

The Prohibition of Alcohol in Holly Qur'an

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Abstract. Alcoholic beverage is one of the misfortunes of this era in terms of the spread around different parts of the world. Even many Muslims deviants drink alcohol without paying attention to its prohibition in the Islamic religion.

Since the visual, auditory and written media are so concerned in promoting drinking alcohol without a sense of modesty and shame, I have chosen (The prohibition of alcohol in the Holy Quran) to be my search topic. My search consists of introduction, two segmented body and conclusion.

1. Introduction

Praise is to Allah alone, Prayers and peace be upon the last Prophet.

One of the characteristics of this age is the Spread of alcohol around the world which known by different names. Even some deviant Muslims having Alcohol without any regard for its prohibition. Considering the spread of alcohol and the large number of promotion for it through the audio-visual and written media without shame even in some Muslim media, I choose the title of my research: (Alcohol in the Qur'an).

It includes an introduction, two chapters, and a conclusion.

The Introduction: Importance of the subject chosen, the reasons for choosing it, and the research plan.

The First Chapter: definition of alcohol, and It includes four demands:

The First Demand: definition of the word alcohol in language.

The Second Demand: definition of alcohol idiomatically.

The Third Demand: alcohol taken from grape juice.

The Fourth Demand: The prohibition on alcohol.

The Second Chapter: the Gradual prohibition of alcohol, it includes four demands:

The First Demand: the preparation stage.

The Second Demand: the stage of the preparation to prohibition.

The Third Demand: Prohibition at certain times.

The Fourth Demand: the final prohibition.

The Conclusion: it includes the most important results and recommendations.

Introduction:

The definition of the word alcohol in language: came in Asahah (ibn alaarabi said: it is called alcohol, because it is left to brew, the brewing changes it's smell, they say: it's called so because it Intoxicates the mind, and the alcoholic: is the one who drinks alcohol all the time).

In The Dictionary Of Language Standards:

Under the alcohol material: (in Arabic alcohol means: (خمر), the three letters in Arabic (خ , م , ر) are from the same origin which means coverage and hidden communication. So alcohol: the known drink, and the brewing is the coverage. it is said about people who hide inside the trees, they are hidden).

Alcohol In The Term Of "Share'ah":

The scholars differs about the name of Alcohol and this is due to two sayings regarding their difference about what to consider in "al shara" when defining the prohibited material:

The First Saying:

those who are interested in language say: alcohol is a name for grape juice when it is intensified and throw a butter, but if it does not throw butter it is called grape juice. This is the saying of Alahnaf.

The Second Saying:

Those who are interested in the derivatives of words say: all things that cover and hide the mind whether made of grapes or other named alcohol. This is the saying of Almalkieah, Alshafieah, Alhanabelah, and Ibn Taimieah The sheikh of Islam choses it.

scholars are unanimously agree that the drink taken from the raw grape when it's poiled and intensified and throw a butter is prohibited. People who drink it whether in a small or big amount, and whether it is made them feel intoxicated or not, should be punished.

Ibn Hajar said: we reached to the agreement of the nation that if grape juice is poiled, intensified, and throw a butter, it is alcohol. and who drinks it is unbeliever.

Alcohol Is Made Of Materials Other Than Grape

From The Idiomatic Definition: the first saying: the saying of the audience: all the drinks that intoxicate the mind whether it is made of grape or not is an alcohol.

The Second Saying:

The Ahnaf saying: the alcohol that is taken of grape juice when it is intensified and throw a butter. he did not name any other juice "alcohol" except the one taken from grape.

Each Side Depends On Evidences:

By the comparison between the two sayings, it is clear that the first saying is more correct which says that all the drinks that intoxicate the mind are alcohol whether it is made of grape or not. (because Arabs in their language used to use the word alcohol on the one exclusively made of grape, they also used the word on everything intoxicates the mind and hides it, this is more general meaning).

That what the Legitimate text confirms in the Hadith of Ibn Omar may Allah be pleased with them: (alcohol is what intoxicates the mind) , (all what intoxicates the mind is alcohol).

The Prohibition Of Alcohol:

One of the common known rules of Islam is the prohibition of alcohol. the texts of the Quran and Sunnah are combined to indicate that. **Some Of Them Are:**

قوله تعالى: ﴿أَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْهُ ذِكْرًا حَقَّ ذِكْرًا فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ﴾ [المائدة: ٩٠ - ٩١].

The verse: ﴿Believers, wine and gambling, idols and divining arrows are abominations from the

work of satan. Avoid them, in order that you prosper.90 satan seeks to stir up enmity and hatred among you by means of wine and gambling, and to bar you from the remembrance of Allah and from praying. Will you not abstain from them?"91

Al Ma'ida[90-91]

قوله تعالى: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَبِهَا يُنْفَخُ الْوَسْوَاسُ الْخَافِضُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَالَّذِي حَمَلَهُ الْكُفْرُ الْأَعْمَىٰ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعْتُم يُضِلُّوا سُبُلَكُمْ وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ سَمْعَكُمْ وَأَبْصَارَكُمْ وَيُضِلُّكُمْ ضَلَالَةً عَظِيمًا﴾ [البقرة: ٢١٩].

- The verse: ﴿They ask you about intoxicating drink and gambling. Say: 'There is great sin in both, although they have some benefit for people; but their sin is far greater than their benefit. ' They ask you what they should spend. Say: 'That which remains. ' So, Allah makes plain to you His verses, in order that you will reflect﴾

Al Baqarah[219]

قوله تعالى: ﴿ذُنُوبُهُمْ ذُنُوبُهُمْ﴾ [الأعراف: ١٥٧].

The verse: ﴿He will make good things lawful to them and prohibit all that is foul﴾

Al 'A'raf[157]

From The Sunnah:

It has been proven that the Prophet peace be upon him prohibited alcohol as Almaghni companion mentioned:

- Ibn Omar may Allah be pleased with them said that the prophet peace be upon him said: " everything that intoxicates the mind is alcohol, and alcohol is prohibited"
- Abi Horaira Allah be pleased with him said that the prophet peace be upon him said: " the adulterer does not commit adultery when he commits it if he is a believer, and the thief does not steal when he steals if he is a believer, and the drunker does not drink alcohol when he drinks it if he is a believer"

The Gradual Prohibition Of Alcohol:

Islam follows wise plan in treating social diseases when it graduates in the enactment of rules. It is a kindness of God Almighty and a dignity to his believers that he does not force them to follow the rules all at once. For example: the prohibition of alcohol, he prepares people first then he prohibits it. The prohibition was in many stages:

The Preparation Stage; Allah Said In His Verse:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَبِهَا يُنْفَخُ الْوَسْوَاسُ الْخَافِضُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَالَّذِي حَمَلَهُ الْكُفْرُ الْأَعْمَىٰ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعْتُم يُضِلُّوا سُبُلَكُمْ وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ سَمْعَكُمْ وَأَبْصَارَكُمْ وَيُضِلُّكُمْ ضَلَالَةً عَظِيمًا﴾ [النحل: ٦٧].

The verse: ﴿And the fruits of the palm and of the vine, from which you derive intoxicants and wholesome provisions. Surely, in this there is a sign for nation who understand﴾

An-Nahl [67]

Intoxication: Allah almighty compared in his verse between the different usages of grape and palm fruits, for pleasant food or for getting intoxicated. In the verse a sign that alcohol is not a good thing.

The explainers disagree about what getting intoxicated means, they had three sayings:

The First Saying:

It is alcohol, as Katada, Ibn Abbas and Ibn jubair have said.

The reason for this saying is that alcohol was available at that time when the verse has been said. Then it was superseded in the verse:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَبِهَا يُنْفَخُ الْوَسْوَاسُ الْخَافِضُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَالَّذِي حَمَلَهُ الْكُفْرُ الْأَعْمَىٰ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعْتُم يُضِلُّوا سُبُلَكُمْ وَيُكَفِّرُ عَنْكُمْ سَمْعَكُمْ وَأَبْصَارَكُمْ وَيُضِلُّكُمْ ضَلَالَةً عَظِيمًا﴾ [المائدة: ٩٠].

Avoid them﴾ Al Ma'ida[90]

The Second Saying:

Ibn Abbas said that Intoxication is the same meaning as the word vinegar in the language of Alhabasha. Aldahak said: (it means vinegar for people in Yemen).

Intoxication: the test, they say: this thing has a test, and he sang:
The flaw of the esteemed people is the smell.

It appears to me from the previous sayings that the exact meaning is : intoxication. the scholars agree on this meaning,,: it is superseded in the verse:

چ پ چ [المائدة: ٩٠].

چ Avoid them چ Al Ma'ida[90]

Ibn Alarabi Said About The Saying:

(the most accurate saying is the one that says the intoxication is by alcohol and that was before the prohibition of alcohol).

Alshakiti said: I know that the point of what the scholars said is in the verse:

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چ And the fruits of the palm and of the vine چ

An-Nahl[67]

was superseded by the verse of Al Ma'ida.

The Second Stage: Preparation For Exhibition:

Allah Almighty Said:

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The verse: چ They ask you about intoxicating drink and gambling. Say: 'There is great sin in both, although they have some benefit for people; but their sin is far greater than their benefit. ' They ask you what they should spend. Say: 'That which remains. ' So, Allah makes plain to you His verses, in order that you will reflect چ

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This verse is the second stage of the graduation of the prohibition of alcohol, Allah showed in this verse that the disadvantages of alcohol are more than the advantages. He encouraged people to leave it since it's disadvantages and sins are more than its advantages.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Gambling and Alcohol:

The advantages of alcohol are: the trade of alcohol and enjoining drinking it, and the advantages of gambling are: enslaving the poor people or having money without effort.

Ibn Alarabi Said: (some people said: it is good for health, it keeps the health or brings the mortal health by strengthening the stomach and by its running into the nerves, and reaching it to the inner main organs of the body, reducing the moistening, Digesting heavy food).

The truth is that the benefit of alcohol is the profit of trade, Ibn Alarabi said: (The truth is that the benefit is the profit, because they brought it from Damascus at cheap prices and sold it in Hijaz with big profit).

{واثم كبير}

{great sin in both }

He said in his book " Adwaa Albayan": (it is not clear here what is the sin, but it is clear in another verse "**Al Ma'ida**", it is creating enmity and hatred among them, refraining from mentioning God and from the prayers).

Then Allah almighty showed that the advantages are much more than the disadvantages, it affects the wisdom because it is related to the mind and the religion. So Allah said: (its sins are more than its benefits).

This verse is an introduction to the prohibition of alcohol, and this is a lenience of the Islamic law. The kafal said: (the conclusion of this prohibition is that Allah almighty knows that people used to drink

no one is excused for their interpretation and unknowing except if they are new in Islam and does not know about the prohibition.

5. The verse:

{قل فيهما إثم كبير ومنافع للناس، وإثمهما أكبر من نفعهما}

The verse: {Say: 'There is great sin in both, although they have some benefit for people; but their sin is far greater than their benefit}

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Their sin is bigger than their benefit}. Its benefits only for trade and the modern medicine proved that it is not useful for the body. Alcohol has many damages on the body, soul, religion, honor, minds and money in the societies where alcohol spreads. No way to be protected from these damages except the Islamic law.

Recommendations:

1. Applying the Islamic law on people who drinks alcohol. The punishment should be as Allah almighty and his prophet peace be upon him impose. Because the transience punishments do not stop the alcoholic of having alcohol.
2. Activating the role of imams and preachers, as well as media audio- visual and written to advice and guide people telling them about the disadvantages of alcohol and prohibiting it.
3. The obligation to educate the youth the methods of Alhanifp Islam and strengthening their faith.
4. Giving special interest to students at schools and guiding them through lecturing about the dangers of alcohol on people whether religious, social, moral , and on health. It also considers a reason for the demolition of the Islamic nation's ethics.
5. The necessity to involve in the curriculum, at different stages, the Islamic proves and evidences of the prohibition of alcohol, and showing the reason behind the prohibition explaining its dangers.
6. Activating the role of imams and preachers, as well as media audio- visual and written to advice and guide people telling them about the disadvantages of alcohol and prohibiting it.