

In Shaykh's Company.....

A Complete Muslim

A complete Muslim is one from whose words and actions others are safe

"From this hadith, we learn that just as an 'aalim of Deen who has strayed from the right path does not deserve to be called an 'aalim, despite his attaining the knowledge of Deen. A Muslim, despite having imaan and all the outward signs of being a Muslim, does not deserve the title of Muslim if by his words or actions he causes grief, hurt, or inconvenience to even a single person.

Thus we should do our utmost to avoid causing pain and inconvenience to others. And if by chance we do, then we must immediately seek forgiveness from them. On the other hand, if others cause us pain or inconvenience, we should forgive them without even being asked."

Something Positive

"One should negate the negative effects of impious company by something positive. There are a number of methods of doing this.

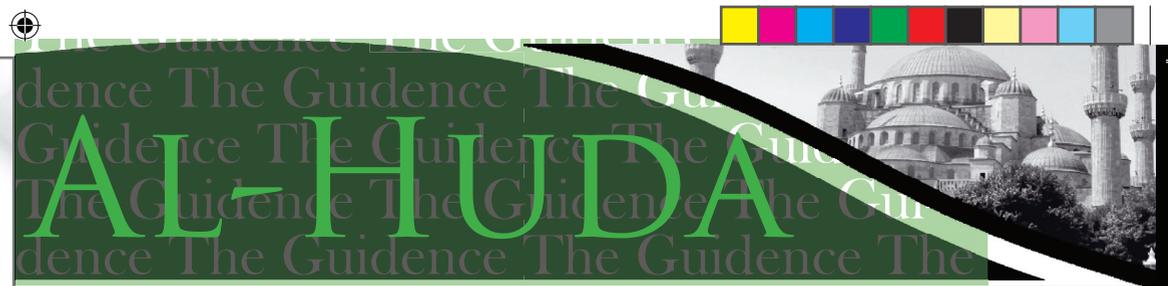
Sitting in the company of the pious is one method. Another is to sit in itikaaf (seclusion). The zikr of Allah ta'ala, and the recitation of the Qur'aan are also effective methodologies that one can use."

Should I, Should I Not?

"There are two questions which we, and in particular those attending college or University, should ask ourselves before doing any action:

- 1) If I do this action, will Allah become displeased? if yes, refrain from it.
- 2) If I do this action, will my family be put to shame? if yes, refrain from it."

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THE INFLUENCE & EFFECTS OF TELEVISION

The cancer of television viewing has reached frightening proportions in the Muslim community worldwide. This terrible sickness has destroyed the very fibre of modesty, shame and other Islamic morals in the Ummah and has led to untold misery, suffering an heartache in the family and social sphere of life. Even so called pious families and homes can not be without their regular diet of spiritual 'junk food' in the form of television viewing, let alone those who are regarded as average or ordinary Muslims.

In this gloomy environment and seemingly hopeless situation, to even utter a word against this evil and sinful practice would evoke a torrent of protest from the 'addicts'. People are so soaked in this evil that any person who condemns this practice is seen as some kind of alien that does not belong to this age or on this planet.

Despite this the ulama-e-haqq have always made it their duty to speak out against the prevalent ills of society and have regarded it as their sacred responsibility to do so.

Photography

Most people think television is haram only because it projects images of living creatures. The taking of pictures, posing for pictures and displaying of pictures is an issue, which the ulama have discussed in detail and have put forward to the public. The verdict on pictures of living creatures being haram is common knowledge.

The leader of all angels and the only angel favoured by Allah sub'hanahu wa ta'ala, to carry the Message of Allah to approximately 124,000 Prophets, Jibra'eel Ameen, once made a promise to visit Prophet Muhammed sallallahu alayhi wasallam at an appointed time and place. Rasoolullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam waited at the prescribed time but Jibra'eel alayhis salam did not come.

I do not wish to go into the details of this Hadeeth because I wish to draw your attention only to the fact that when the prophet of Allah sallallahu alayhi wasallam asked the great angel why he did not keep his promise, he replied,

'we angels do not enter a house which contain a dog or a picture.'

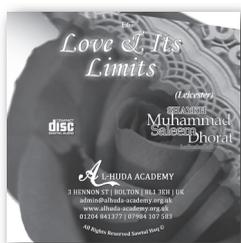
(Bukhari, Muslim)

Today tables in living rooms and bedroom walls are adorned and decorated with family and other portraits, to the extent that some 'students' hang the portrait of their

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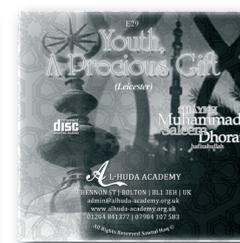
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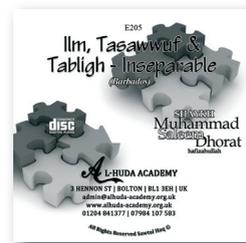
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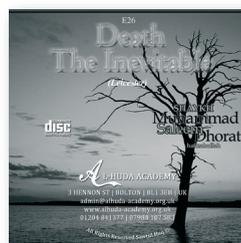
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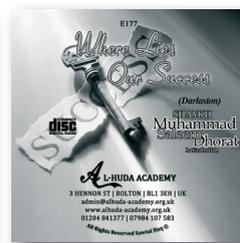
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‘shaykh’ on the walls for blessings. It is difficult to comprehend how the mercy of Allah ta’ala is going to descend, as it is the angels that descend from the Almighty Allah carrying the mercy and blessings.

Peace and Tranquillity

What we have to intellectually deduce from this is that a house which contains pictures which are not only still, but moving, walking, talking, dancing; which are accompanied by music, shamelessness and foul language; which are depicting adultery and warfare; within which there are violation of the rules of the Sharee’ah and even a challenge to the Existence of Allah; and which sow seeds for numerous evils in our hearts, - then how my brothers and sisters, is it possible for such a home to be showered with the Mercy of Allah?

Today, the absence of serenity is rife in our hearts. Many people come to me and complain, ‘Mawlana, I feel restless, confused and distressed.’ The most obvious and logical conclusion leads me to ask them whether there is some financial difficulty, family problem, marital problem or problem concerning children. But the answer is almost always negative. ‘Everything is fine’, they say. ‘However, I cannot sleep, I am restless, unsatisfied and always feel distressed.’ What is the cause of this problem? Until this disastrous object, the box of hundreds of thousand social viruses is within the corner of your living rooms, you can search for peace in every corner of the world, but you will not find it. I can say this without any hesitation or doubt.

Gaze – A Poisonous Arrow of Shaytan

Today, I wish to highlight the fact that television is an instrument of violating the injunction of hijab. We all know that a non-mahram man cannot look at a non-mahram women and vice versa. The Prophet of Allah sallallahu alayhi wasallam has said,

‘Verily, the gaze is a poisonous arrow from the arrows of Shaytan.’

One might, while walking or driving, throw his gaze to a women passing by. The eyes are only acting as windows for the lustful desires of the heart and the images are being implanted into the bosoms of the heart.

Lower Your Gazes

That is why the Glorious Qur’an commands:

Say to the believing men that they should lower their gazes and guard their modesty. (Glorious Qur’an 24:30)

Today, however, we walk with our necks stretched high and gaze upon anyone we like and only occasionally look away from women for the sake of piety. The Prophets, Sahabah and the pious walked with their eyes cast down and only looked up when necessary. Why? Because our creator has commanded us thus. And it is also true that once the gaze falls upon a women one finds desirable, then it is difficult to quickly divert the gaze. This fact is even more evident in the environment we live in today. That is why the prophet of Allah sallallahu alayhi wasallam was instructed to command his followers to lower their gazes when they venture outside their homes. if the gaze remains pure and clean, then the heart and mind will also remain pure, and if the gaze is adulterous then the heart and mind will also become adulterous.

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Sunnats Of Nikah

1-A Sunnah nikah is that which is simple, wherein there are no formalities. (Mishkaat)

2-It is sunnah to seek a pious and righteous person for marriage and to send a proposal to such a person.

(Mishkaat)

3-To have the nikah on Friday in a masjid and to have nikah in the month of Shawwaal is sunnah and preferable.

(Mirqaat)

4-It is also sunnah to fix the amount of mehr (dowry) according to one’s means. (Mishkaat)

5-When intending to copulate with one’s wife, recite this dua: if he has children then shaytaan will not be able to overpower them and will not be able to harm them.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَ جَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ
مَا رَزَقْتَنَا

I commence this act in the name of Allah. O Allah, protect us from shaytaan and keep shaytaan away from that child that you will grant us. (Bukhari)

Waleemah

After the first night, to invite one’s friends, relatives, family and the poor for the waleemah is sunnah. It is not necessary to prepare a great amount of food. A little food prepared according to one’s means and feed a few relatives or friends will suffice in fulfilling the sunnah. The worst waleemah is that waleemah where only the rich and the irreligious are invited and poor, destitute and the pious are left out. (Bukhari)

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