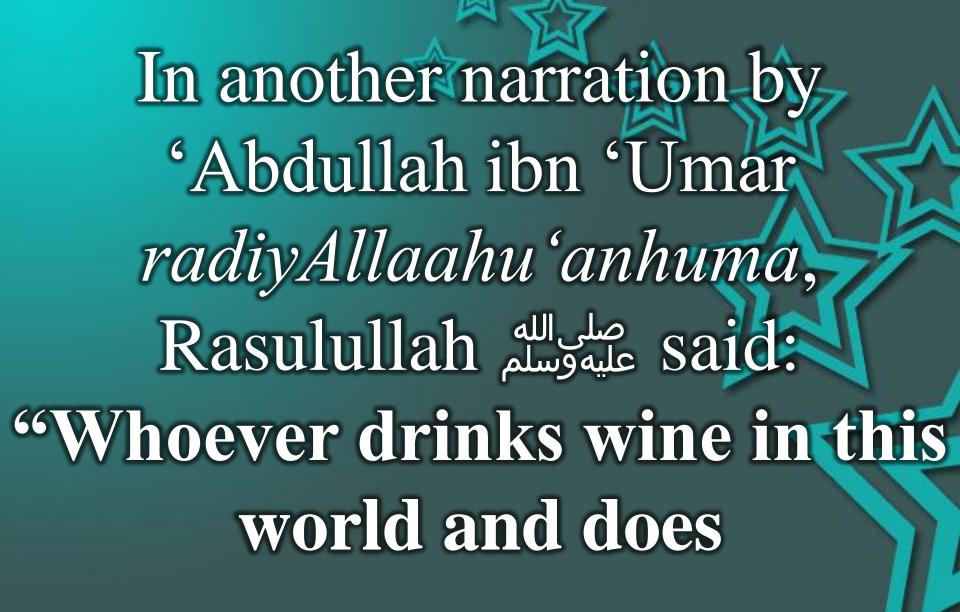
consuming intoxicant will not be accepted by Allah. Third, those consuming intoxicant will not taste intoxicants in Paradise, which will taste much better and does not intoxicate.

Narrated 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma that Rasulullah صلى الله said: "Whoever drinks alcohol, his prayers will not be accepted for forty days. But if the person

repents Allah forgives him. If he returns to drinking, then Allah will undoubtedly make him/her drink from the river of صلى الله Khabaal." The Prophet عليه وسلم was asked: "And what is

the river of ملىاله He عليه وسلم replied: "The pus from the inhabitants of Hell."

(Ahmad: saheeh)



not repent from that, he will be deprived of it in the Hereafter."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

In addition to all these, the prohibition of consuming intoxicant is not only limited to its consumer. Those that are involved in the preparation of intoxicants are also sinful and cursed by

Allah. 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma reported that Rasulullah عليه وسلم said: "Allah has cursed alcohol, the one who drinks it, the one who pours it, the one

who sells it, the one who buys it, the one who squeezes it (squeezes the grapes, etc), the one for whom it is squeezed, the one who carries it, and the one to whom it is carried."

(Abu Dawood and Ahmad: saheeh)

By comprehending the severity of the sins relating to intoxicants, then it behoove us to strictly refrain ourselves from consuming alcohol, selling alcohol, pouring alcohol, working in

alcohol brewery, transporting them or investing in alcohol companies. All these will implicate us with the major sin of intoxicants.

There is a misconception within our society with regard to intoxicants. Some actually deem intoxicant as prestigious beverage that symbolizes opulence. They may have been infiltrated by

the Western culture that glorifies intoxicants. There are countless movies that portray scenes of alcohol consumption as a normal practice. In addition, there are certain sports that would

celebrate its champion(s) by splashing and showering them with intoxicants. There are those that strongly believe in intoxicants as a very profitable source of income.

All these are truly devil's deception in misleading and corrupting mankind so that they will remain in ignorance. Therefore, we must realize that there are many other source of

livelihood that are halaal which have been provided by Allah Subhaanahu Wata aala. While the income stemming from selling intoxicants, though profitable, will be prevented

from having barakah in such effort. On the contrary, those abandoning matters that are prohibited by Allah are promised with provision and the best way out for all problems.

In Selangor, the Muslims are bounded and subjected to the Sharee 'ah Criminal Enactment (Selangor) 1995 which has been enforced since the 22nd of November 1996, stating that consuming

and selling intoxicants is a Sharee 'ah criminal offense. In this enactment, under the category of intoxicating beverage offenses stated under Seksyen 18 (1) and (2), it states

1. Anyone that consumes any type of intoxicating beverage, whether in any business outlet or public places, has committed an offense and upon conviction can be fined up to not more

than three thousand ringgit or imprisoned for the duration of not more than two years, or both.

2. Anyone that manufactures, sells, offers for sale, displays for sale, stores, or purchases

any intoxicating beverage has committed an offense and upon conviction can be fined up to not more than five thousand ringgit or imprisoned for the duration of not more than three years,

or both.

Hence, we must expose the ill effects of intoxicants that not only threatens the well-being of our society but also severely harms the physical and mental health of its

consumer. Consuming intoxicants periodically and continuously will expose its consumer to various diseases such as gastritis, pancreatitis, peptic ulcers, high blood pressure, heart disease, oral

cancer, and neurological diseases such as seizures and numbness. Alcoholics will lose their self-esteem, become disorganized, and willingly behave against the norm of the society.

Its social effect includes falling unconscious, losing the ability for sound judgment, easily irritated, and extremely violent to their surroundings, especially to family

members. Therefore, Islam forbids intoxicants and anything that intoxicates. It does not matter if it's called wine, whiskey, beer, vodka, todi, samsu, tuak, and others. Even if a small amount is

consumed, it is still haraam, as صلى الله mentioned by Rasulullah In the hadeeth of Jaabir bin 'Abdillaah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, Rasulullah عليه وسلم said:

"Whatever causes intoxication in large amounts, a small amount of it is (also) unlawful."

(at-Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood, ibn Maajah, an-Nasaa'i, Ahmad: *hasan*)

This means that even if a person claims to have the ability to "control" his consumption of intoxicant and avoid from getting intoxicated, he is still sinful for committing a major sin

and can be punished just like the intoxicated person. This is because intoxication leads to all kinds of wickedness, whether disobedience in private or corruption within the society.

Furthermore, intoxication will cause humans to neglect the amaanah and transgress against Allah's Laws. From the explanations provided in this khutbah, we can derive several lessons, among them:

- 1. The Muslim ummah must avoid consuming intoxicants for it is a grave sin.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid from being involved in anything related to intoxicants.

- 3. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid from investing in companies and businesses that are alcohol-related.
- 4. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid from attending events in which intoxicants are

served.

5. The Muslim ummah must avoid from working at premises that sells intoxicants. 6. The Muslim ummah must be cognizant of the negative

outcome of intoxicants, that it not only affects the consumer alone, but affects the entire society and nation.

7. We must realize that the negative consequences from consuming intoxicant is the

hudood punishment of flogging, the prohibition of consuming intoxicant in Paradise, punishment in the Hellfire, and having to drink pus in the Hereafter.

"Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling and to avert you from the

remembrance of Allah and from prayer. So will you not desist?"

(al-Maa'idah 5:91)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ أَقُولُ قُوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِر الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأُحيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأُمُواتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its

consequences will only disrupt the harmony, unity, and security of the Muslim ummah and our nation. Extremism will only give negative impression upon the nobility and holiness of al-Islam. On the contrary, the Muslim

ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (عليه وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy for the entire nation and universe.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, as an

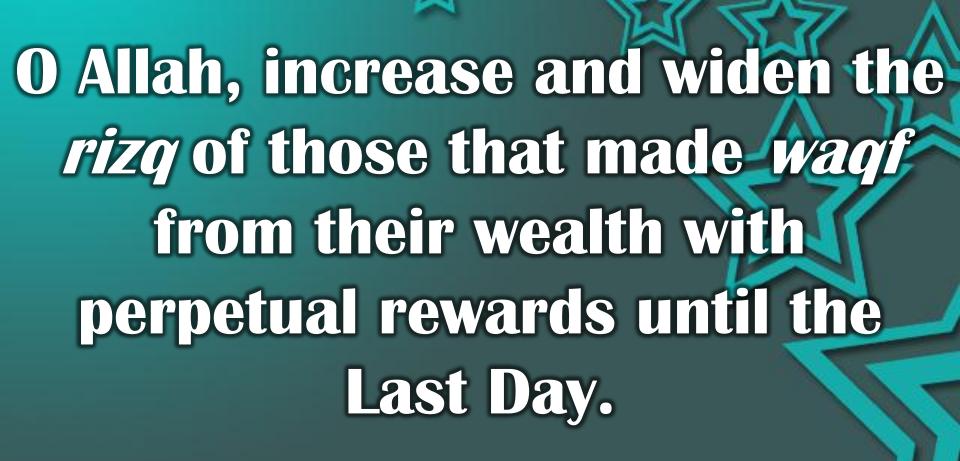
advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare. Hence, we sincerely beseech you, O Allah, strengthen our imaan, accept our deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our rizq, enrich us with

beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, return us to the path that you are pleased with, protect us from disasters and your severe trials, so that our nation will become more peaceful and filled with blessings.

O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, and protect us from deeds and 'ageedah that are astray such as the extreme Shee'is, Qadiyani, and other ideologies.

O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing zakaat, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their zakaat and loving the *fugaraa*' and masaakin, and those that have

made waqf and gave up their wealth for Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.





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