

There are many narrations stated by the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ Said; "Intoxicants is Khamr (wine) and every intoxicant is Haram (unlawful)." (Muslim)

## The use of Gold, Silver and Silk

Hazrat Huzaifah ؓ narrates the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; "forbade (Haram) us to drink out of gold and silver vessels, or eat in it, and also forbade the wearing of silk and Dibaj or sitting on it." (Bukhari)

- 1- Men are not permitted to use gold or silver jewellery. The use of pure silk for men is also forbidden. However, men are permitted to use rings made of silver only.
- 2- Female are permitted to use all types of jewellery either gold, silver or imitation.
- 3- It has become fashion for men to use earrings. Such emulation of Non-Muslims and females is Haram (forbidden). Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has mentioned that the Curse of Allah ﷻ is upon such men who emulate (copy) women (in dress and appearance) and the Cures of Allah ﷻ is on such women who emulate (copy) men (in dress and appearance).

Besides jewellery, both males and females are forbidden the use of gold or silver utensils, combs, toothpicks, cutlery, containers, mirrors etc.

Hazrat Al-Bara bin Azib ؓ narrates Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; "Ordered us to do seven things and forbade us from seven. He ordered us to visit the sick, to follow funeral processions, (to say) to a sneezers, (May Allah ﷻ bestow His Mercy on you, if he says, Praise be to Allah ﷻ), to accept invitations, to greet (everybody), to help the oppressed and to help others to fulfil their oaths. He forbade us to wear gold rings, to drink in silver (utensils), to use Mayathir (silken carpets placed on saddles), to wear

Al-Qissi (a kind of silken cloth), to wear silk, Dibaj or Istabraj (two kinds of silk)." (Bukhari)

Hazrat Abu-Hurayrah ؓ narrates the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; "forbade (Haram) the wearing of a gold ring." (Bukhari)

Hazrat Ali Ibn Abu-Talib ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ; "forbade (Haram) wearing of silk and yellow clothes, the gold ring and the reciting of the Qur'an in the Rukoo' (state of knee position in Prayer)." (Muslim)

Hazrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas ؓ narrates; "A person wearing a gold signet ring in his hand. He (Rasulullah ﷺ) pulled it off and threw it away, saying: One of you is wishing live coal from Hell, and putting it on his hand. It was said to the person after Rasulullah ﷺ Had left: Take your signet ring (of gold) and derive benefit out of it, whereupon he said: No, by Allah ﷻ, I would never take it when Rasulullah ﷺ Has thrown it away." (Muslim)

Hazrat Ali Ibn Abu-Talib ؓ narrates the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; "took silk and held it in his right hand, and took gold and held it in his left hand and said: both of these are prohibited to the males of my community." (Abu-Dawud)

Hazrat Abu-Musa al-Ash'ari ؓ narrates the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ Said; "Gold and silk are permitted to the females among my people but prohibited (Haram) to the males." (Tirmidhi)

Hazrat Abu-Hurayrah ؓ narrates the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ Said; "If anyone wants to put a ring of fire on one he loves, let him put a gold ring on him: if anyone wants to put a necklace of fire on one he loves, let him put a gold necklace on him, and if anyone wants to put a bracelet of fire on one he loves let him put a gold bracelet on him. Keep to silver and amuse yourselves with it." (Abu-Dawud)

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O Allah ﷻ! Guard our actions. O Allah ﷻ! Forgive us our sins against You and ease the hearts of those we have harmed so that they too will forgive us. "Aameen"

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Muslims should make use of what Almighty God has made lawful for them and beware of what He has prohibited. He left nothing which is good without making it lawful out of His grace, and nothing which is evil except that he prohibited it out of His mercy.

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## Unlawful (Haram) earnings

﴿أَوْ فُؤَالِكَيْلٍ وَلَا تَكُونُوا مِنَ  
 الْمُخْسِرِينَ ﴿١٨١﴾ وَزِنُوا بِالْقِسْطَاسِ  
 الْمُسْتَقِيمِ ﴿١٨٢﴾ وَلَا تَبْخُسُوا النَّاسَ  
 أَشْيَاءَهُمْ وَلَا تَعْثُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
 مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١٨٣﴾ وَاتَّقُوا الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ  
 وَالْجِبِلَّةَ الْأُولِينَ ﴿١٨٤﴾﴾

"Give just measure and cause no loss (to others by fraud)." "And weigh with scales true and upright." "And withhold not things justly due to men nor do evil in the land working mischief." "And fear Him who created you and (Who created) the generations before (you)."

(Surah Ash-Shu'ara: 181, 182, 183, 184)

It is very important for all true Muslims to make sure that every penny that comes into their households is Halal, (lawful according to Allah ﷻ) if a Muslim starts to bring haram earnings into his house it will corrupt everything in his house. Few examples of Haram earnings are;

- 1- Selling anything Allah ﷻ has prohibited. (Alcohol, drugs and Haram meat products.)
- 2- Selling interest based products. (Loans, mortgages. etc)
- 3- Over charging for items.
- 4- Selling stolen items.

5- Devouring the property of legal heirs, especially depriving sisters and minor heirs in estates (Meeraas-inheritance).

6- Gambling.

7- Fraud.

People who see benefit in Haram earnings lack fear in their creator Allah ﷻ, they see the short term benefits in this world, and forget they will one day return to their Creator who will ask them how they spent the wealth provided to them, but what the Muslims have to remember is that if they spent their money to care for their family, they gave to charities, they built Masjid and helped in the way of Allah ﷻ it will be of no benefit to them if that wealth spent was earned in a Haram manner.

Hazrat Al Miqdam ؓ narrates the Prophet ﷺ said; "Nobody has ever eaten a better meal than that which one has earned by working with one's own hands. The Prophet of Allah ﷻ David used to eat from the earnings of his manual labour." (Bukhari)

In the above Hadith the Prophet ﷺ tells us that the money you earn through honest hard work is sweeter than earning any other way.

## Intoxicants, Drugs and Gambling

The buying and selling or transporting of all drugs, all intoxicants that lead a person to addiction are Haram e.g. Dagga, hashish, opium. All alcoholic drinks and wines are forbidden and impure (Najis).

﴿يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْسِرِ ط قُلْ  
 فِيهِمَا آثَمٌ كَبِيرٌ وَمَنَا فِعْلٌ لِلنَّاسِ ز  
 وَإِنَّهُمَا آكْبَرُ مِنْ نَفْعِهِمَا ط﴾

"They ask you about wine and gambling. Tell them:

"There is great sin in both, although they may have some benefit for men; but the sin is greater than the benefit." (Surah Baqarah: 219)

What does Islam say about it? How should Muslims regard drugs? To know this, we must see what the Qur'an and the Sunnah say regarding these evil habits. God Almighty states in the Qur'an:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا الْخَمْرُ  
 وَالْمَيْسِرُ وَالْأَنْصَابُ وَالْأَزْزَامُ رِجْسٌ  
 مِنْ عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَاجْتَنِبُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ  
 تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾﴾

"O believers! Intoxicants and gambling (games of chance), dedication to stones (paying tribute to idols) and division by arrows (lottery) are the filthy works of Shaitaan. Get away from them, so that you may prosper." (Surah Al-Ma'idah: 90)

﴿إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَنْ يُوقِعَ  
 بَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ فِي الْخَمْرِ  
 وَالْمَيْسِرِ وَيَصُدَّكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَعَنِ  
 الصَّلَاةِ فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُنتَهُونَ ﴿٩١﴾﴾

"Shaitaan desires to stir up enmity and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling and to prevent you from the remembrance of Allah ﷻ and from Salah (Prayers). Will you not abstain?"

(Surah Al-Ma'idah: 91)