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# INTOXICANTS: THE MOTHER OF ALL EVILS

**بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ**

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

of His prohibitions. May we all be among the successful ones in this world and the Hereafter.

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’ān:

**“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 the

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 ‘anhu* that

Rasulullah ﷺ 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 *Khabaal*.” The Prophet ﷺ was asked: “And what is

the river of  
*Khabaal?*” He ﷺ

replied: “The pus from  
the inhabitants of Hell.”

(Ahmad: *saheeh*)

In another narration by

‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar  
*radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*,

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Whoever drinks wine in this world and does

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 ‘anhu* reported  
that Rasulullah ﷺ 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 that:

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

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consumed, it is still *haraam*, as mentioned by Rasulullah

In the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin

‘Abdillaah

*radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*,

Rasulullah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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 اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**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 (صلی اللہ علیہ 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  
*imaaan*, 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 ‘aqeedah 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 *fuqaraa'* 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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