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Fatwa

Imam Muhammad: “What is your opinion on women, is it binding upon them to come out for the two Eids?”

Imam Abu Hanifah: “There used to be concession for them. But today, I consider that Makrooh for them.”

Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi Rahmatullahi alaih is seen in a dream

A Buzrug saw Hadhrat Junaid in a dream and asked how he had fared when Munkar and Nakeer arrived for the questioning. Hadhrat Junaid (Rahmatullah alayh) said: “They arrived in great pomp and splendour and asked: “Who is your Rabb?” I looked at them and laughed, and said: “On that day when He (Allah) asked: “Am I not your Rabb?”, I had already responded: “Yes!”. I have already answered to the King. What need is there today to answer to the slaves? I say that He is the one Who has created me, and He is The One Who has guided me.”
(He recited this Qur'aanic aayat). Both Angels left saying: “He is still intoxicated with Divine Love.”

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Whilst a Nikaah is a happy occasion, the proceedings which follow thereafter should be governed by the Sacred Laws and Boundaries of the Shari'ah. How do we expect for a couple to be happily married ever after, when from the Nikaah onwards, not to speak about the Haraam functions, celebrations, Dawats etc. prior to the Nikaah which take place while breaking and demolishing many Laws of the Deen?

In this article, we will not mention the many evil and Haraam activities, feasts, Da'wats, nights, braais and other similar things which people are well aware of, which take place prior to the Nikaah. We will, however, for now, mention just a few of the un-Islamic activities which generally take place from the point of the Nikaah onwards.

The Nikaah, which is taking place in the Masjid, at times, is videoed. If not, photography takes place. This has become so common nowadays. Every person carries a camera in his pocket. Some will take out their smartphones and video or photograph the entire Nikaah ceremony!

Many times, the Moulana who performs the Nikaah, is totally against photography. He avoids his photograph or video to be recorded at all costs. Therefore, at times, his own family reunions and functions he will not attend due to the fear of uncontrolled photography taking place there and in the process, his picture and video will also be captured. That is expected, since

the family outing/reunion, with many cousins and relatives, all with different backgrounds and ideologies, probably might take place in some public or private gardens, hall or a resort etc.

So the Moulana will expect photography to take place at those environments. But least to his expectations, his photograph and video is taken while he is in the safest and holiest spot on earth, the Masjid! What a shame on those who have wrecked the honour and insulted the view of impermissibility of photography of the Moulana, to take his photo with their cell in the Masjid!? And to top it all, the photos are done at times so discreetly that the Moulana will not even know.

So, the Haraam photography and videoing takes place in the Holy House of Allah Ta'ala, while a sacred law of the Deen is witnessed by hundreds, with the Name of Allah Ta'ala, two strangers, who were Haraam to each other, become Halaal for each other.

Taking the next step, generally, there is some Da'wat after the Nikaah. Where is such food served? Generally, in the hall. Women are also invited but screened or separated with a 'separate facility' concept to dupe and hoodwink women in proper Hijaab to also attend, which lasts for a few moments, and then whichever man wants to come to the women's supposedly separate side, marches in. So what was the meaning of separate facilities?

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THE CALL OF THE QUR'AAN

(Ml Ashraf Ali Thanwi Rahmatullahi alaih)

Before the wa'z (lecture), Qari Muhammad Yameen Saheb and some children recited the Qur'aan Shareef. Thereafter Hazrat Moulana Thanwi said the following words in respect of the Kalaamullah – the Divine Speech – the Qur'aan Majeed:

Friends! The Kalaamullah was recited so that you take interest in it. In these times people are becoming disinclined in this direction and consider it futile. Some even say that it is a waste of one's life; if the energies of kids are channelled into other directions then how nice it will be!!!

In some places there are committees established to suspend the teaching of the Qur'aan. They consider engaging in the learning and teaching of the Qur'aan to be a waste of time [Na'oothubillah]! They even say that to learn it without understanding is to waste time. "Learning it in parrot fashion serves no benefit; time is lost and no benefit is accrued," according to them.

Our response is that Allah and His Rasool (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) have declared it to be beneficial. They have promised reward over it, although it is not on par in benefit to learning with understanding; but you have the audacity to say that there is no benefit in it!!! Who should we regard to be correct!?

People say that we should plan to earn. This is absolutely correct. This is our

purpose with the Qur'aan; to earn the Aakhirat, where there will be dire needs. A person will run helter-skelter just for one good deed, and then too, he will hardly get what he wants.

Friends! In these times only the Kalaamullah has remained with Muslims; nothing else. If you also leave this, then what will remain? Treasure the words also, although the benefit is not equal to knowing the meanings.

In regard to this benefit Nabi Kareem (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said that for every letter [recited of the Qur'aan] you receive ten rewards. He furthermore said: "I am not saying that Alif Laam Meem is one letter. In fact, Alif is one letter, Laam is one letter and Meem is one letter."

So, by merely reciting Alif Laam Meem you receive thirty rewards. And according to some Ulama you receive ninety rewards. How? In this manner: The Alif in Alif Laam Meem represents three letters, namely, Alif, Laam and Faa. In lieu of each letter ten rewards are gained. Similarly, thirty rewards are for Laam [which is made up of Laam, Alif and Meem], and similarly thirty for Meem [which is made up of Meem, Yaa and another Meem]. Thus, the total is ninety.

All right, leave this view aside which is not popular; take the first interpretation of thirty rewards. Now consider that you receive thirty rewards in cash. However,

in the Aakhirat this will multiply to who knows how much!?

It comes in the Hadeeth Shareef that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'ala nurtures sadqah [charity] of one date like people bring up their young animals in this world. Thus, there are people whose few actions in this world will appear in thawaab as big as mountains. They will say: "We didn't do so many deeds!?" The answer they will be given is: "This is Our attribute of nurturing and careful upbringing. Once you did the action and stopped, from that time onwards We made it prosper and grow. Today you can see the results."

Here an action is done. It grows and increases. There [in the Aakhirat] in some cases merely by wishing, there will be promotion without any action even being carried out. In this regard it comes in the Hadeeth that a person will remain in Hellfire after all and he will scream for relocation to the door of Hell. "I want to be away from the

extreme heat and vehement flames here." He will be transferred to the Gate of Hellfire.

His next desire will be for his face to be turned away from Hellfire. This will also be granted. Now he will see the beautiful trees and scenery of Jannat. He will become restless and say: "Put me close to the trees. I won't go any further." This will also be granted. In short, he will be granted entry into Jannat. And he will be given a Jannat ten times the size of what he merely wished for.

So, if you receive thirty rewards [through the recitation of just three letters of the Glorious Qur'aan] and there [in the Aakhirat] there is a huge increase in multiplication what gross profit will one then receive!?

When this is the reward for reciting three letters then what is the reward for reciting the whole Qur'aan!? And what is the product of the multiplication!?

The signs of a Munaafiq

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, "If anyone has four qualities, he is a pure hypocrite. And if he has one of them, he has a quality of hypocrisy until he gives it up.

1. *When he is placed in a position of trust, he betrays his trust.*
2. *When he speaks, he lies.*
3. *When he makes a promise, he breaks it.*
4. *When he disputes, he becomes vulgar."*

100 DUROODS

Hazrat Anas Radhiyallahu anhu narrated that Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said,

"Whoever recites to me 100 times Durood on Jumu'ah, Allah Ta'ala will fulfil 100 of his needs. Of these, 70 pertain to the Aakhirah and 30 to his worldly needs. Allah Ta'ala appoints an Angel to deliver the Durood to me just as someone would present to you a gift. It is then recorded by me in a white sheet, and I shall suffice for him on the Day of Qiyaamah."

Under the Shade...

Hazrat Aisha Radhiyallahu anha reported that Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, "Do you know who are the foremost to the shade of Allah Ta'ala on the Day of Qiyaamah?"

They said, "Allah and His Messenger knows best."

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, "They are those who accept the truth when they receive it, who offer the truth when they are asked for it, and who judge people the way they judge themselves."

(Musnad Ahmad)

The effect of Mushtabah (doubtful) food

Once some noblemen of Nishapur went to visit Hadhrat Ahmad Harb. Whilst they were sitting in conversation with him, the son of Hadhrat Harb passed nearby on the outside. He was playing the guitar and walking like a drunken man totally absorbed in the music. The noblemen stared in amazement at the son. Hadhrat Ahmad Harb who was obviously much embarrassed said: "Once some food came from my neighbour and we ate of it. That same night I had relations with my wife, and this son was conceived. It later transpired that the food had come to the neighbour from the ruler." *(The consequence of eating the doubtful food was the wayward child.)*

Halaal/Haraam Update

Beware!!!!

Flings contains ethyl alcohol and E631 which is an ingredient often commercially prepared from animal sources (Wikipedia)

other crisps or foodstuff could also contain the above ingredients. Be cautious when purchasing your next item!

THE FAASIQ AALIM

Hazrat Sufyaan Thawree Rahmatullaahi alaihi said, "When you see any Aalim visiting the Qaadhi (judge, ruler, or nowadays, presidents or any government officials) without a valid reason, know that he is evil. Regard him to be irreligious, and refrain from offering Salaam to him."

Taubah

“Taubah is compulsory on every person, whether he is of the elite (i.e. Auliya and pious Ulama) or of the laypeople or whether he is a sinner or an obedient person.” (Hazrat Sahal bin Abdullah Tastari Rahmatullahi alaih)

The solution to an economic crisis is to live a simple lifestyle

- Wear simple
- Live simple
- Drive simple
- If you can't afford it, stay without it
- If you have extra money at the end of the month, save it instead of using it
- Buy only essentials
- Avoid expensive branded clothing, opt for simple ones which can also serve the same purpose and is lighter on the pocket as well as the heart—by wearing non-branded items, the heart will Insha Allah be saved from pride which will make the heart light
- Avoid driving up and down few times, rather make a list of items required from the shop and drive down once and buy one time
- It is not a must to eat sumptuous meals regularly, rather

Eating snacks?

Many are in the habit of nibbling on some snack along the day. It is their habit to munch on a light bite.

Whatever the bite may be, as long as it is Halaal, one should keep in mind the following Sunnats as the 'bite' or snack is food:

1. Ensure your Topi (or scarf for women) is on.
2. Ensure that you wash your hands.
3. Ensure you sit and eat. Don't stand and eat, nor walk and eat.
4. Ensure you recite Bismillah.
5. Remember to recite Alhamdulillah after the snack as this is a form of Shukr unto Allah Ta'ala for blessing us with a snack or bite.

occasionally, depending on one's affordability

- Don't look at those who live on a higher worldly level than you, rather look at those who have much less than you!
- Make Shukr, Allah will give you more
- “Whoever adopts Taqwa, Allah will make an opening for him. And grant him Rizq from avenues he never even thinks of.” (Qur'an)
- “Indeed, simplicity is part of Deen.” (Hadith)
- Abstain from all sins (especially TV), so that Barakah can enter our homes!

A Wonderful Hadith for Men

Hazrat Abu Hurairah Radhiyallahu anhu narrates that Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, “If people only knew the rewards of the Athaan and the first Saff (reading Salaah in the first row in the Masjid) and they had no way of attaining them but to draw lots, they would certainly have drawn lots. If they knew the rewards for going early for Salaah, they would have raced each other in getting there. If they only knew the rewards for performing the Isha and Fajr Salaah (in Jamaat, in the Masjid), they would attend them even if they had to crawl.” (Bukhari, Muslim)

The above applies to the men of this Ummah, women are not allowed to attend the Masaajid. They are not allowed in the Sahri’ah to attend the Eid Salaah, or the Jumu’ah Salaah. Their Masjid is their corners in their rooms. There they should read all their Salaahs, engage in Zikrullah and Du’a. that is considered as their Masjid.

Women have NO place in the Masjids. They are banned by the Shari’ah totally from the Masaajid. They are not allowed to leave their homes and attend even the ladies section of the Masjid to join a Salaah, listen to a Jumu’ah talk or sit behind a screen (Purdah) at the Eidgah.

One should be alert and aware at all times of the Laws of the Sahri’ah. There is no room for allowing the ladies to congregate at even the ladies side in Masjids inviting them for braais, Qiraat programmes and other similar merry-making fun events and festivals which are garbed with ‘Holy’ names and places (such as hosting them near or at Masjids).

This is the stance of the Shariah. At the same time, we should bring to the reader’s attention of the evil and corrupt ideas of certain individuals of this country, some of them have titles of ‘Moulana’. Yet, they are in the quest of allowing our sisters and mothers to be at the Masjids. Remember, the best place for Salaah for women is the darkest corner of her room as mentioned in the Hadith.

Video Calls?

Just as photography of animated objects are Haraam in our Deen, so too is video calling Haraam. The element of Hurmat (prohibition) for video calling is pictography. All pictography is Haraam, be it in the form of a sketch, model, digital etc.

Frightening a Muslim?

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said:

“It is not permissible for a Muslim to frighten a fellow Muslim.”

This is a common joke many Muslims play. It should be avoided even in a joking way.

Getting to know one's Kalimahs

The meaning of the fourth Kalimah:

Laa-Ilaha-illallaahu-There is none worthy of worship besides Allah

Wahdahoo-He is alone

Laa-Shareeka-Lahoo-He has no partner

Lahul-Mulku-Kingdom belongs to Him

Walahul-Hamdu-All praise belongs to Him

Yuhyee-wa-yumeetu-He gives life and causes death

Bi-yadihil-khair-In His Hand is all good

Wa-huwa-'alaa-kulli-shai-in-Qadeer-And He has power over everything

The Six Accursed

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said: "Six persons are cursed. Allah and every Nabi who came, cursed them.

1. The one who adds to Allah's Kitaab (Qur'aan, Taurah, Zaboor, Injeel etc.).
2. The one who denies Allah's Qadar (predestination/Taqdeer).
3. The one who rules with tyranny.
4. The one who legalizes Allah's prohibitions.
5. The one from my family who legalizes Allah's prohibitions.
6. The one who abandons my Sunnah.

Some Masaa'il (from Beshti Zewar)

1. The blood of fish, flies, mosquitos and bugs is not impure.
2. The saliva of a dog is impure but the dog itself is not impure. So if a dog touches anyone's body or clothes, they will not become impure irrespective of whether the dog's body is dry or wet. However, it will be a different case if there is some Najaasat on the dog's body.
3. The saliva which comes out from the mouth of a sleeping person is Paak.
4. The saliva of a dead person is impure.
5. The water with which Ghusl was given to a Janaazah is impure.

The Qadhaa Fasts

1. When keeping a Qadhaa' fast, one has to make the intention from the night (i.e. before Subah Saadiq-end time of Sehri). If the intention was made in the morning (i.e. after Subah Saadiq-Sehri time ended), the Qadhaa' will not be valid and the fast will be regarded as a Nafl fast. The Qadhaa' fast will have to be kept again.
2. The same rule applies to Kaffarah fasts. The intention has to be made at night (before Subah Saadiq).

A Modern House VS A Deeni House

1. No Salaah
2. Boredom is spent with TV
3. No regard to wearing Islamic clothes
4. Music is accepted
5. Meals are served on tables and chairs
6. No regard to separate sitting when visitors come. Non-Mahram men and women sit together in the same lounge.
7. Frames of animated pictures hang on walls.
8. Sports and scores are followed meticulously.
9. No real regard is given to Halaal and Haraam foods and drinks. Mere reliance is placed on 'Halaal' logos and stamps despite knowing that Halaal certificate bodies are unreliable as their logos were discovered on Pork products.
10. Children are allowed to be with any circle of friends.

And many other un-Islamic activities...

1. All Salaahs are read on time
2. Spare time is used for Tilaawat
3. All wear Islamic clothes
4. Music is considered as Haraam
5. Meals are eaten on the floor
6. Proper Hijaab is maintained from non-Mahrams. Separate seating and eating facilities are provided to uphold the Law of Hijaab
7. No animate picture frames are framed on any wall
8. Sports, scores and even world cup is unspoken of
9. Care is given in purchasing Halaal and Tayyib foods, meats and ingredients so that the food prepared can generate more Ibaadat. Reliable and trustable Ulama are contacted in the event of doubt in some ingredient/product. No reliance is placed on 'Halaal'.
10. Children are encouraged to sit at the feet of saintly and pious Ulama and people

Which house's description does our house fit in?

The house, garden, lights and painting may perhaps appear smart from the outside, but what is inside is what matters. A Deeni house may be in the form of a hut, a shack or a simple basic house, but holds more value to Allah Ta'ala than a palatial house which is devoid of Deen in the inside!

The wedding functions of this Ummah

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One point for those who don't attend such invites due to them and/or their wives trying to observe strict and proper Shar'ee Purdah, is to ask the duration as to how long will the separate facility last? No one will really be able to guarantee a full time separated facility, unless the women are served food in a complete different house, far away from the men.

Thus far, two major, major sins have been discussed:

1. The sin of photography, which holds the severe warning of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam of those involved in it, to be meted out the severest punishment. And then to top it all and to make matters worse, this sin of photography in the Masjid!
2. Secondly, is the mock concept of separate ladies' facilities, which eventually becomes one big feast with men and women mixing, talking, flirting and viewing each other.

Let us carry on further in the stages of sins which are perpetrated, all in the name of Nikaah—A Sacred Divine Rule. Let us speak about the dressing of the men and women. Some women think they are on an Abaya parade show, while others forgot they were supposed to cover their bodies and hair. They parade with loose and open hair, make-up and high heels as if they are the brides. The poor bridegroom, if he had to see the women, might be confused as to whether all those women are also getting married.

Some women will wear flimsy and almost transparent clothing. The Hadith warns, *“Many women who wore clothes (but were flimsy, semi-transparent and revealed many if not most of the parts of their bodies) will be naked in the Hereafter.”*

So the women attending such feasts have no proper clothing on, but the chairs, stage and now even the ceiling of such halls are covered with some material. We have recently seen a picture of a hall which was ready to host a wedding, the chairs, as well as the ceiling, had some white material draped over them. The chairs are covered, the stage is covered and the roof is covered, but alas, the women are undressed and uncovered! Their hair is open. Other parts of their bodies are uncovered.

Think about it, how sad and lamentable? On what you sit, around you, to your left, right and in front of you, every chair, table and parts of the stage and any other possible thing, is dressed and covered with some material as is the fashion. And now, even above you, the ceiling is covered. But the women lost their coverings!

We are not saying all the wasteful covering of chairs and tables, especially the roof and stage is something commendable. It is full of a stink of a foul stench of Israaf (wastage)

which makes the organizers come directly under the scope of this Aayat, “Indeed, those who waste, are the brothers of Shaitaan.”

Then the men’s side, we will discover some of their hair styles to resemble that of the heads of chickens. On the one side, there will be some sort of chicken prepared for meals, on the other hand, these ‘chickens’ will be walking around, showing off their latest mobile phones, boast about their pictures they have snapped of sporty cars, sports players and their girlfriends etc. Their tight trousers will disallow them to stretch comfortably. This, and much more is their attitude and behaviour.

Let us go further and see as to the manner of sitting down for meals will be. On the one hand, the golden words of the Hadith shines in the Kitaabs of Hadith that Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam never leaned and ate. In other words, tables and chairs were not the way of his partaking of meals. How, in majority of the weddings which are held in the halls, cater for meals? On tables and chairs?

This is too much. Let us not even mention further. After this ceremony, we are not even fully aware as to what takes place. Anyone interested, can write to us explaining the proceedings thereafter. Insha Allah, if Allah grants the Tawfeeq, we will then write further.

We ask Allah Ta’ala to guide the Ummah. Just ponder for a moment and think as to how much of Israaf we are tangling ourselves with? The Israaf of money, time and food. How many grains and plates of rice is just scooped up and thrown into the trash? How much of valuable Rands are used to hire a hall just for few hours?

Is food something cheap? Is food something that can just be dumped in the trash? Yes, we can argue that some organizers who donate the leftover foods to somewhere where

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hungry people will eat, will feed the poor. But what about the half eaten plates of rice and the half licked bones? What happens to half the meat left on bones by someone who over dished and just marched away from the Ni'mat of food? Will anyone separate those plates and donate them as well? Or do we opt for the easier route and just gather all in one big bin bag and dump the whole lot into the bin?

We should think and consider cutting down immediately from this Israafi lifestyles we have in organizing the weddings of our daughters. For these and many, many other reasons, we find Ulama-e-Haq not attending such feasts, despite being invited. To the contrary, they brand such occasions as Haraam and sinful. We agree fully with them.

Until a step is not taken to change, no one will change. Until the brother will not put his foot down and refuse to attend his sister's wedding in a hall, no one's eyes will open. Until the Ulama who even perform Nikaahs in the Masjids after which such merrymaking carnival type feasts take place in the name of wedding or Nikaah in halls, do not attend, will the eyes of the public not open.

Therefore, the solution to this wasteful, Haraam and un-Islamic wedding functions is to take a step. Take the step and not attend. Take the step and do not even go near the wedding hall. Take the step, o brother, and do not attend the wedding hall of your sister. Take the step, o sister, and refuse firmly, with the love for Allah and His Deen, do not even intend to go near the wedding hall of your brother.

Yes, in the beginning you will be called names. You will be branded. You will be accused. You will be spoken about. You will be known as a breaker of family ties. Bear all of that in this world, for verily, in Deen you are an upholder of the Shari'ah and the Laws of Allah Ta'ala! Bear all the criticism and branding, for verily, in Deen you are not one who severs ties. Remember, there is no obedience of creation when it comes in contrast to the Law of the Creator!

May Allah Ta'ala grant us all the understanding and love to uphold His Shari'ah, His Deen and His Laws, Aameen.

“Contentment of the heart cannot be acquired through wealth, riches or extravagance; it is only acquired through the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.”

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