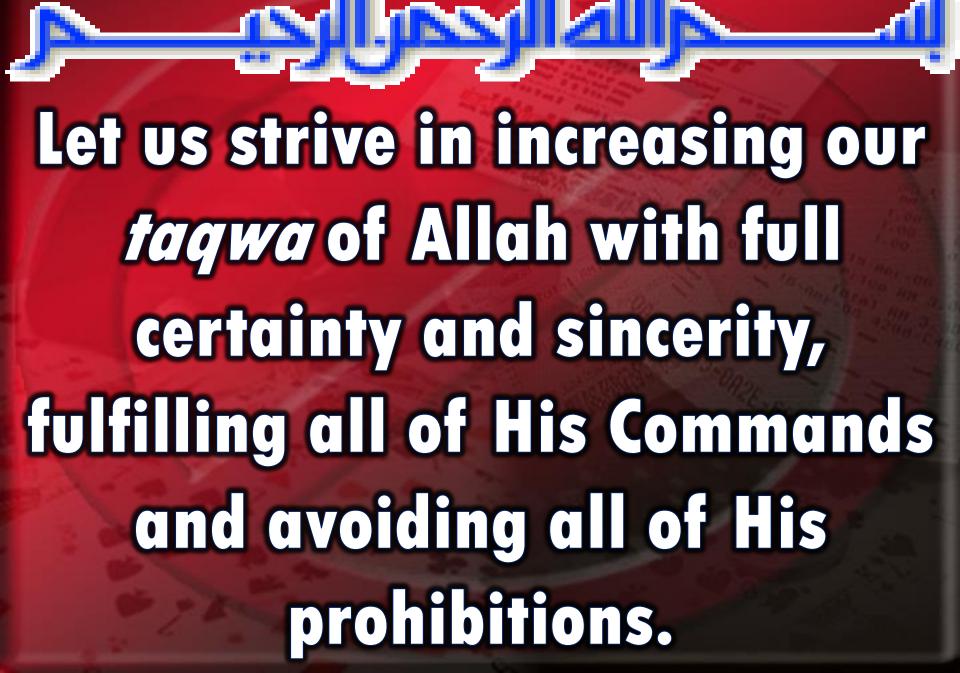




AL-MAYSIR (GAMBLING); CAUSE OF ENMITY AND CORRUPTED 'AQEEDAH



May we become those having utmost taqwa and imaan, attaining salvation in this world and the Hereafter. In is undeniable that everyone in this world yearns for comfort and solid

financial capacity. Hence, in achieving life that is comfortable, sound, and secure, Islam calls upon the Muslims to seek sustenance that is halaal so as to attain the pleasure of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Insha Allaah, today's khutbah will enlighten us upon the topic of "Al-Maysir Or Gambling: Cause Of Enmity And Corrupted 'Ageedah"

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "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)

This verse explains to us regarding *khamr* (intoxicants) and *al-maysir*.

Through both, the Shaytaan takes advantage in sowing enmity and hatred amongst mankind, after Allah had united them through faith and brotherhood. With the evil addiction of gambling,

Shaytaan is able to avert mankind's hearts from the remembrance of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala, that in the end they would not attain any good in this world and the Hereafter.

Islam prohibits any form of transaction in which the financial gain is obtained solely based upon luck or speculation and not through diligent efforts. The scholars have agreed that the

impermissibility of all form and types of al-maysir is based on verse 219 of Surah al-Bagarah that was recited at the opening of the khutbah. All forms of games (transactions) that benefits

one party and harms the other are deemed as almaysir that is strictly forbidden.

Al-maysir (gambling) is not necessarily just by playing cards, poker, slot machines, lottery, and others. Anything that involves betting, whether money or non-monetary, are deemed as

gambling. Whether in soccer, badminton, golf, or any sports, if there exist any element of betting (wealth or material) involving everyone, where the victorious party is awarded

with the wealth (or material) from the defeated party, then it is deemed as al-maysir. Such heinous behavior is severely prohibited by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala as mentioned in al-Qur'an:

"And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly..."

(al-Bagarah 2:188)

Cyber gambling (online gambling or betting) which is very popular nowadays is a game that involves illegal betting with money via the internet. Every participant is required to pay betting

amount stipulated and those on the losing end must surrender their bet money to those that won. This type of game is ruled as haraam because it provides income in a wrongful and

oppressive manner. Feeding from *haraam* source of income, it will cause one's lives to be devoid of blessings and always in the Wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

Furthermore, one will be promised with severe torment in the Hereafter.

Activities or games that are not deemed as gambling are those that are without elements of betting from its

players or participants. It is the norm that when the gambler loses, he is easily inclined to commit actions that are prohibited by the Shara'in obtaining money or funds to continue

gambling even if he has to steal, extort, bribe, and cheat others. Ultimately, the family institution will become chaotic and destroyed. The very responsibility and duty towards the spouse and

children will be severely neglected. The physical nafagah (living allowance) cannot be fulfilled since all of the money and wealth has been spent for gambling. Some even go to the extent

of borrowing money from ah long (loan sharks) just to get quick cash in chasing after their dreams of becoming rich, which never became a reality.

Do we realize? That this is

the snare of internet gambling that has successfully destroyed family institutions and tore down Muslim identities today. It serves as the evidence that the enemies of

Islam are always resorting to anything at will for the sake of misleading and weakening the Muslim ummah, even through games and entertainment. Through this form of gambling,

the enemies of Islam will rake in huge profits while the Muslims become the victims and incur massive loss. Many within the Muslim ummah in this nation have become bankrupt thus

creating a group of homeless individuals due to the entrapment of online gambling nowadays.

What is unfortunate is that multiple reports have indicated that a huge portion of frequent customers of cybercafés that are involved in internet gambling activities are actually

Muslims, including the professionals, school children, teenagers, and adults.

Indeed, Islam placed as a foundation that the seeking of livelihood must be from sources and efforts that are purely halaal and clean. If the father gambles, then obviously his income will

become haraam. What more when the income earned from gambling is used to buy food for his family? Hence, it is as if he is feeding stones from the Hellfire into the mouths of his wife and

children. Would we do such wickedness to our own family? It was narrated from Jaabir bin 'Abdillaah radiyAllaahu 'anhuma that the Prophet صلى الله said:

"He will not enter Paradise whose flesh sprouted from the unlawful; the Fire is more befitting for it."

(Ahmad: saheeh)

Verily, the evil habit of gambling can corrupt the 'ageedah, when one becomes engrossed in elements of reverence to win the lottery. Superstitions such as grave worshipping,

pokok besar (large tree), keris hikmah (sacred kris), and amulet can actually lead to shirk with Allah. There are also those lottery fanatics that would visit the shaman to obtain the lucky (winning)

number. The shaman would use magic and deception to fulfil the need of the client by revering or the practice of "menurun" (using jinn). Such act can cause one to fall outside the fold of Islam.

Na'oodhu billaahi min dhaalik (we seek refuge in Allah from such deed). The cause of one to gamble is due to the weakness of imaan, low self-esteem, shallow mindedness, and

heedlessness upon the Islamic rulings decreed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. Therefore, among the

measures that can be taken to avoid one from falling into

gambling is to strengthen the imaan. Imaan is a fortress that can safeguard mankind from committing evil and ensure the well-being of the family. It behooves every Muslim to have the

necessary authentic Islamic knowledge and practice upon them so as to not deviate from the 'ageedah and teachings of Islam. Many evil and social vices that occur nowadays are due to,

among them, diminished vigor within the Muslim ummah to uphold and implement "amar ma'roof" (promoting good) amongst themselves.

We are all responsible in eradicating all forms of gambling that is prevailing. It is improper for us leave the matter solely upon the authorities and relevant agencies. Every individual,

community, parents, teachers or educators, must be alert in this disease by referring to the following:

1- Every Muslim must fully comprehend that gambling must be eradicated for it can

cause enmity, destroy the family institution, society, and threatens the nation.

2- Every Muslim is obligated to fulfill their role and cooperate in fighting against all form of gambling at all levels.

3- The Muslim ummah must realize upon the importance of knowledge, practice, and faith in their lives so as to ensure that they will not fall into transgression and disobedience.

"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)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذُّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأُسْتَغُفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأُمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُونَ 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

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 (صلى الله 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

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.

O Allah, increase and widen the rizq of those that made waqf from their wealth with perpetual rewards until the Last Day.





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