



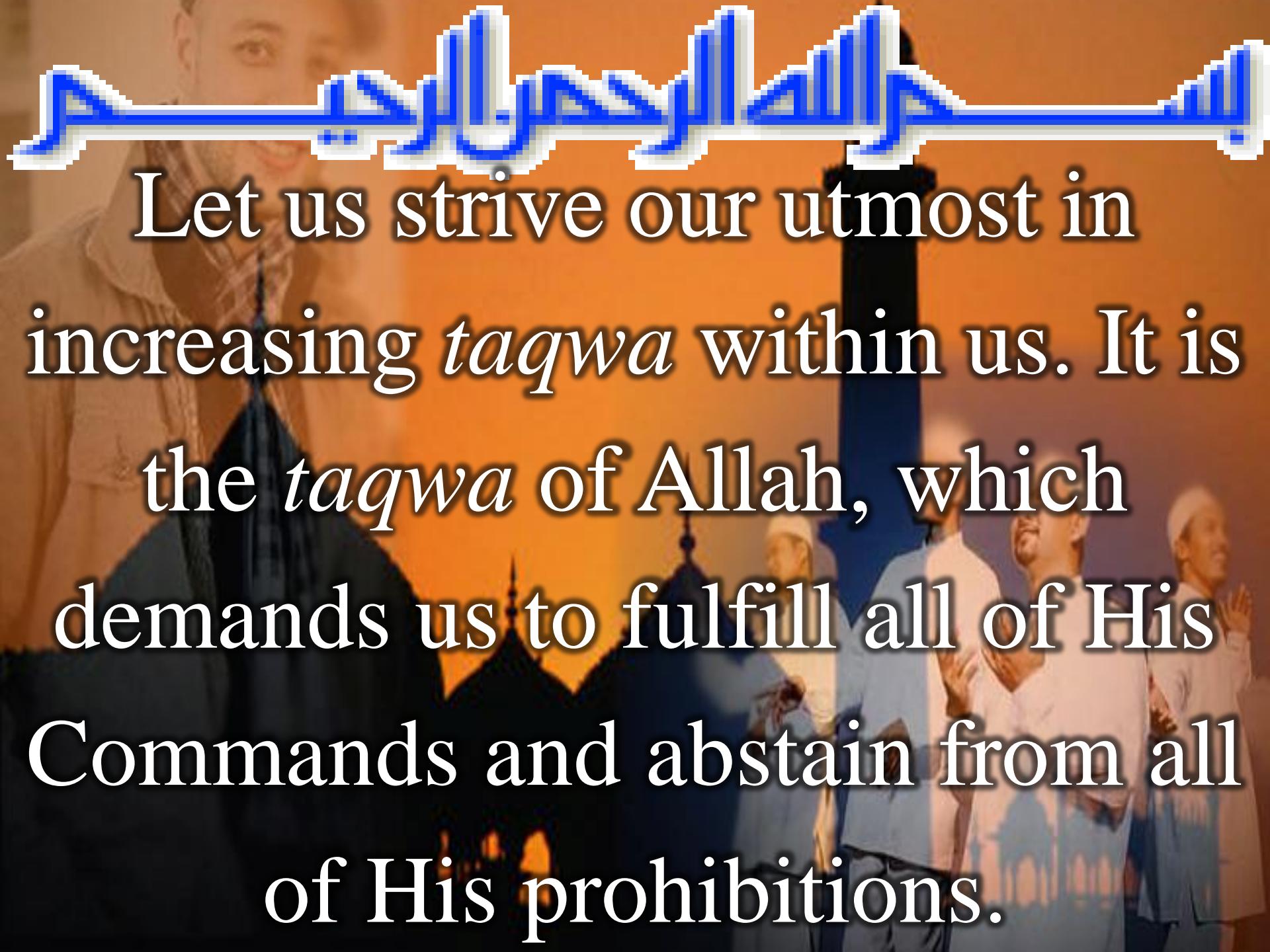
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JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

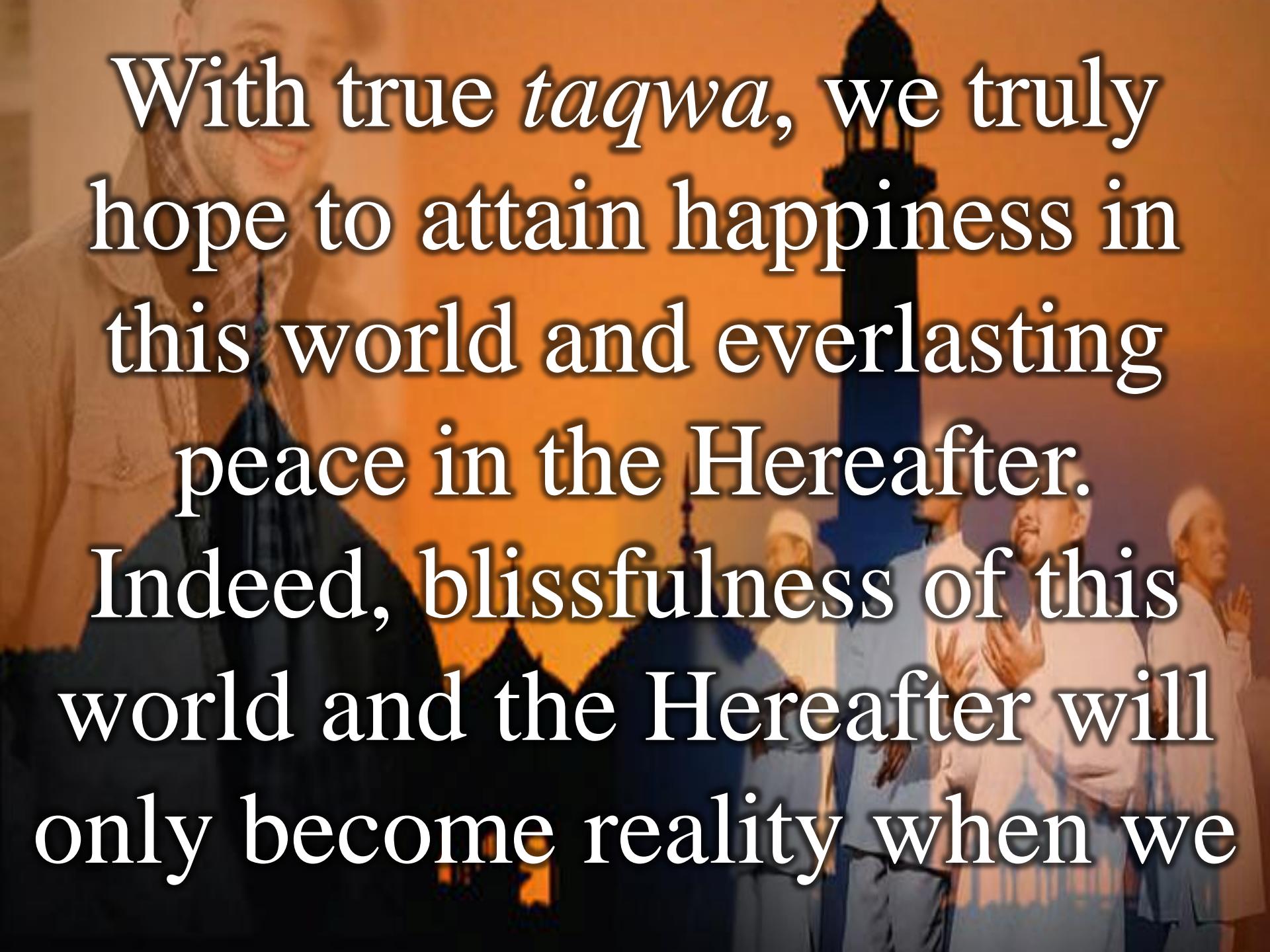
ENTERTAINMENT

ACCORDING TO

THE SHAREE'AH

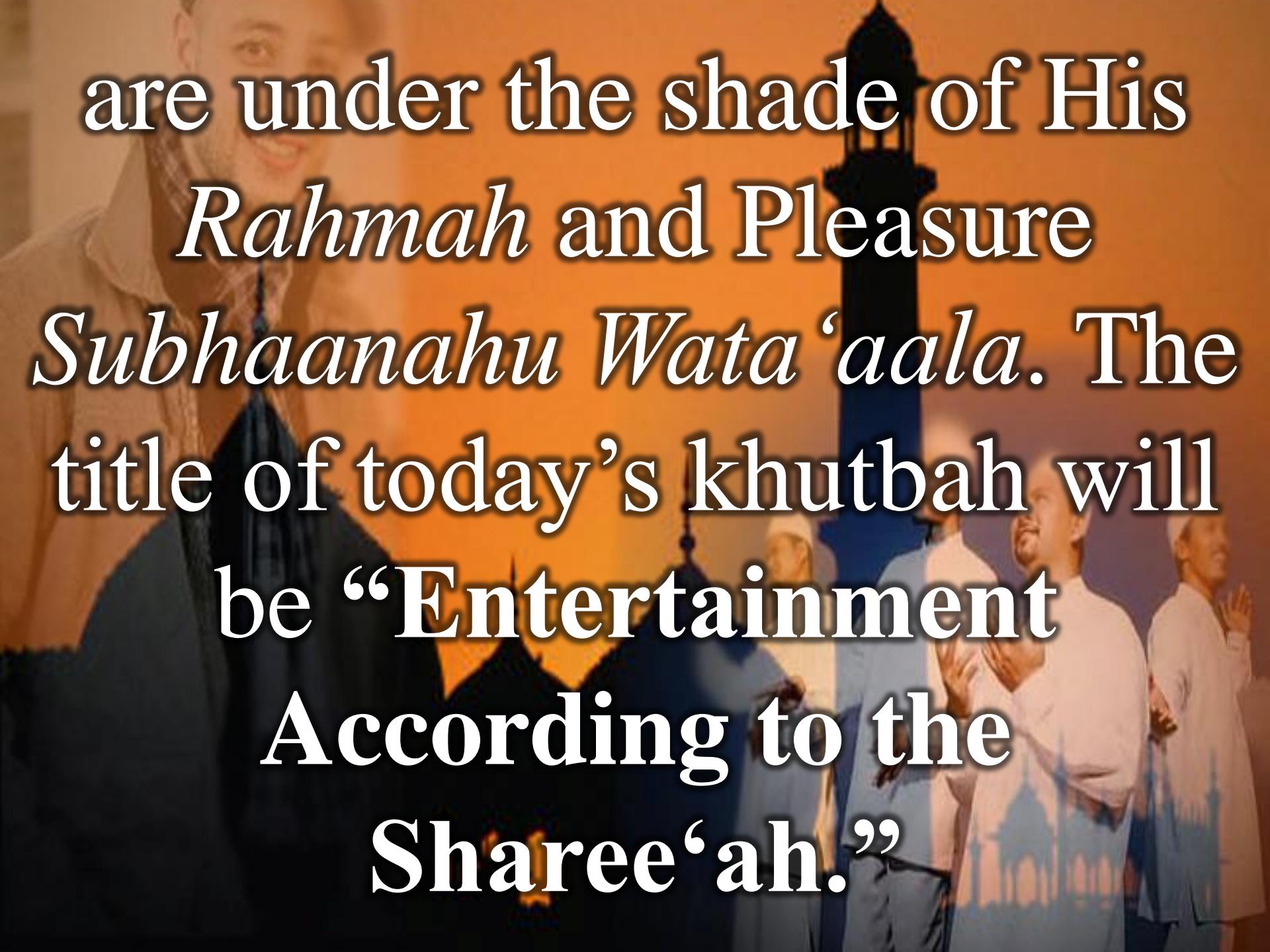


Let us strive our utmost in increasing *taqwa* within us. It is the *taqwa* of Allah, which demands us to fulfill all of His Commands and abstain from all of His prohibitions.

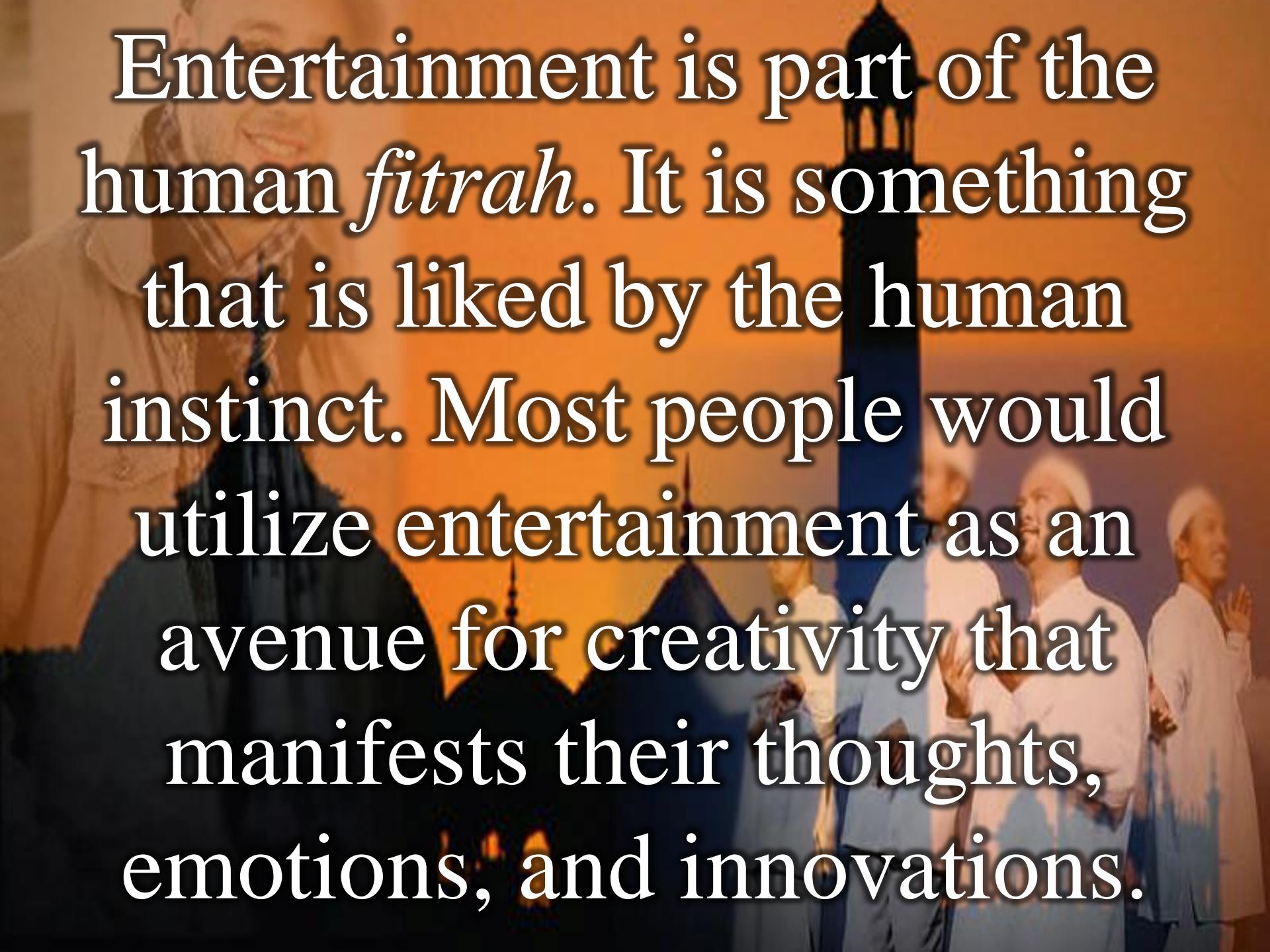


With true *taqwa*, we truly
hope to attain happiness in
this world and everlasting
peace in the Hereafter.

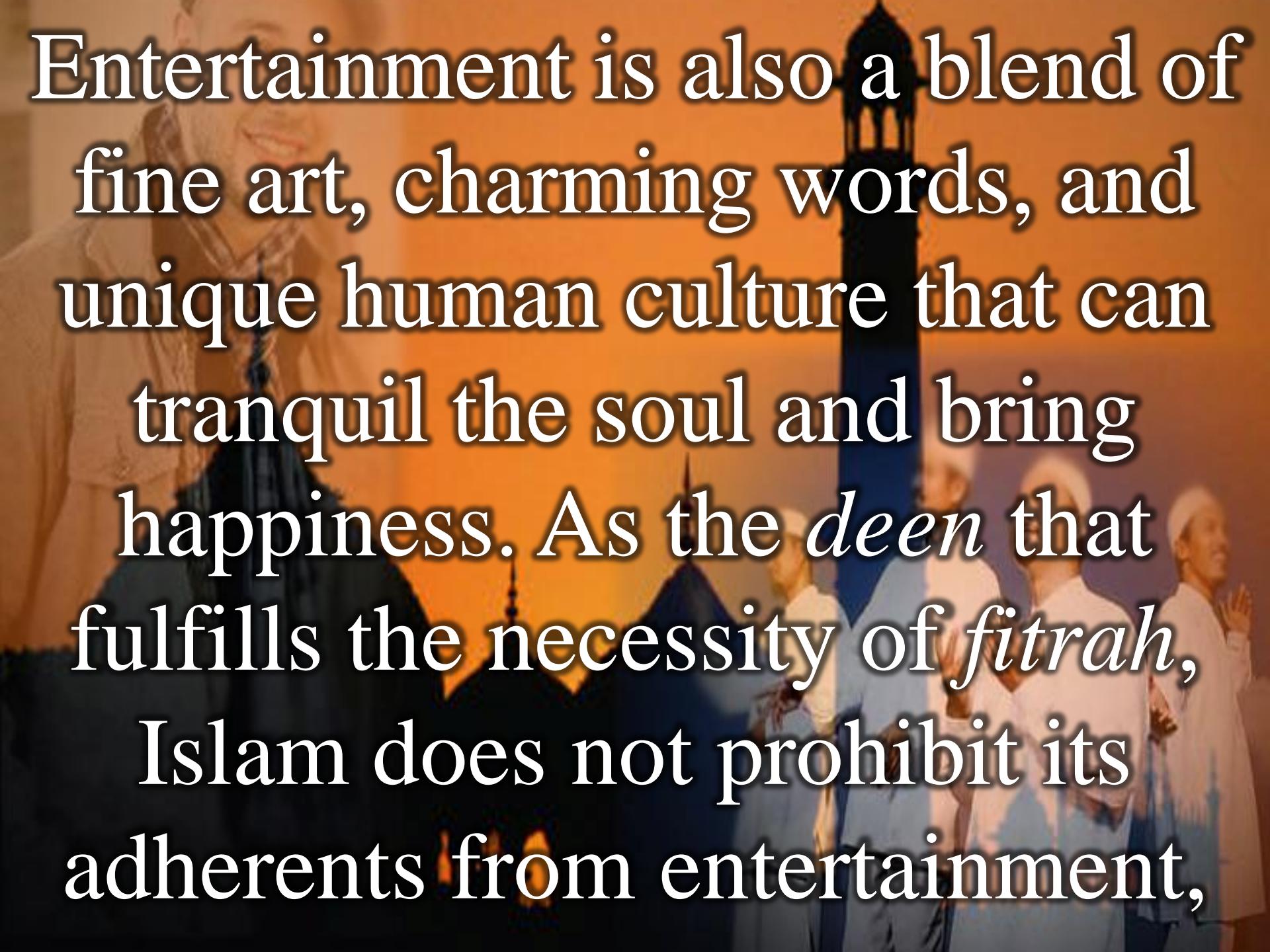
Indeed, blissfulness of this
world and the Hereafter will
only become reality when we

A photograph of a man in a white robe standing in front of a mosque minaret. He is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the background, other people are visible near the minaret.

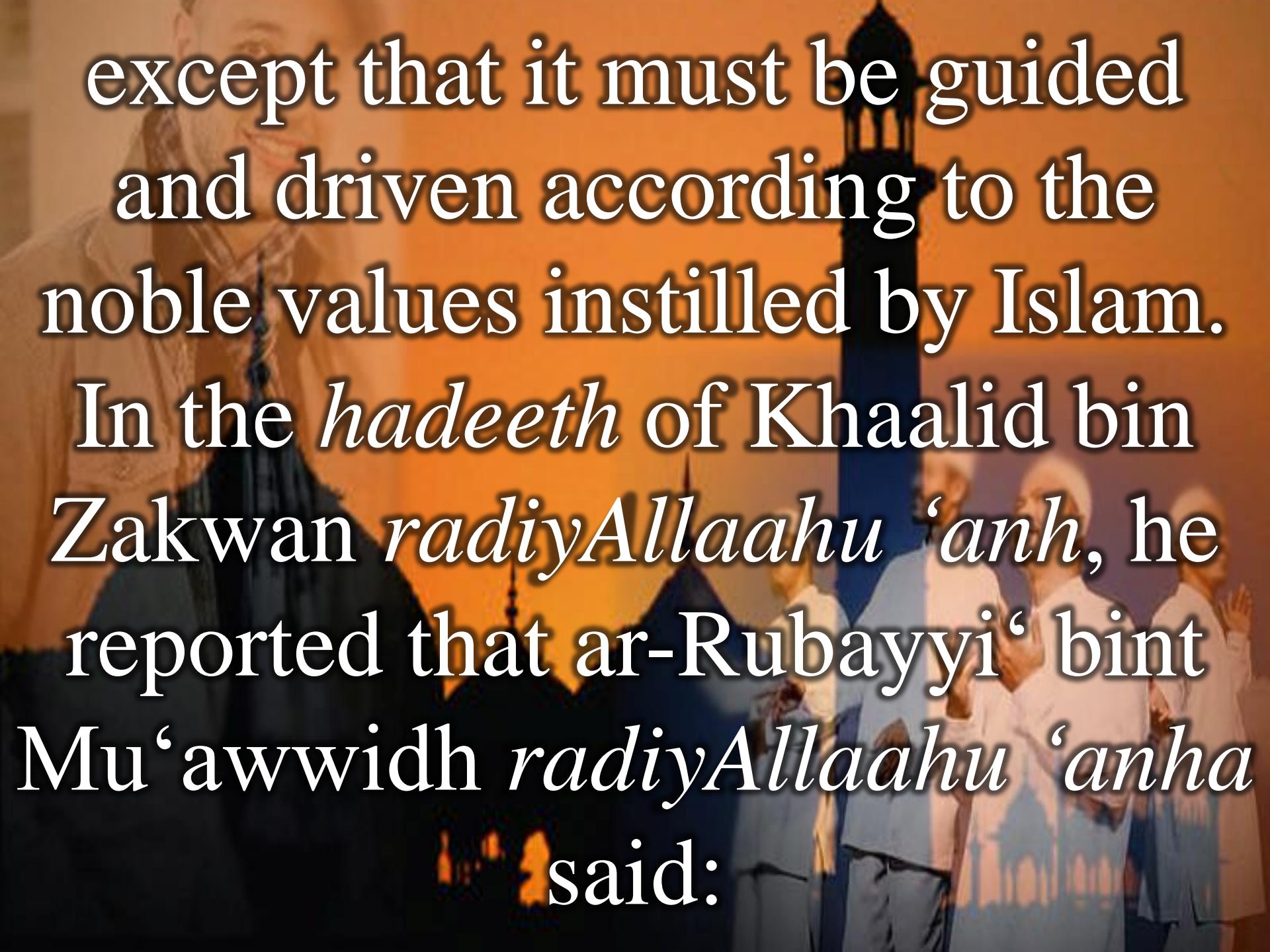
are under the shade of His
Rahmah and Pleasure
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. The
title of today’s khutbah will
be “Entertainment
According to the
Sharee‘ah.”

A collage of three images: a person in traditional attire, a mosque at sunset, and people clapping.

Entertainment is part of the human *fitrah*. It is something that is liked by the human instinct. Most people would utilize entertainment as an avenue for creativity that manifests their thoughts, emotions, and innovations.

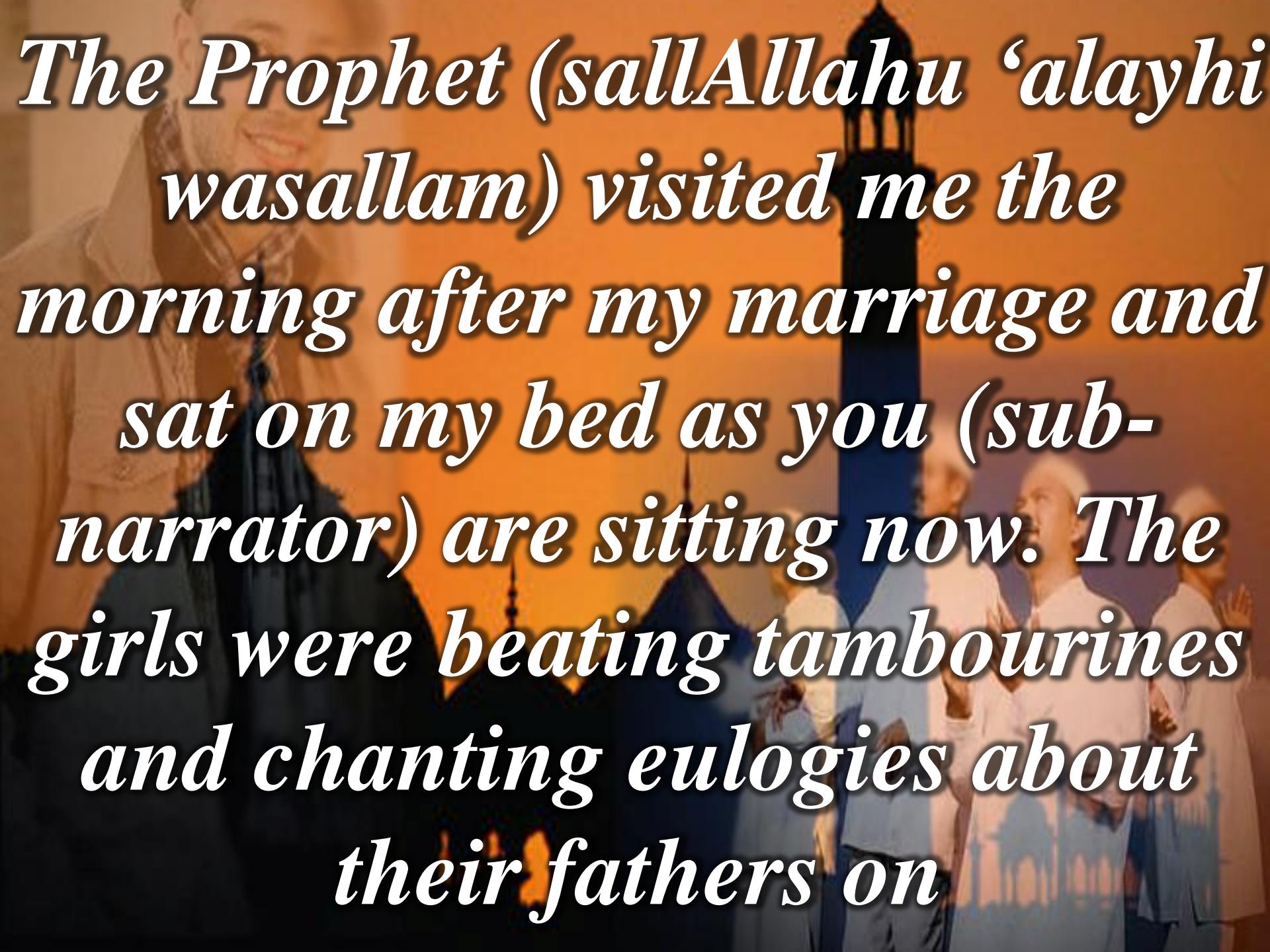


Entertainment is also a blend of fine art, charming words, and unique human culture that can tranquil the soul and bring happiness. As the *deen* that fulfills the necessity of *fitrah*, Islam does not prohibit its adherents from entertainment,



except that it must be guided
and driven according to the
noble values instilled by Islam.

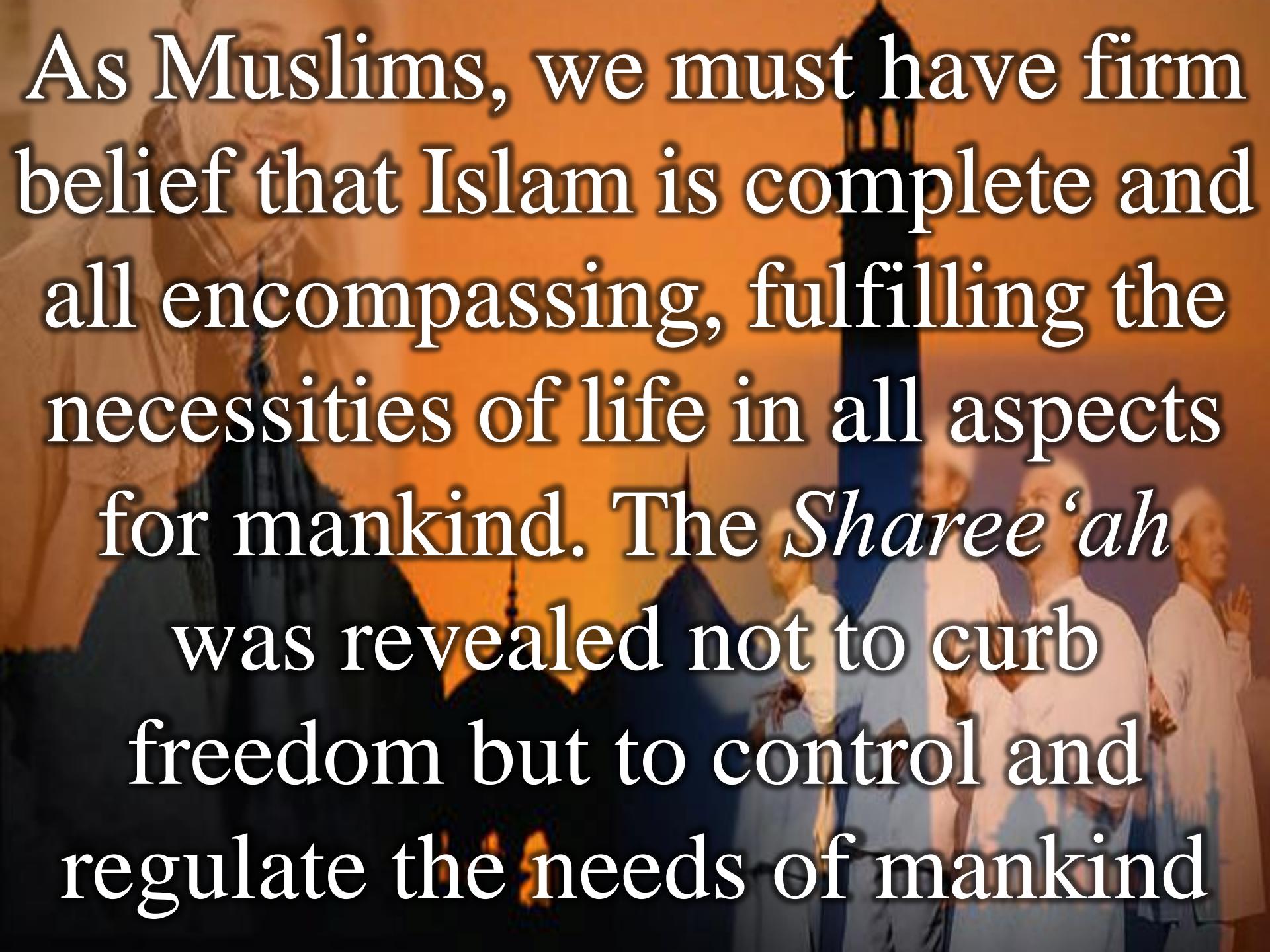
In the *hadeeth* of Khaalid bin
Zakwan *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he
reported that ar-Rubayyi‘ bint
Mu‘awwidh *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*
said:

A blurry background image showing the exterior of a mosque at sunset or sunrise. The sky is orange and yellow. In the foreground, several people are visible, some wearing traditional white robes (ghutras and agals).

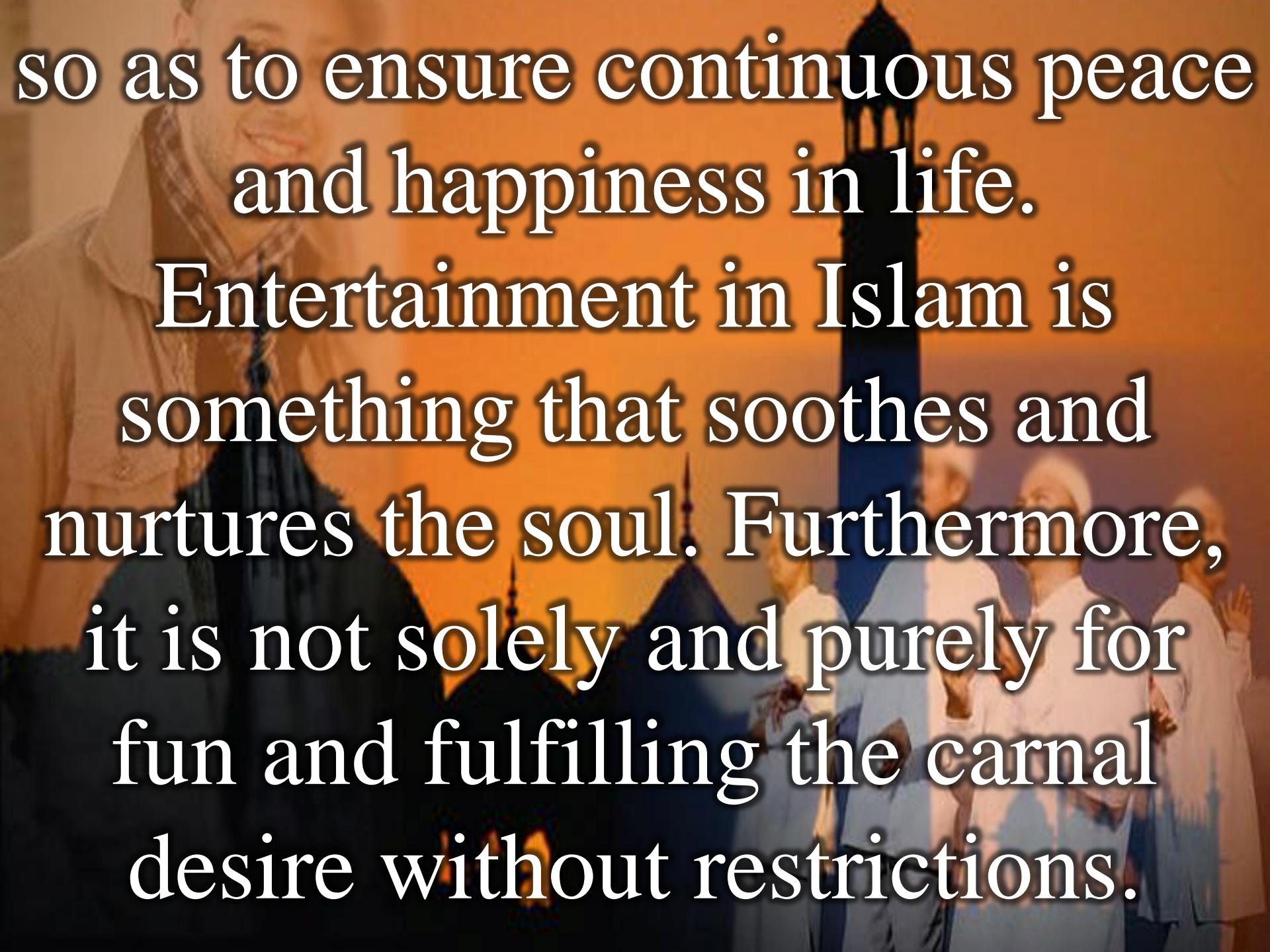
The Prophet (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam) visited me the morning after my marriage and sat on my bed as you (sub-narrator) are sitting now. The girls were beating tambourines and chanting eulogies about their fathers on

the Day of Badr. Then one girl said, “There is a Prophet among us who knows what will happen tomorrow.” The Prophet (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam) said, “Do not say that. Say what you were saying before.”

(al-Bukhaari)

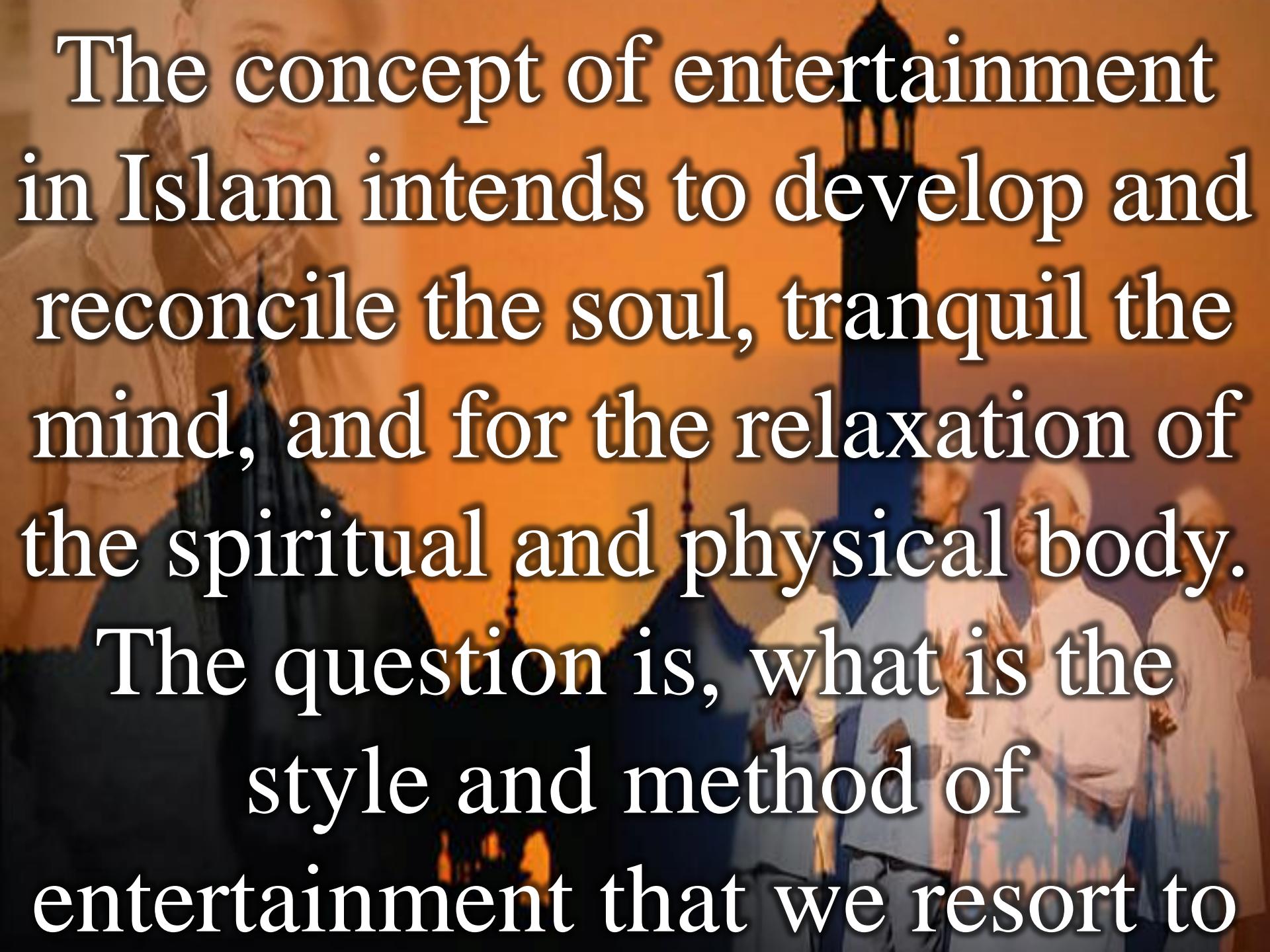
A blurry background image showing the exterior of a mosque with its distinctive minaret. In the foreground, several people are visible, some wearing traditional Islamic headgear like ghutras and agals.

As Muslims, we must have firm belief that Islam is complete and all encompassing, fulfilling the necessities of life in all aspects for mankind. The *Sharee'ah* was revealed not to curb freedom but to control and regulate the needs of mankind



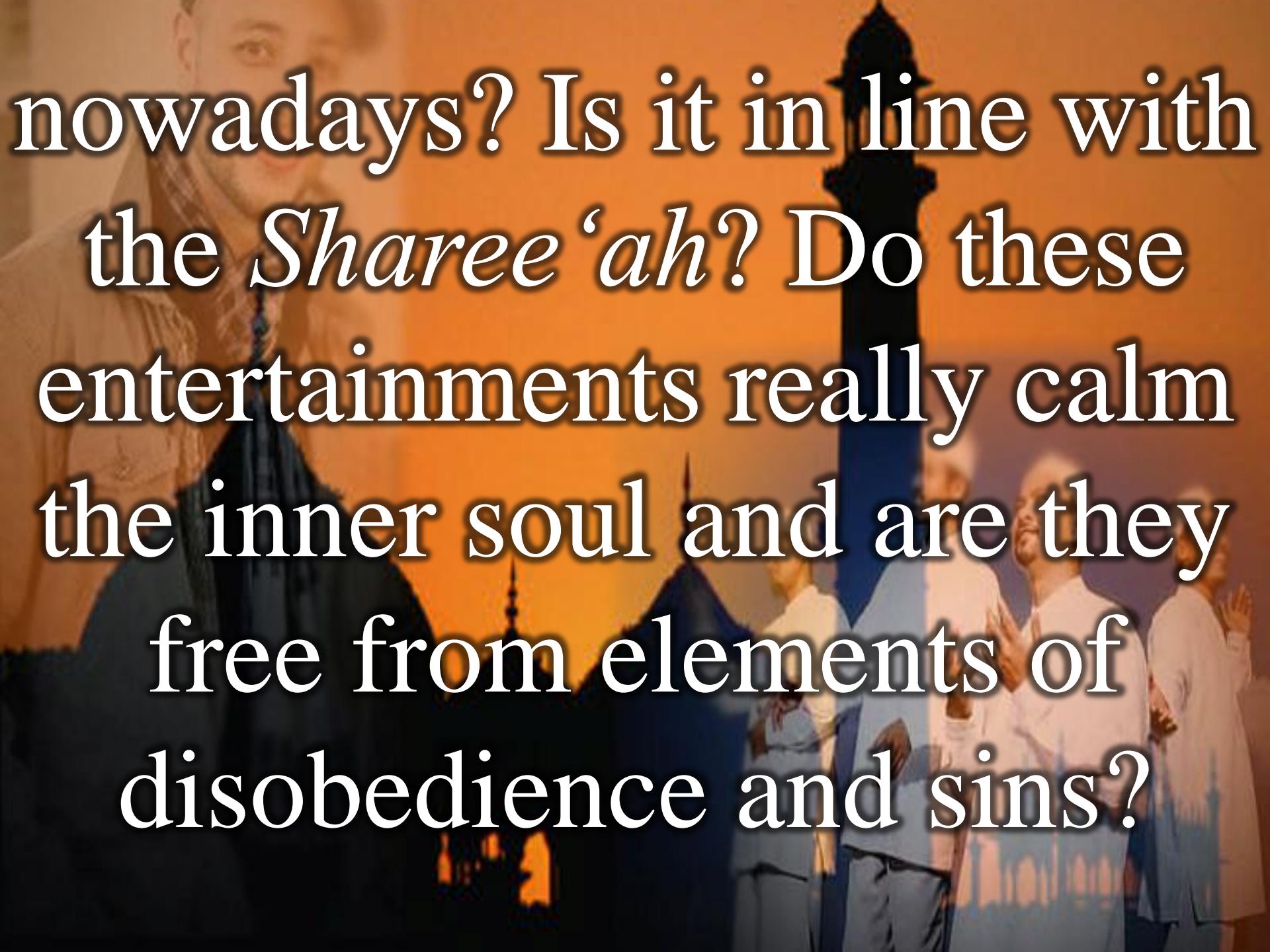
so as to ensure continuous peace and happiness in life.

Entertainment in Islam is something that soothes and nurtures the soul. Furthermore, it is not solely and purely for fun and fulfilling the carnal desire without restrictions.



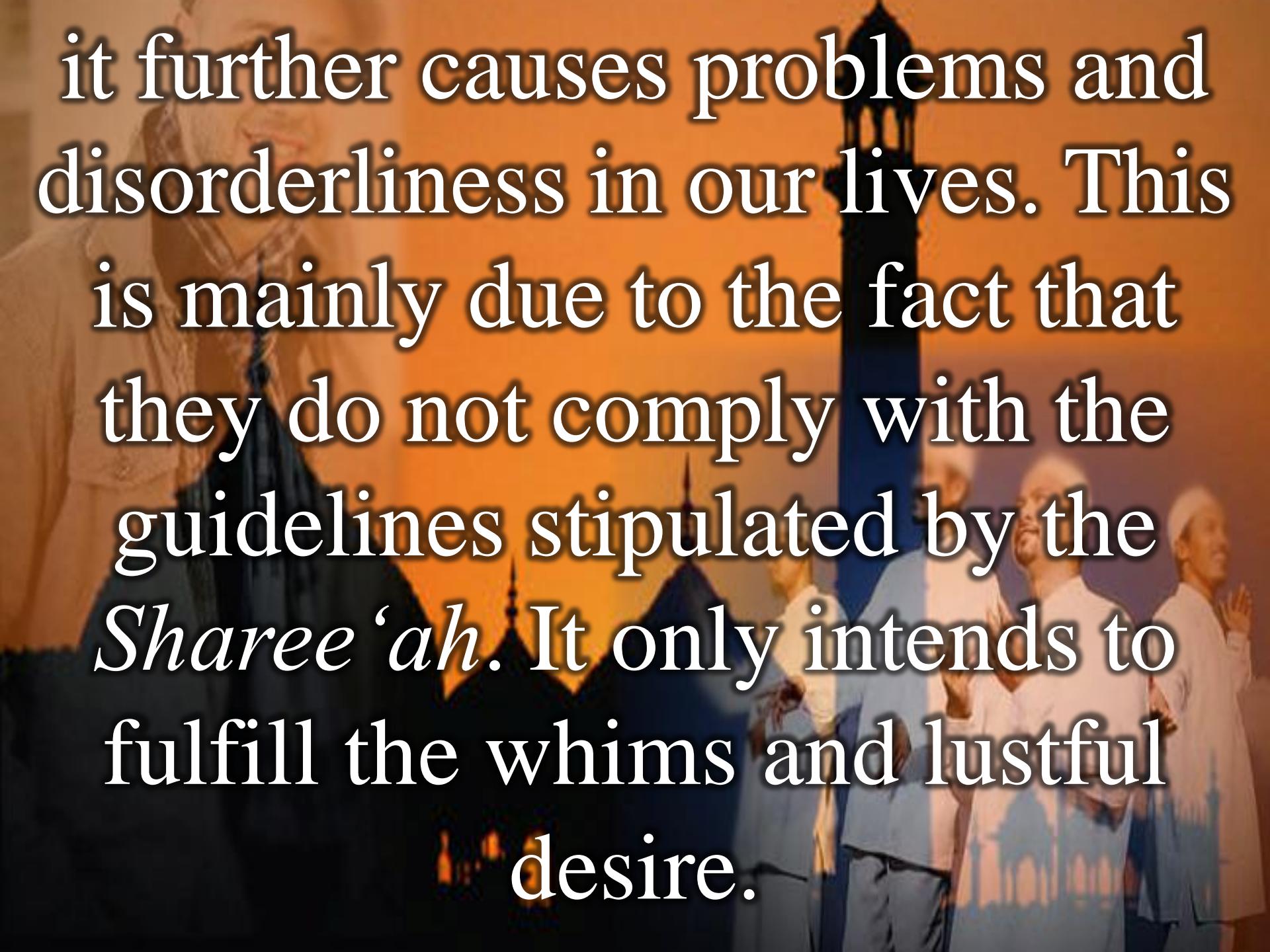
The concept of entertainment in Islam intends to develop and reconcile the soul, tranquil the mind, and for the relaxation of the spiritual and physical body.

The question is, what is the style and method of entertainment that we resort to

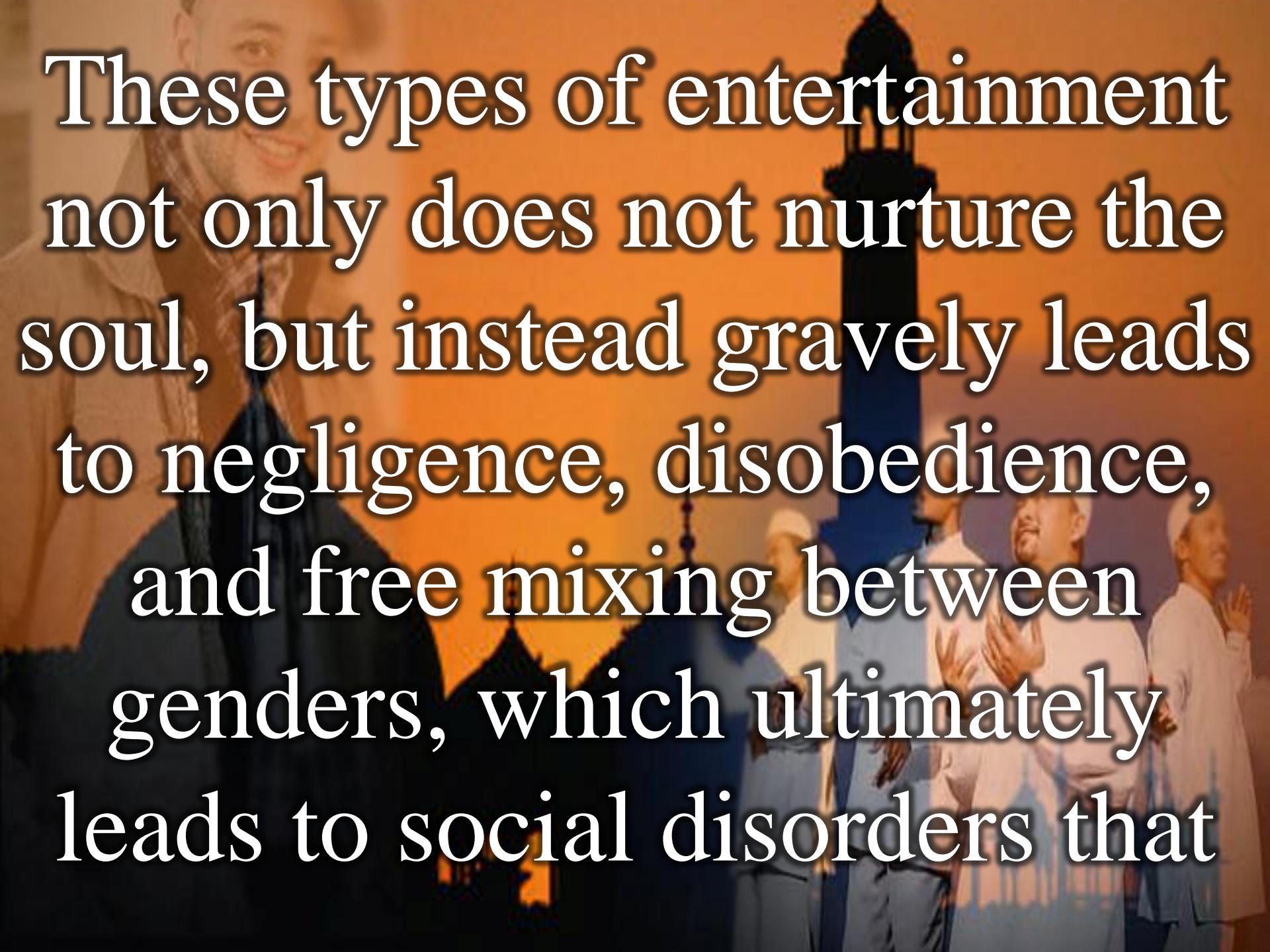


nowadays? Is it in line with the *Sharee'ah*? Do these entertainments really calm the inner soul and are they free from elements of disobedience and sins?

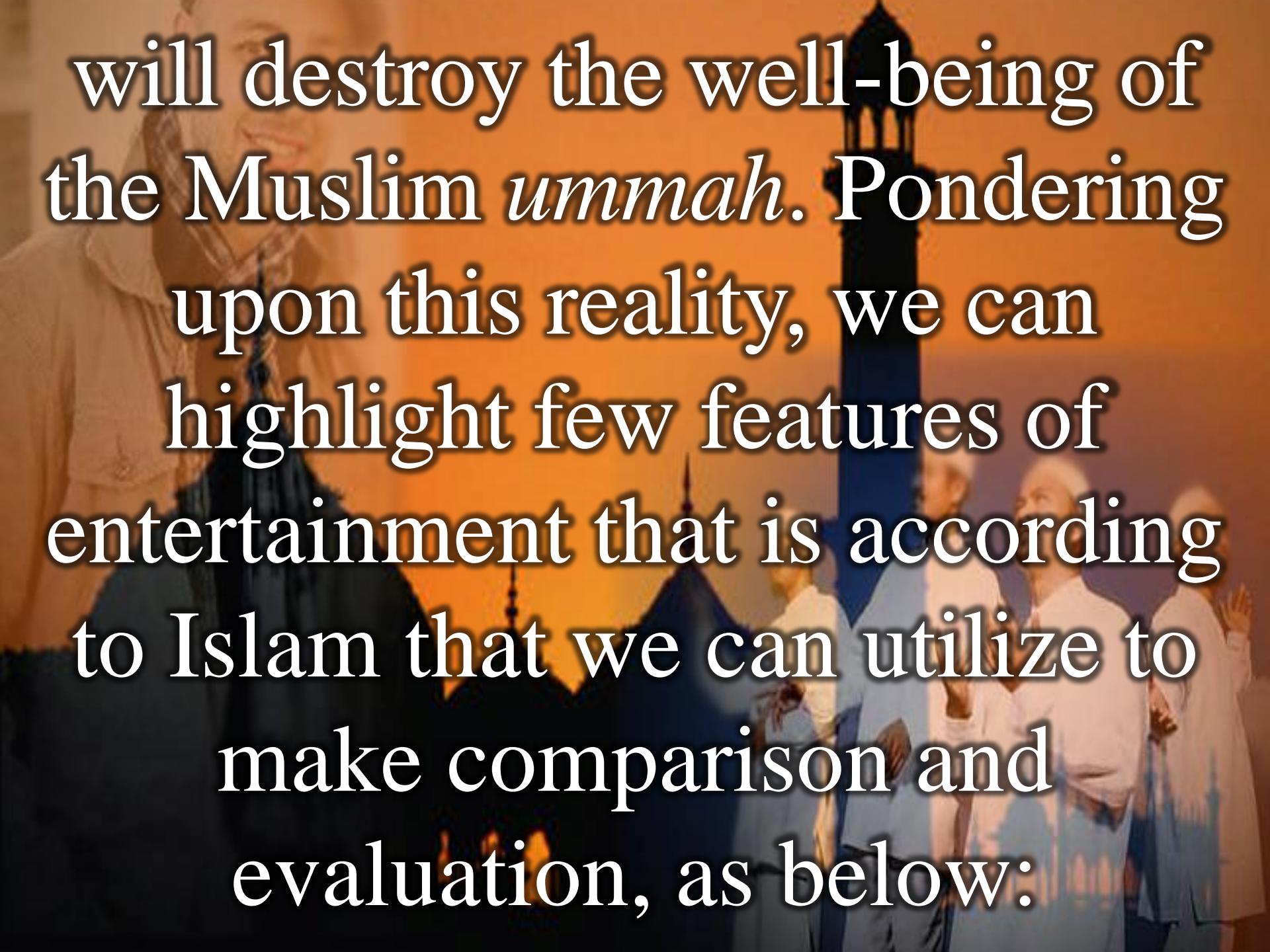
Zooming into the reality of entertainment nowadays, it can be concluded that the vast majority of entertainment out there have failed to achieve its true objective. Not only it failed to bring serenity and peace into the hearts,

A blurry background image of a mosque with people in white robes.

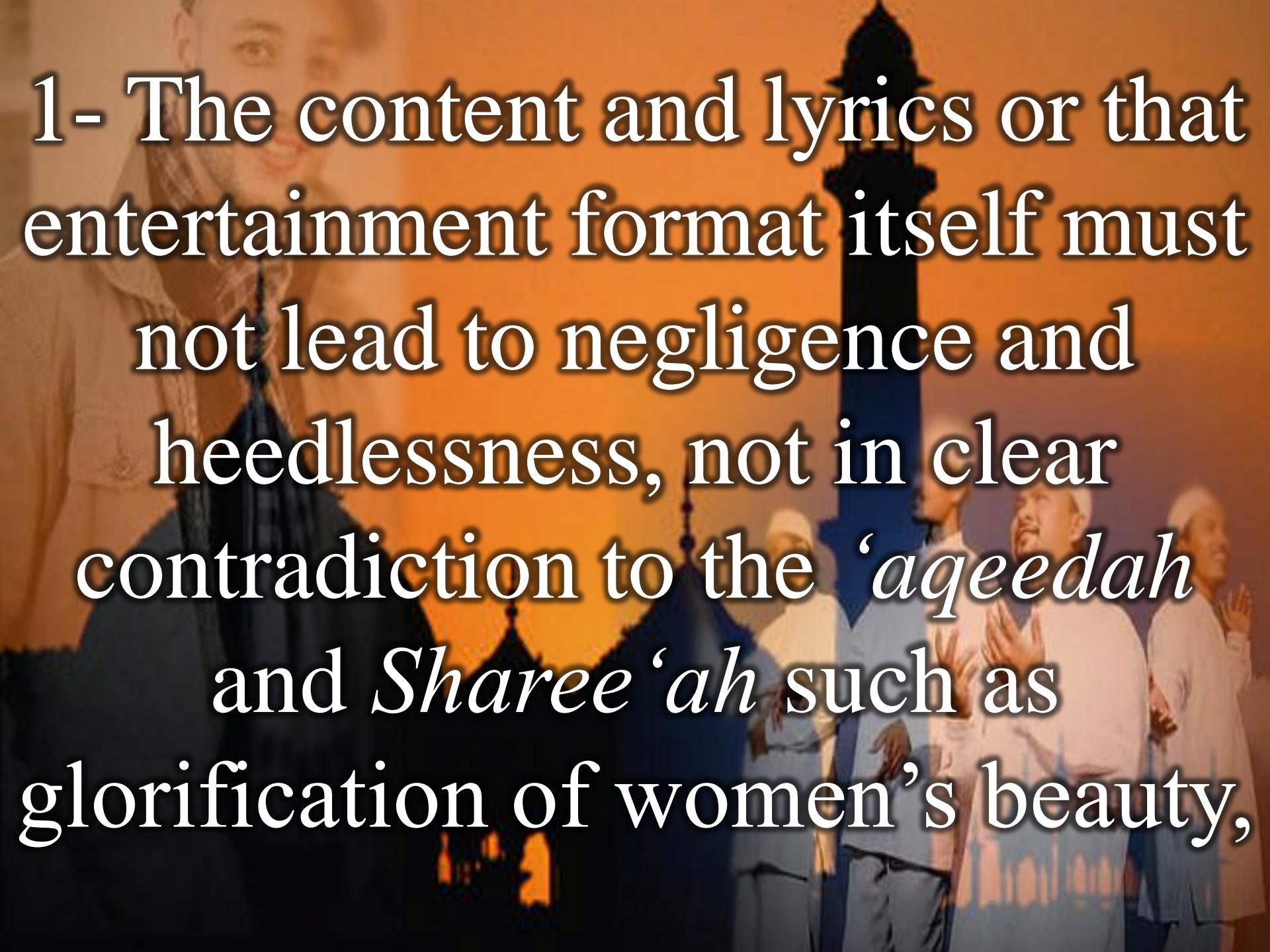
it further causes problems and disorderliness in our lives. This is mainly due to the fact that they do not comply with the guidelines stipulated by the *Sharee'ah*. It only intends to fulfill the whims and lustful desire.

A photograph showing a group of people, likely a family, in traditional Indian clothing (sarees and kurtas) gathered outdoors. They are standing in front of a building with a prominent dark blue tower or spire. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, suggesting it is either sunrise or sunset. The people are looking towards the camera or slightly away.

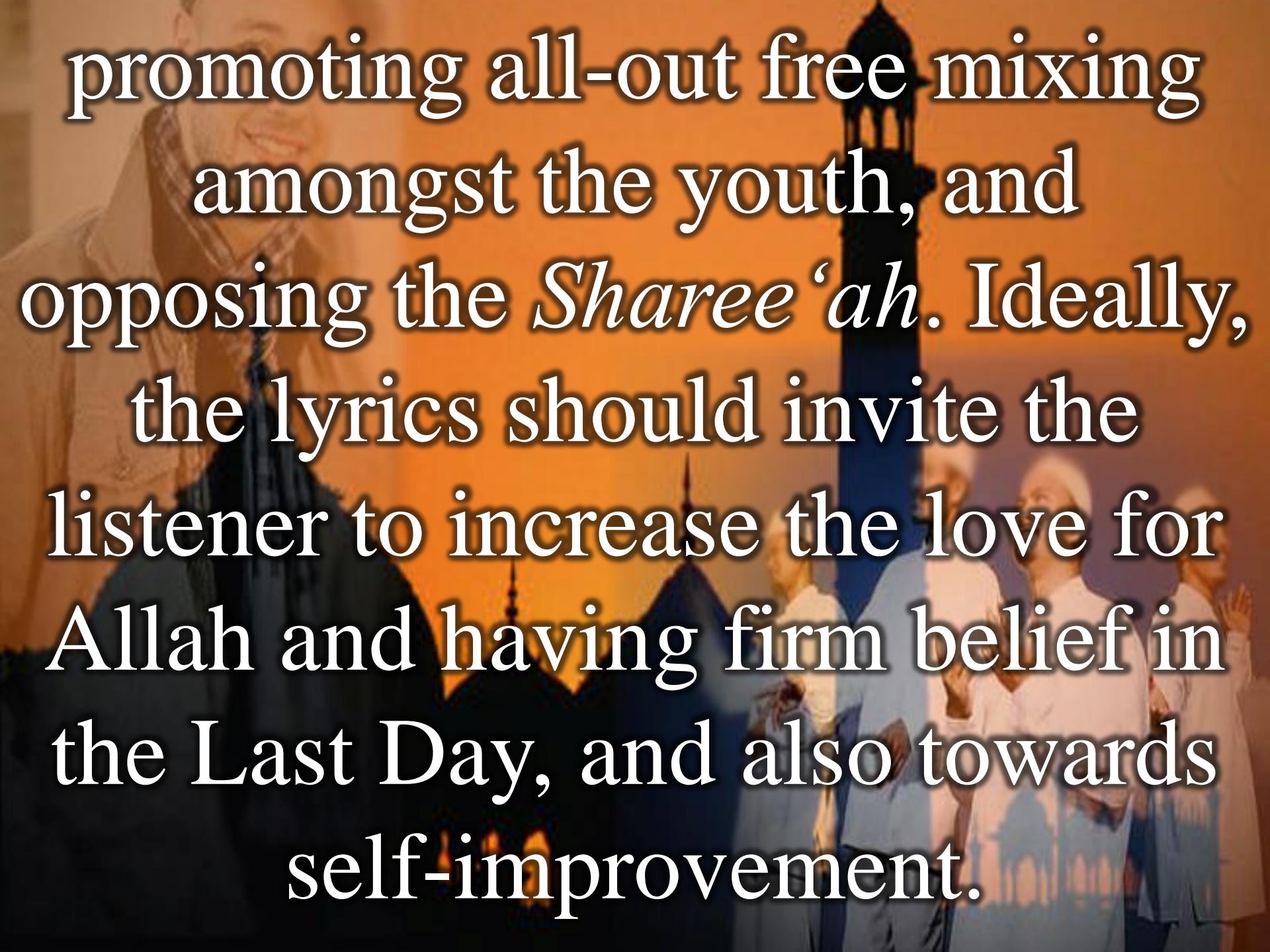
These types of entertainment not only does not nurture the soul, but instead gravely leads to negligence, disobedience, and free mixing between genders, which ultimately leads to social disorders that

A blurry background image showing the silhouette of a mosque with its distinctive minaret against a bright sky. In the foreground, several people are walking away from the camera, their figures slightly out of focus.

will destroy the well-being of the Muslim *ummah*. Pondering upon this reality, we can highlight few features of entertainment that is according to Islam that we can utilize to make comparison and evaluation, as below:



1- The content and lyrics or that entertainment format itself must not lead to negligence and heedlessness, not in clear contradiction to the '*aqeedah* and *Sharee'ah* such as glorification of women's beauty,

A blurry background image showing the silhouette of a mosque with two prominent minarets against a bright sky. In the lower right foreground, several people are walking away from the camera.

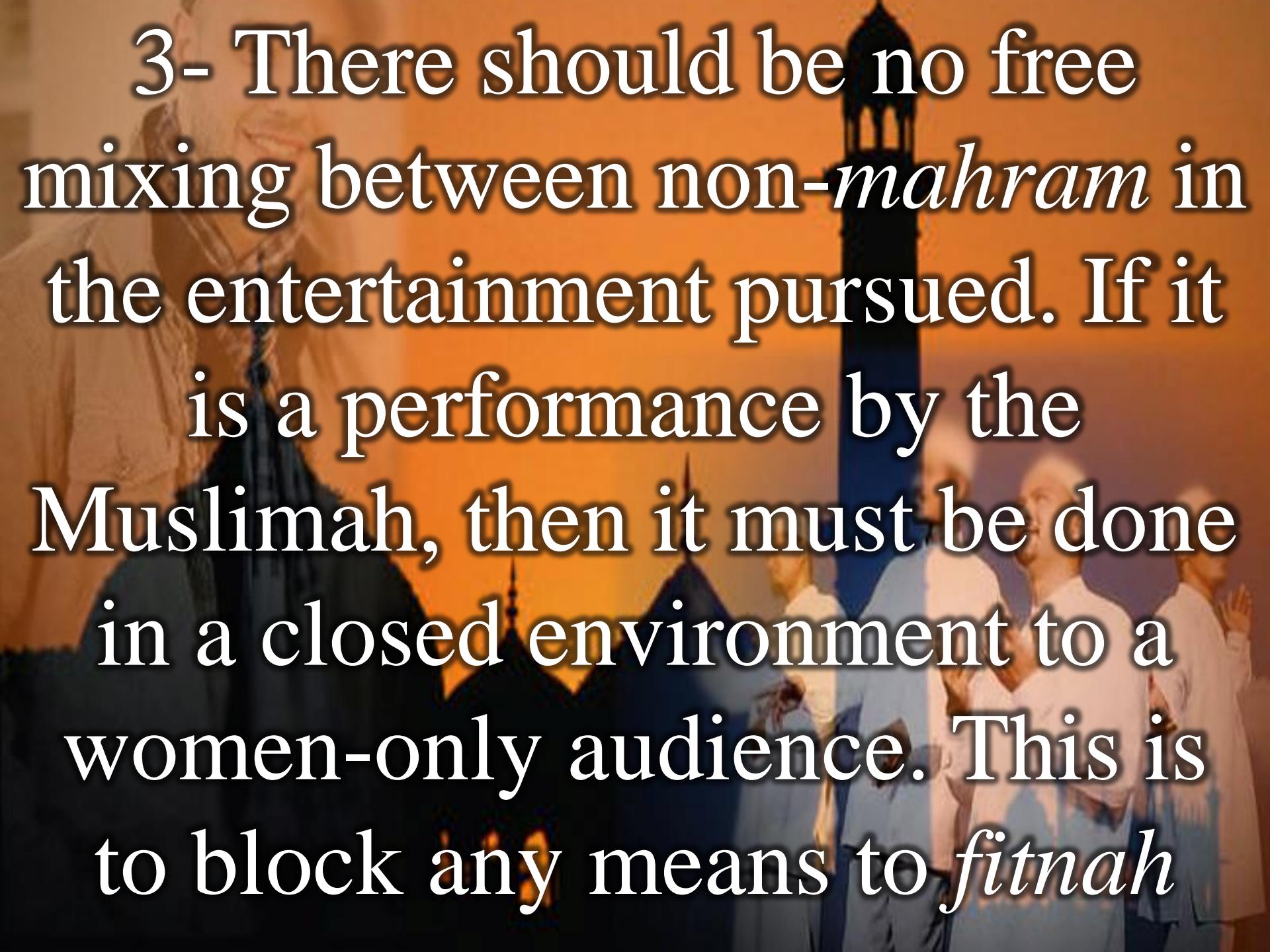
promoting all-out free mixing amongst the youth, and opposing the *Sharee'ah*. Ideally, the lyrics should invite the listener to increase the love for Allah and having firm belief in the Last Day, and also towards self-improvement.

2- Not negligence and excessiveness in the entertainment such that all the rights of Allah and obligations towards Him are neglected. Hence, it is *haraam* for such entertainment if it leads to missing *salaah*,

not providing for the family,
and impedes from seeking
knowledge. This heedlessness
is from among deeds that are
waajib to be abstained from, as
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
mentions in al-Qur'an:

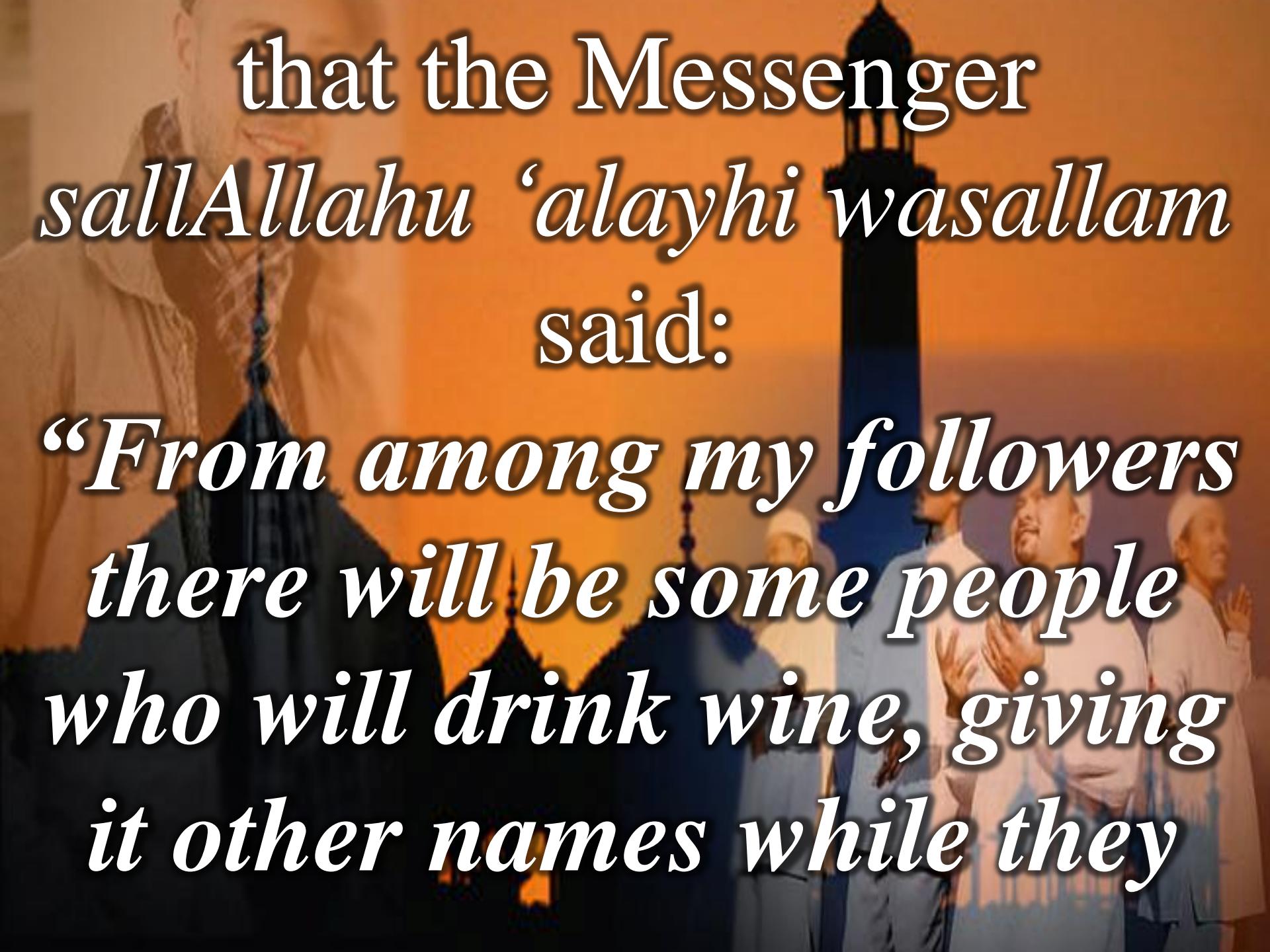
“And when they hear ill speech, they turn away from it and say, “For us are our deeds, and for you are your deeds. Peace will be upon you; we seek not the ignorant.””

(Al-Qasas 28:55)



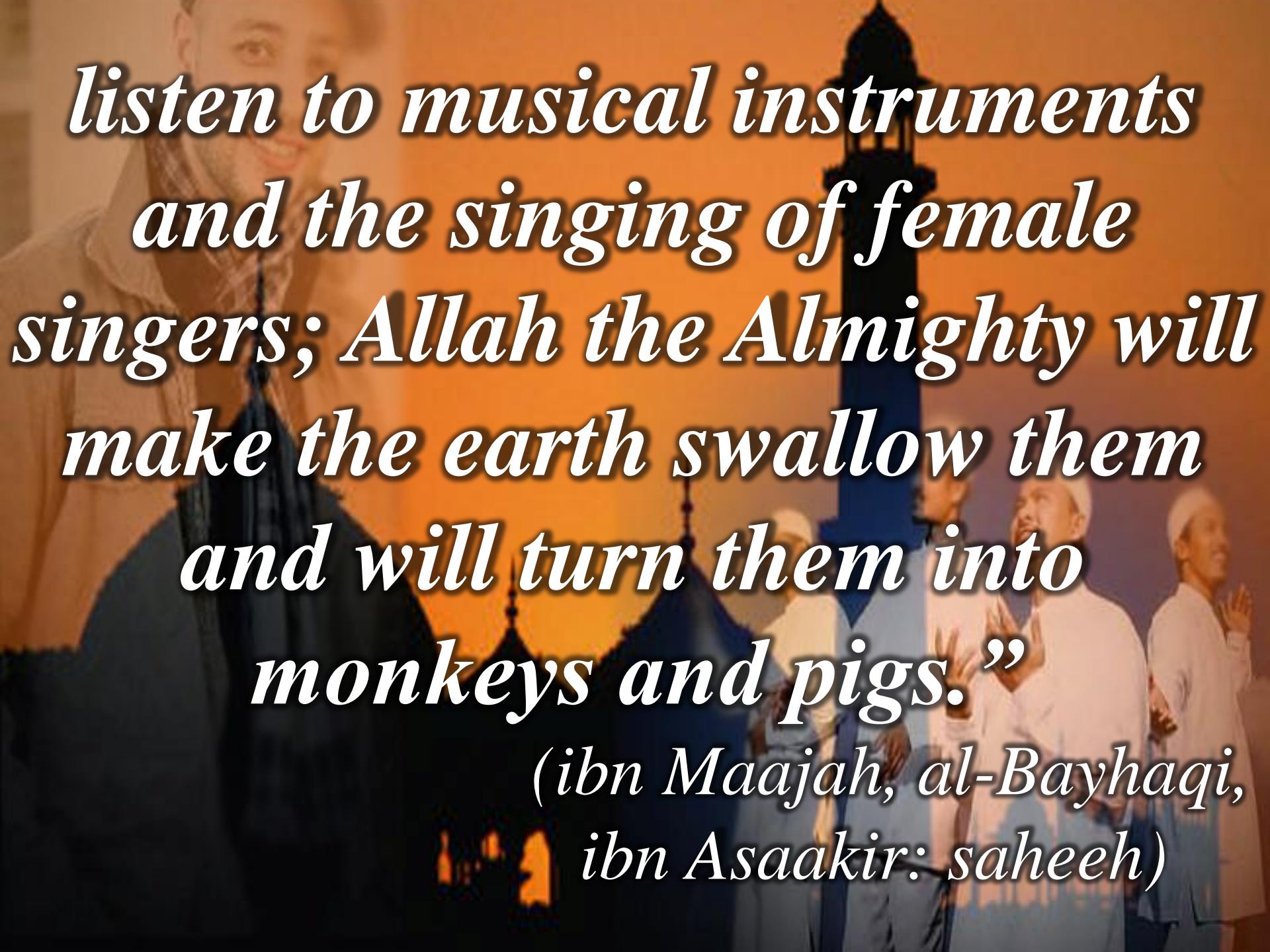
3- There should be no free mixing between non-*mahram* in the entertainment pursued. If it is a performance by the Muslimah, then it must be done in a closed environment to a women-only audience. This is to block any means to *fitnah*

and destruction of the Muslim *ummah*. There should be no *haraam* acts being committed such as consuming intoxicants, gambling, and its like. Narrated Abu Maalik al-Ash‘ari *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*



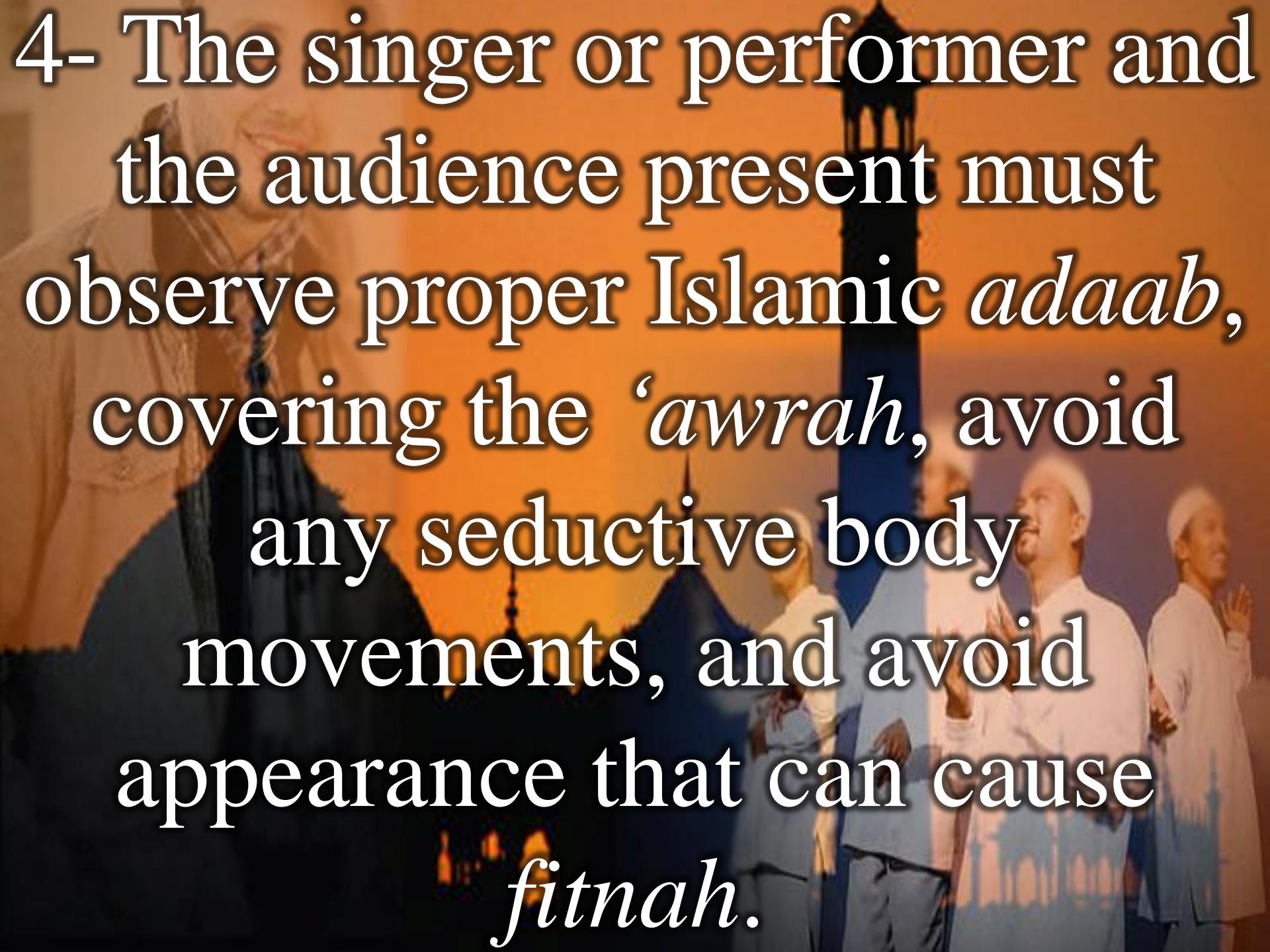
that the Messenger
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
said:

*“From among my followers
there will be some people
who will drink wine, giving
it other names while they*

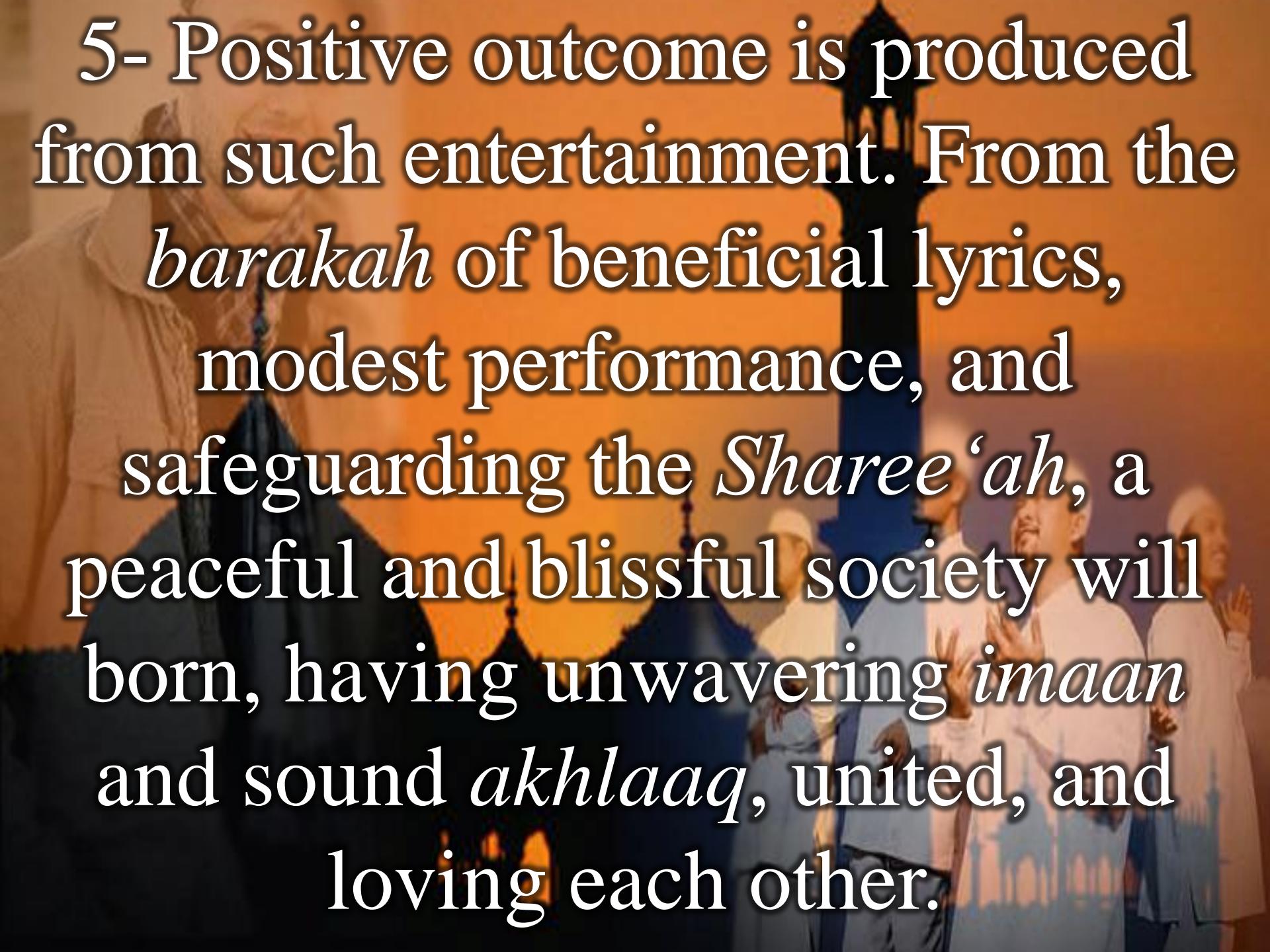
A blurry background image showing several people in a mosque, some wearing white caps and others in traditional attire, appearing to be in the middle of a prayer or sermon.

*listen to musical instruments
and the singing of female
singers; Allah the Almighty will
make the earth swallow them
and will turn them into
monkeys and pigs.”*

*(ibn Maajah, al-Bayhaqi,
ibn Asaakir: saheeh)*



4- The singer or performer and the audience present must observe proper Islamic *adaab*, covering the ‘awrah, avoid any seductive body movements, and avoid appearance that can cause *fitnah*.



5- Positive outcome is produced from such entertainment. From the *barakah* of beneficial lyrics, modest performance, and safeguarding the *Sharee'ah*, a peaceful and blissful society will be born, having unwavering *imaan* and sound *akhlaaq*, united, and loving each other.

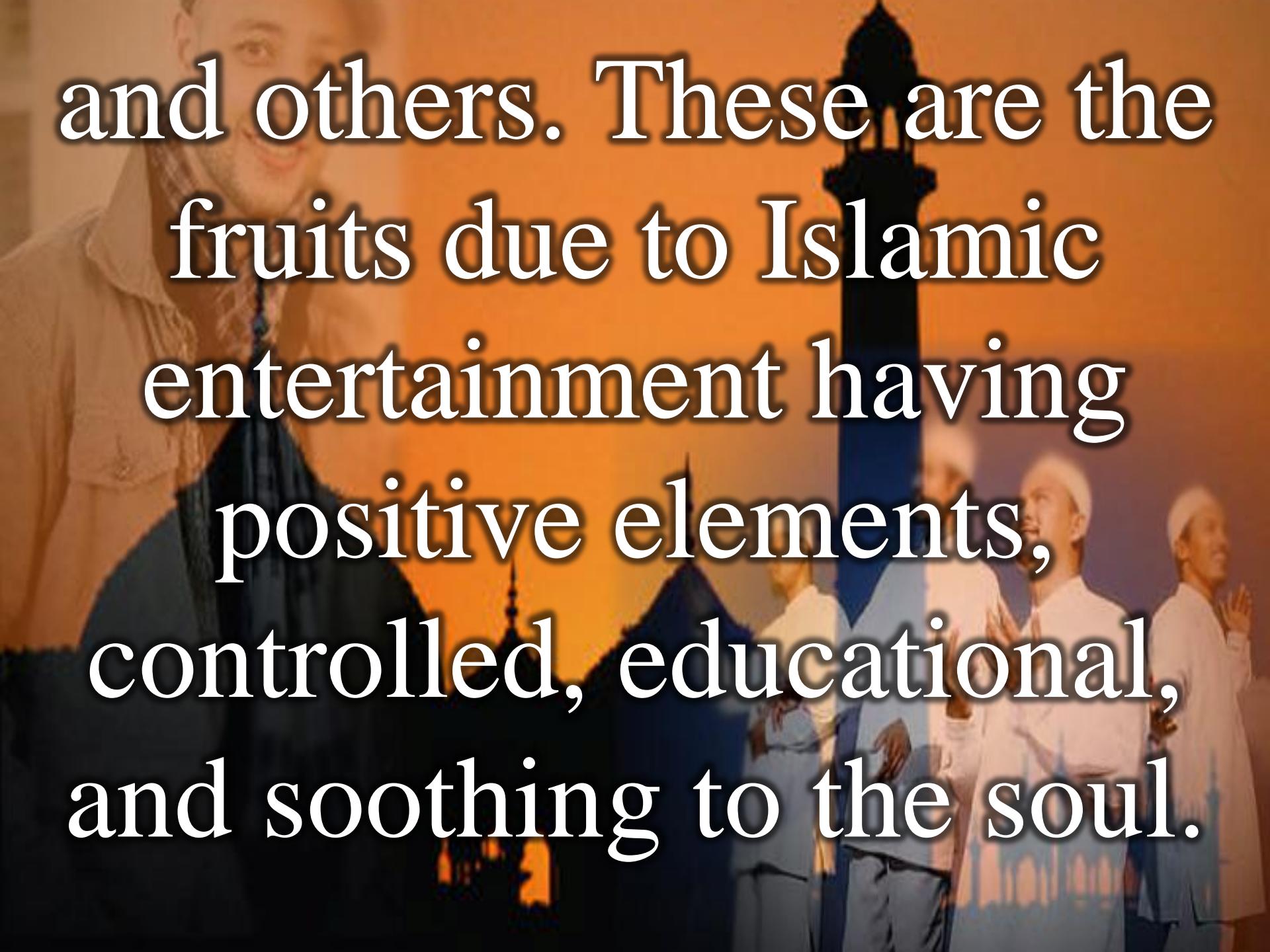
A woman wearing a traditional Islamic headscarf (niqab) is smiling warmly at the camera. She has light-colored hair and is wearing a dark top. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting.

Nowadays, there are ample source of Islamic entertainment that can be sought as alternatives to the present ones that clearly leads to heedlessness. Tremendous efforts have been exhausted in

A photograph showing a group of people, mostly men, dressed in traditional Islamic clothing like ghutras and agals. They are standing in a row, some looking towards the camera while others look away. The background shows a clear blue sky and what might be the minarets of a mosque.

developing Islamic entertainment, with the emergence of various *nasheed* groups and *halaqaat* of beneficial knowledge We truly understand that the objective of entertainment in Islam is to produce individuals that are

sound physically, spiritually, and in the character. The healthy and sound individual is not only free from illnesses, but also free from emotional problems, mental and spiritual disorders, and pressures from marital problems, workplace,

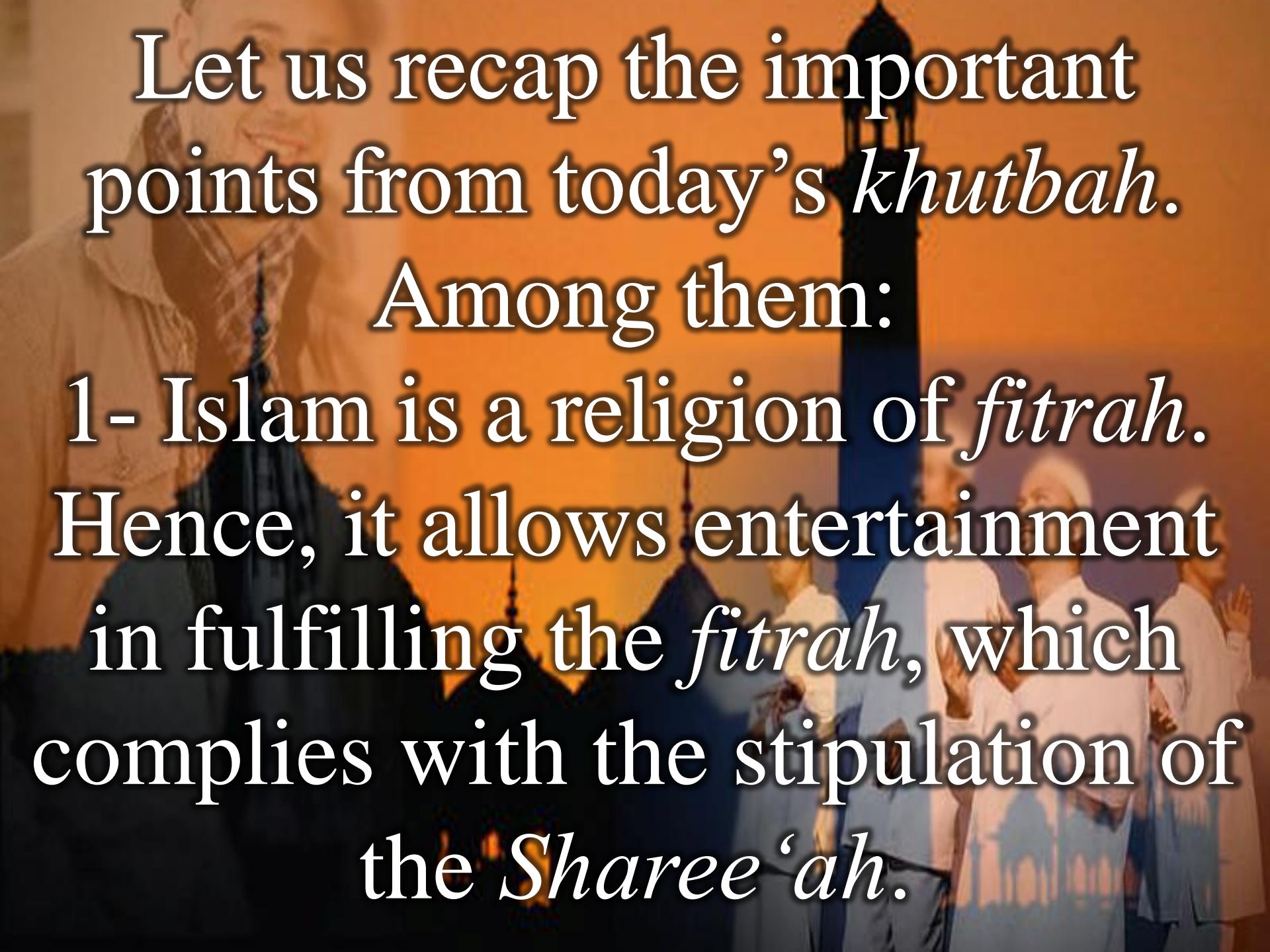


and others. These are the fruits due to Islamic entertainment having positive elements, controlled, educational, and soothing to the soul.

Therefore, as Muslims, we must be wise to select our mode of entertainment and its method. Indeed, the real entertainment is that which puts us in the remembrance of

The Creator, Allah

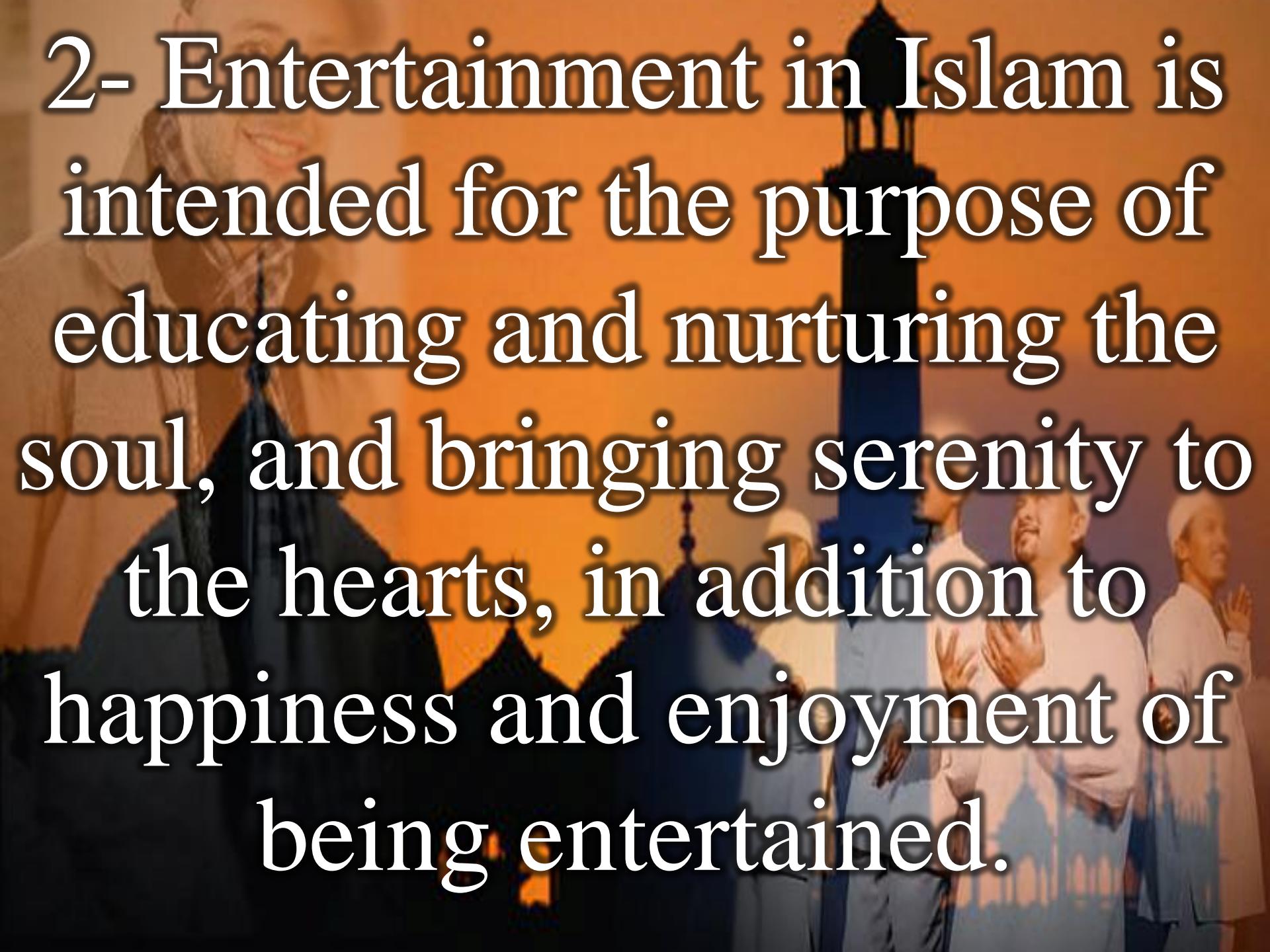
Subhaanahu Wata 'ala.



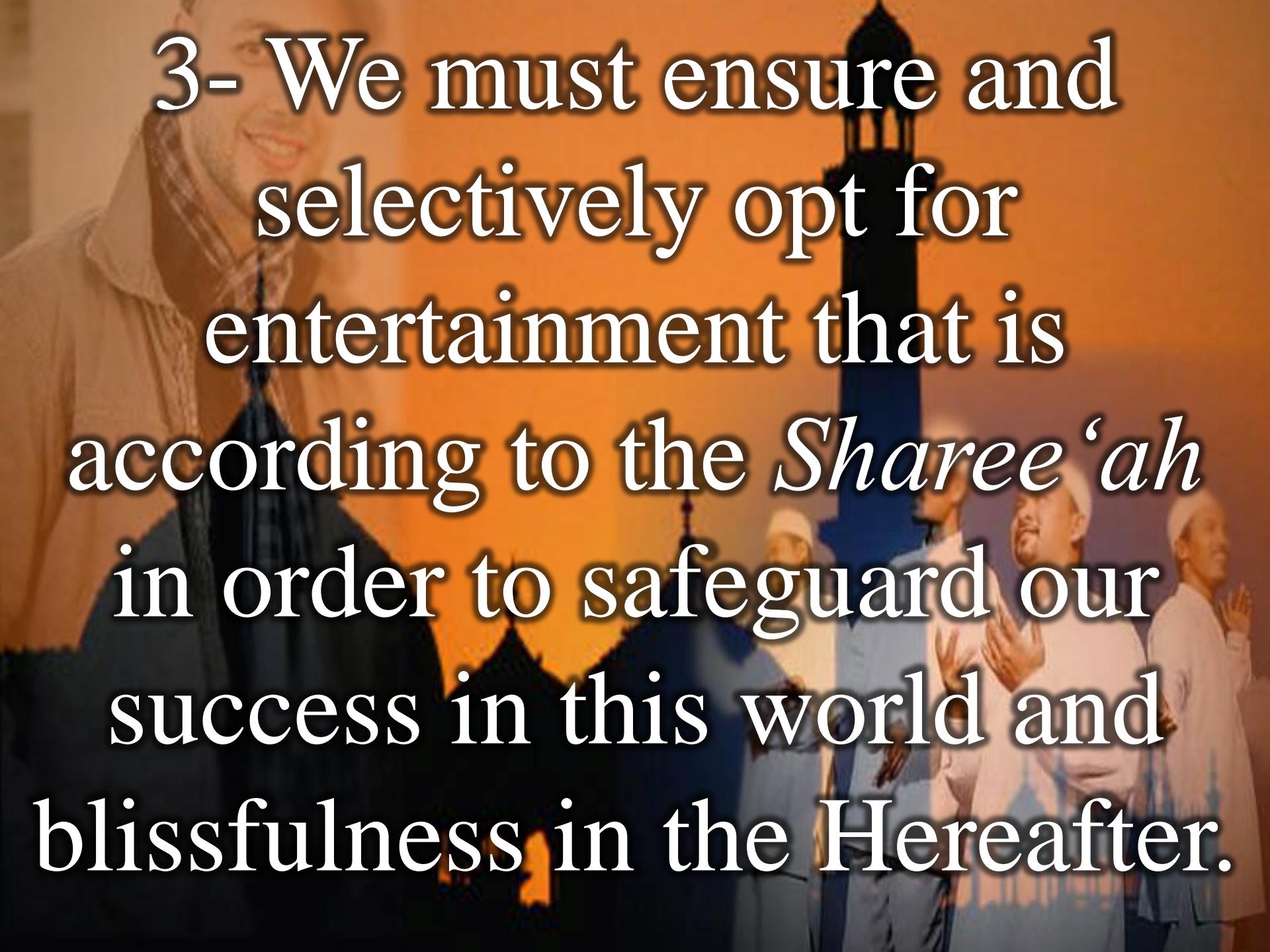
Let us recap the important points from today's *khutbah*.

Among them:

1- Islam is a religion of *fitrah*. Hence, it allows entertainment in fulfilling the *fitrah*, which complies with the stipulation of the *Sharee'ah*.

A blurry, warm-toned photograph showing several people in traditional Islamic attire (men in white agals and women in headscarves) gathered in what appears to be a mosque or a large hall. They are positioned in rows, facing towards the right side of the frame, which suggests they are performing the call to prayer (Adhan). The lighting is soft and golden, creating a sense of community and reverence.

2- Entertainment in Islam is intended for the purpose of educating and nurturing the soul, and bringing serenity to the hearts, in addition to happiness and enjoyment of being entertained.

A blurry background image showing several people in a mosque, some wearing white caps and others in traditional attire, engaged in what appears to be a congregational prayer. The architecture of the mosque, with its arched windows and minaret, is visible through the haze.

3- We must ensure and selectively opt for entertainment that is according to the *Sharee'ah* in order to safeguard our success in this world and blissfulness in the Hereafter.

“And of the people is he who buys the amusement of speech to mislead [others] from the way of Allah without knowledge and who takes it in ridicule. Those will have a humiliating punishment.”

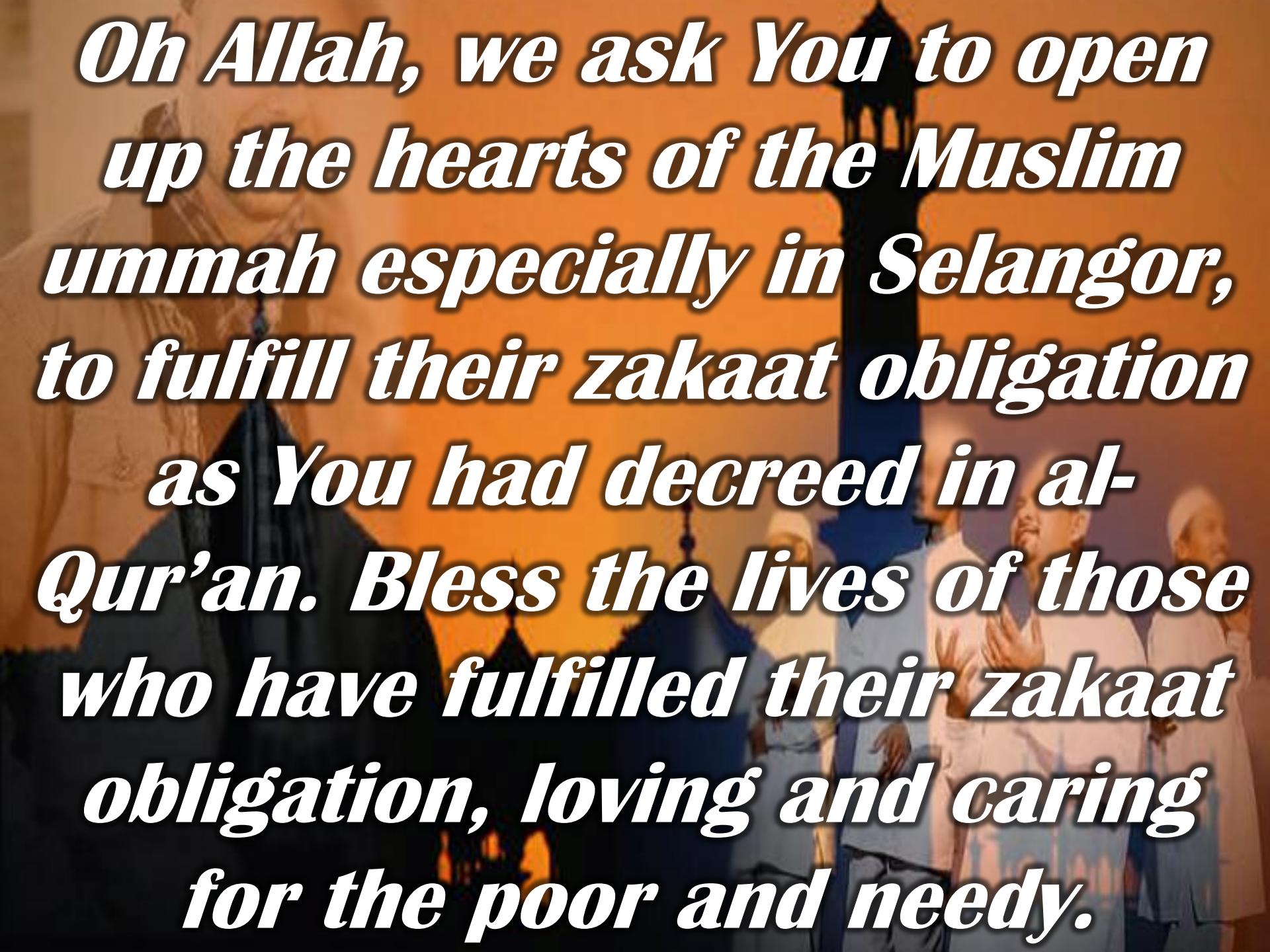
(Luqmaan 31:6)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُوْلُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ
وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

*We beseech and beg You, Ya
Allah, to strengthen our imaan,
increase our good deeds,
strengthen our unity, increase
our provision, enrich us with
beneficial knowledge, nourish
our soul with beautiful akhlaaq,
guide us to the Path that is
Pleasing to You,*

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

A blurry background image showing the exterior of a mosque with its distinctive dome and minaret. In the foreground, several people are visible, some wearing traditional Islamic headgear like ghutras and agals. The overall atmosphere is one of a religious gathering or event.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

*Purify their wealth and soul so
that they will live according to
that which pleases You. Protect
the poor and needy from
disbelief and everlasting
poverty. Allaahummaa ameen*



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