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PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL IN QURAN AND BIBLE (A RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL REVIEW)

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ABSTRACT

Alcohol is a cause of physical, spiritual, mental and social corruption, disgrace, humiliation, torture, indecency, vulgarity and bad behavior. Drinking alcohol affects the five senses, especially the eyesight, which is almost far-sightedness, is affected and the eyes of the drunkard become red. In addition, the sense of smell (the power of smell), the power of touch (the power of touch), the power of hearing (the power of hearing) and the power of taste are

affected. Alcohol affects the brain. Affects all three parts (cerebrum, cerebellum and medulla oblongata). Disrupts the digestive system and disturbs the physical balance, which causes many alcoholics to lie in the garbage and drains. Libido at its peak. Goes away, alcoholics cannot discriminate in relationships and thus mothers, sisters and daughters are the targets of gratification in homes. The bad behavior of a drunkard causes infamy and disgrace to the country, nation, religion, family and society. That is why the Lord Almighty revealed its sanctity in all religions. Here we mentioned the sanctity and prohibition of alcohol in Christianity and Islam. In this research paper, it is specifically stated that Islam has strongly prohibited the consumption of drugs and alcohol and has strictly prohibited its use. Drinking alcohol or using drugs is very harmful and fatal for a person in terms of both religion and world. The concept of a pure society presented by Islam, if it is to be implemented, then the society must be cleansed of drugs, cruelty, hatred, enmity, murder, robbery, theft, adultery, obscenity, disrespect and indecency. If it is to be done, it is necessary to protect people from alcoholism and drugs and to protect the areas.

INTRODUCTION:

Islam taught man to live a pure life and encouraged him to form and build a righteous society. He taught the difference between halal and haram, told the limits of permissible and impermissible, clarified the difference between useful and harmful, showed the good and bad, good and bad in food and drink. Highlighted the facts, and described the things that not only an individual is on the brink of destruction, but also the entire society goes into the pit of destruction. Along with the loss of the hereafter, this has also been described with great care. Islam has blessed people with the best principles and manners of religion and worldly life and he did not leave unrestrained on any occasion, but gave a beautiful bouquet of pure and loving teachings and showed a bright path with guidance. Of course, his world and the hereafter will be enlightened. In this research paper, the sanctity and prohibition of alcohol in Christianity and Islam have been described.

The following is an overview in the light of Islam.

THE SANCTITY OF ALCOHOL IN THE LIGHT OF THE QURAN:

In the Holy Qur'an, the harms and evils of alcohol have been described in different ways at several places and it has been ordered to be avoided. It is briefly covered below.

Allah says:

"People ask you about alcohol and gambling, you should say that there is a great sin in both of them and people get worldly benefit from it, but their sin is much greater than their benefit."¹

In this verse, Allah Ta'ala has first pointed out that alcohol and gambling are "Athm Kabir" (a great sin), after that He has also pointed to some of its worldly benefits, but the main thing that Allah Ta'ala has revealed through this blessed verse. We want to make it clear in people's minds that his sin is more than the worldly benefit.

At another place, he said:

"O you, who have believed, do not approach the prayer when you are drunk."² This verse apparently does not mention alcohol, but in a very subtle way, a principle of "sukkar" (intoxicating substance) is indicated that when you stand for an important act of worship like prayer, you should not be in a state of intoxication and Everyone knows very well that intoxication is a state in which a person is not in his senses and obviously such intoxication is also present in "Khamar" (alcohol).

Similarly in Surah al-Maida:

"O you who believe! Alcohol, gambling, idols, and dice (all these) impure deeds are from Satan, so avoid them so that you may be saved. Satan wants to cause enmity and resentment between you because of alcohol and gambling. Stop you from the remembrance of God and prayer, then will you refrain from these things?"³

These verses are definitive about the sanctity of alcohol. In these verses, the Holy Quran has said the following words about alcohol:

- All the things mentioned in this verse are defined by the word "Rijs". "Rajas" means impure and evil. And evil things are forbidden in Islam, as Allah the Exalted says in the Holy Qur'an about His beloved Prophet ﷺ.

"Those who follow the Messenger who does not know how to read and write and who they find written with them in the Torah and the Gospel, he commands them good and forbids evil and makes good things lawful for them and evil things. He forbids them and removes from them the burdens and snares that were on them. Therefore, those who believe in Him and honor Him and help Him and follow the light that descended with Him. They are successful."⁴

These words of the Holy Qur'an are very important. They indicate some of the actions of the devil, so the person who drinks alcohol is guilty of evil deeds and following the devil is prohibited in the Holy Qur'an. The divine guidance is:

"Believers! Do not follow the footsteps of the devil. Whoever follows the footsteps of the devil, he will only command immorality and evil deeds."⁵

And since alcohol, gambling, gambling and gambling are also satanic acts, it is proved that these acts also fall under the category of "denial" and "fornication" and according to Surah Al-A'raf, verse number 33, "fornication" is also included in the prohibitions.

- Protect from them that you may prosper:

In these words, the word "Falah" is particularly noteworthy and it is possible if the above mentioned things are completely avoided and it is quite obvious that

if not avoided it will turn into "Khusran" which is "Falah". "Is the antithesis of? After this explanation, no wise person can prefer loss to welfare.

- Put enmity and malice between you by means of wine and gambling: It is not difficult to understand that often fights, riots and even murders are caused by alcohol and gambling. These things create enmity and hatred between people in a civilized society.

- And prevent you from the remembrance of God and from prayer: It is clear from the words that the main purpose of Satan is to prevent Muslims from remembering Allah and praying. It is also impossible to imagine something unclean like alcohol along with prayer and remembrance of Allah. Promises have been made at many places in the Holy Qur'an about abandoning the remembrance of Allah and prayer, and how can one who establishes prayer even go near alcohol, while the Holy Qur'an It is clearly stated that:-

"And establish prayer, surely prayer prevents indecency and evil deeds, and the remembrance of Allah is greater than that."⁶

This verse also indicates that one who drinks alcohol cannot go near the prayer and one who establishes the prayer cannot go near the alcohol as if it is impossible for a person of faith to combine alcohol and prayer.

- Then will you refrain from these things?

After what has been stated above, there was no need for any further explanation, but still Allah, the Exalted, completed the matter by saying the above words in all respects that now that you are in the physical state of alcohol, gambling, asceticism and dice and if you have become aware of the spiritual harm, then the right attitude for you is to avoid these things completely.

Further in Surah Inam Allah says:

"O Muhammad, peace be upon him! Say to them that in the revelation that has come to you, I do not find anything that is forbidden for anyone to eat, except that it is dead, or that it is shed blood, or that it is the flesh of a yasur that they eat." It is impure, or transgressive, that it has been slaughtered in the name of someone other than Allah, then whoever eats it under compulsion without intending to disobey and without If he transgresses beyond what is necessary, then surely your Lord is Forgiving and Merciful."⁷

In this blessed verse, Allah Ta'ala defined the sanctity of dead bodies, spilled blood and pork as the word "Rijs". Therefore, it is known that according to Surah Al-Ma'idah, verse number 90, alcohol, gambling, gambling and gambling are also "Rijs". "are included in it, which is a clear proof of their sanctity.

Similarly, in Surah A'raf, Allah the Exalted says:

"O Muhammad, peace be upon him, say to them that the things which my Lord has forbidden are: acts of shamelessness, whether open or hidden, and sin and transgression against the truth, and that you should associate with Allah anyone who Therefore, He has not sent down any evidence and that you should say in the name of Allah something that you do not know that it was actually He who said it."⁸

In this verse, the word "Al-Athm" has also been included in the list of forbidden things, while in Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 219, alcohol and gambling are not called "Al-Athm" but "Athm Kabir". Therefore, if these two verses are reviewed, there is no problem in the sanctity of alcohol.

• **THE SANCTITY OF ALCOHOL IN THE LIGHT OF THE HADITHS OF THE PROPHET ﷺ.**

In clear and clear hadiths, there are very strict covenants against drinking alcohol, selling it, buying it, squeezing it, carrying it and eating its price, and there is a lot of encouragement to give up alcohol and repent from it.

• **A DRUNKARD IS NOT A BELIEVER WHEN DRINKING:**

Hazrat Sayyiduna Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

"An adulterer is not a believer when he commits adultery, a thief is not a believer when he steals, and a drunkard is not a believer when he drinks."⁹

At the end of the said tradition in Abu Dawud Sharif is "But even after that repentance is present before him."

There is a tradition that the Messenger of Allah, May God bless him and grant him peace, said: "An adulterer is not a believer when he commits adultery, he is not a believer when he commits theft, and a drunkard is not a believer when he drinks." Allah Ta'ala alaihi wa sallam also explained the fourth thing, but I forgot, (He added) "When someone does this, he takes off the belt of Islam from his neck, then if he repents, Allah Almighty will Repentance is accepted."¹⁰

• **CURSED ARE THE DRUNKARD AND HIS HELPERS:**

As a figure of good morals, the beloved of Rabi Akbar, may God bless him and grant him peace, said: "Allah the Exalted has decreed on wine, its drinker, its drinker, its buyer, its seller, its maker, its maker, its bearer and its bearer. Cursed."¹¹

• **DRINKING ALCOHOL IS FORBIDDEN, WHETHER IT IS SMALL OR LARGE:**

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) declared even a drop of alcohol as haram, although it does not show much corruption, but it can become a source of excessive drinking, so it is haram as a means. ﷺ said:

"Every intoxicating substance is forbidden, and whatever causes intoxication in large quantities, even a small amount of it is forbidden."¹²

It is narrated from Hazrat Aisha that the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

"All intoxicants are forbidden, and those who drink alcohol are forbidden from me, so fullness is forbidden from me."¹³

"Every intoxicating thing is haram, and a "difference" of anything that causes intoxication is also haram."¹⁴

• **PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA, OPIUM AND OTHER DRUGS:**

It is narrated from Hazrat Ibn Umar that the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

"Every intoxicant is wine and every intoxicant is forbidden."¹⁵

This status includes every intoxicating substance, whether it is intoxicating food or drink, solid or liquid, if it has the effect of alcohol, it is forbidden, if one converts hashish, hashish, etc. into a liquid form. If you drink it, it will also be forbidden. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) who was known for his knowledge. You would say a composite word that would include all the things that are common in usage and meaning, whether they exist in your time or not.

For this reason, all types of drugs (marijuana, opium, heroin, etc.) are prohibited and the name of khamar (alcohol) is justified because it is intoxicating and makes the mind forgiving. They take them because they are found in alcohol. Arba'a schools and other jurists have unanimously stated that they are forbidden. Among them, the evils of alcohol are clearly seen, such as corruption in the intellect, indolence and debauchery, in addition to the harm in religion, intellect, morals and mood, rather they affect the nature and mood of a person to the extent of insanity and The person who uses them is even lower than the person who drinks alcohol in degradation and humiliation, because their evils and harms are more than alcohol, so they are forbidden by Allah, and it is absolutely right to call wine as 'Khamr', and they A small amount of it is also forbidden like a large amount and the person who consumes it will be intoxicated.

❖ **THE SANCTITY OF WINE IN BIBLICAL LIGHT:**

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parts (cerebrum, cerebellum and medulla oblongata). Disrupts the digestive system and disturbs the physical balance, which causes many alcoholics to lie in the garbage and drains. Libido at its peak. Goes away, alcoholics cannot discriminate in relationships and thus mothers, sisters and daughters are the targets of gratification in homes.

The bad behavior of a drunkard causes infamy and disgrace for the country and nation, religion, family and society. That is why the Lord Almighty revealed its sanctity in all religions. Here we will mention the sanctity and prohibition of alcohol in Christianity. The sanctity and prohibition of alcohol are mentioned in several places in the Holy Bible, a few references are presented:

- "So beware. It may happen that your hearts become sluggish with gluttony, alcoholism and the worries of this life, and that day will come upon you like a snare."¹⁶
- "Do not be addicted to wine, for it makes a person debauchery, but be filled with the pure spirit."¹⁷
- "If anyone is called a Christian and yet is a fornicator, greedy, idolater, abuser, drunkard, or thug, do not love him, but do not even eat with such a person."¹⁸
- "Neither fornicators shall inherit the kingdom of God, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor extortioners, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor oppressors."¹⁹
- "Now live the rest of your life in the world not according to the desires of the flesh, but according to the will of God. For you have already spent most of your life like the Gentiles in sensuality, malice, drinking, dancing, drunkenness." And spent in abominable forms of idolatry."²⁰
- "The angel said to him: Zechariah! Do not be afraid. Your prayer has been heard. A son will be born to you from your wife Elizabeth, and you must name him John. He will be a source of joy and happiness for you. And many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be an old man in the sight of the Lord. He will always abstain from wine and drunkenness, and will be filled with a pure spirit from his mother's womb."²¹

Many Christian and non-Christian scholars claim that alcohol is not forbidden in Christianity but is permissible because the founder of Christianity, Jesus Christ himself, made wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The basis of their claim is Jesus mentioned in John. There is a miracle which is as follows:

"On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The mother of Jesus was also there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him: They have no more wine. Jesus said to her: "O woman! What have we done? My time has not yet come." They were in use. They had the capacity of two, two, three, three manna. Jesus said to the servants: Fill the jars with water. They filled the jars with water. Then Jesus said to them: Now draw some water and take it to Mir Majlis. He tasted the water that had turned into wine. He did not know where the wine came from, but the servants who brought it out knew, so Mir Majlis

He called the bridegroom and said to him: Everyone offers good wine at the beginning and bad wine when the guests are drunk, but you have kept the good wine until now.²²

Cana of Galilee is the name of a village located in the city of Galilee. Some historians believe that it was located in what is now Kafr Cana (Israel), four miles northeast of Nazareth on the road to Tiberias. Among the Jews, the joy of marriage was usually celebrated for twelve days, or seven days, but in poor houses, all the wedding rituals ended in one day. In the country of Palestine, the guests were treated with grape juice. The people of Palestine used to drink grape juice on the occasion of marriage. This custom has been carried on from ancient times to the present day in the Galilee province. Barati also participated in providing grape juice. Dr. Pastor Jameel Nasir writes:

"At a wedding in the Galilee, the guests were being entertained with fresh grape juice (Ionas) or wine. The people were very happy when suddenly they ran out of fresh grape juice or wine. The household was very disappointed. What should be done now? Jesus, who was involved in this wedding, saw all their problems and said, "Fill water in these empty pots." He ordered that the fresh juice of grapes (Ionas) should be made into wine. You had to say that the juice of fresh grapes (Ionas) became wine in all the pots filled with water and thus the guests who were left The hospitality was done with this fresh wine (Ionas) which was made immortal as a miracle. Jesus prepared wine miraculously in Cana of Galilee²³. In this verse, the Greek word Ionas (Oinos) is introduced the same word is also used in the Greek Septuagint translation, for which "May" is used in the Urdu translation. Using the Urdu word "shrab" (intoxicating water) for this word is insulting to the Lord Jesus Christ is equal to ".²⁴

Therefore, it was known that in this miracle, Sayyidna Isa (peace be upon him) did not change the water into wine, but the juice of fresh grapes. Therefore, to say that Jesus (peace be upon him) made wine himself on the occasion of marriage is an insult to his glory and it is It falls under the category of blasphemy.

A major objection of some people is that the apostle Paul allowed his disciple St. Timothy to drink alcohol, which is clearly evidenced by the following verse of the first letter of St. Timothy:

"The future by drinking not only water, but also by bringing a little wine to work because of your stomach and often being weak."²⁵

Therefore, according to the Holy Bible, alcohol consumption is not prohibited, but allowed!

The answer to this problem has been given by Dr. Pastor Jameel Nasir in his book "Alcohol, Minorities and Constitution of Pakistan" which is briefly as follows:

"Those friends who take this verse into account and claim that drinking alcohol and selling alcohol is halal among Christians because of the Bible, this claim is baseless and contrary to reality. Because the Holy Apostle Paul always in his life Alcohol and drunkards were condemned. The apostle Paul received his education and training from Gamaliel, the grandson of the famous scholar Hillel, who was a famous Jewish scholar of the time. He memorized the sacred and then got a complete passage on the Talmud of the Rabbis. In this way, he came to the public as a great scholar and religious leader among the people of Judaism appointed his messenger for the sake of after his apostolic appointment, Saint Paul spread the teachings of Christianity to the nations of the world. In the process of preaching, he reached Corinth through the rocky land of Macedonia and Athens, and there was already knowledge of Christianity there. However, at the same time, Corinth had become a stronghold of luxury and immorality due to its wealth. Debauchery and drunkenness were at their peak. The so-called Christians of the city had infiltrated the church in the form of faithful brothers and were leading the members of the church to fornication and drunkenness. Knowing that when Saint Paul Then the apostle commanded in his letter to the church of Corinth: "If a brother is called a fornicator, covetous, idolater, abuser, drunkard or cruel, then do not keep company with him, but do not even eat with such a person."²⁶

How can such a man, who is commanding the church of Corinth not to keep company with drunkards, command his disciples to drink wine sometimes for health? writes the Apostle Paul. "The future by drinking not only water, but also by bringing a little wine to work because of your stomach and often being weak."²⁷

"Here, Holy Apostle Paul did not allow drinking alcohol at all. In the letter to the Corinthians, where the word "wine" is used in Urdu, actually Apostle Paul has used the word "Skirra" in Greek, which means intoxicating water. However, in this verse, the word "Scyra" is not used, but "Ionas", which means not wine, but the juice of fresh grapes. Therefore, the apostle Paul excludes those who use "Scyra" from the kingdom of heaven, but "Ionas" commands to be used for health. This shows us that the Holy Apostle Paul never allowed the consumption of alcohol, nor does the Holy Bible allow that a person should drink alcohol."²⁸

From the above discussion, we can conclude that like all the major religions of the world, Christianity has condemned the use of alcohol and declared alcohol as illegal and forbidden.

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