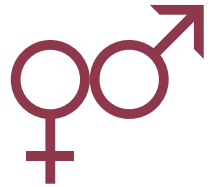
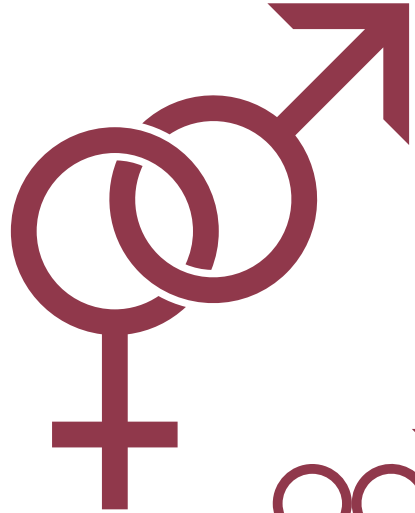
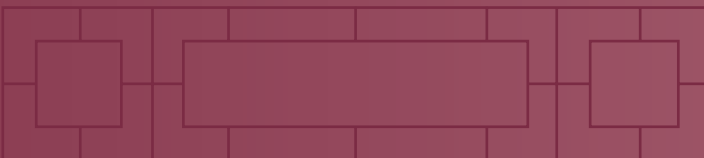


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# Adultery and Fornication in Islam



Living in a society in which people have accepted western lifestyle as their way of life brings immorality at every step. Modesty, shame and honour have no place in the western civilization. Today, Muslims too are increasingly banishing their modesty of which Rasoolullah sallallahu alayhi wasallam said: **“Modesty is a part of Iman.”**

Many Muslims who are so called religious’ are also the victims of immoral acts and evils of the immodest society, i.e. alcohol, drugs, adultery, fornication, etc. A Muslim should realize that these acts bring the displeasure of Allah and their consequences are severe in this world and in the hereafter.

One of the most common of these evils is adultery and fornication. The committing of adultery is from the category of major sins. The Sharee’ah not only prohibits the ultimate evil of adultery, but all means leading to this evil act. Allah ta’ala says in the Qur’an: *“Do not come near to adultery, indeed it is a shameful deed and an evil way.”* (17:32)

In this verse all ways which engender adultery are prohibited. This verse is an eloquent expression of the prohibition of the ways and acts which are introductory to adultery. Thus adultery as well as all approaches to adultery are forbidden.

Imam Bukhari has stated a hadeeth on the authority of Aboo Hurayrah that Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said: *“the adultery of the eyes is evil looks. The adultery of the feet is to walk towards the sin. The adultery of the tongue is the lustful talk. The adultery of the heart is the evil desire and in the end the sexual organs testify all this or deny it.”*

In another Hadeeth, Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said: *“The hands also commit adultery, their adultery is touching; the feet also commit adultery, their adultery is walking towards adultery; the mouth also commits adultery, its adultery is kissing.”* (Muslim, Aboo Maswood).



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The Quran condemns this evil act which ruins families, destroys household peace and strikes at the root of pure and pious living, and prescribes exemplary punishment for it. The Qur'an says: *"Do not come near adultery, indeed it is a shameful deed and an evil way."* (17:32).

In another verse Allah ta'ala says:

*"The woman and the man guilty of fornication, flog each of them with a hundred lashes: let not compassion move you in their case, in a matter prescribed by Allah, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day: and let a party of the believers witness their punishment."* (24:2)

In another verse Allah ta'ala says:

*"Those (are the servants of the most gracious Allah) who invoke not, with Allah, any other god; nor take the life which Allah has forbidden except for just cause; nor commit adultery; and whoso does this, shall meet the punishment. The punishment will be doubled for him on the Day of resurrection, and he will dwell therein disdained forever."* (25:68 - 69)

Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam has said:

*"When an unmarried male commits adultery with an unmarried female they should receive one hundred lashes and exile for one year, and in case of married male committing adultery with a married female, they should be stoned to death."* (Muslim)

Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said:

*«A person who commits adultery does not commit it in the state of Iman. A person who drinks alcohol does not drink it in the state of Iman.»* (Bukhari, Muslim, Aboo Dawood, Nasa'ee)

In another hadeeth Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam has said:

*«When a person commits adultery, Iman comes out from him and it stays like an umbrella over his head; and when he stops committing adultery, Iman returns to him.»* (Aboo Dawood, Tirmizi, Bayhaqi)



The great mufassir Ata Ibne Abi Rabah under the tafseer of the verse, «*It (the Hell) has seven doors . . .*» states: «The most severe of these doors, from the point of grief, heat, punishment and bad smell, is for those people who committed adultery after having knowledge (of it being a sin and haram).»

### **Detrimental effects of adultery and fornication**

Anas radiyallahu anhu narrates that Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said: «Avoid adultery / fornication, for it has six effects; of these three are experienced in this world and the other three in the hereafter.

The three experienced in this world are:

- a. Noor (luster) vanishes from the faces of adulterers.
- b. It brings poverty and famine.
- c. The lifespan is reduced.

The three experienced in the hereafter are:

- a. Allah subjects the adulterers to his Anger.
- b. They will be subjected to strict reckoning on the Day of Judgement.
- c. They will be cast into Hell.»

The aforementioned verses and the Ahadeeth of Rasoolullah Sallallahu Alayhi wasallam are explicitly clear that this evil act of adultery/fornication is harmful both in this world and the everlasting life hereafter. We are living in a society where temptations dominate every individual, and the protection from such temptations is taqwa, and taqwa is acquired through obedience to Allah and His Rasool Sallallahu alayhi wasallam. A person who obeys Allah and controls his/her desires, will be deserving of the following promise made by Allah's truthful Messenger sallallahu alayhi wasallam: «*Whosoever gives me the guarantee of safeguarding his tongue and his private parts, I give him the guarantee of Paradise.*» (Bukhari)



My dear brothers and sister, there is a saying in Arabic, ‹Youth is a branch on insanity.› This is a very crucial and critical stage of a growing child, who may be attracted to many evils leading in different directions. A person who fights the temptations of youth and fulfils the Commands of Allah, he will be protected under the shade of Allah's Throne on the Day of Qiyamah. Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam said:

*«Allah will shelter seven (categories of) people under His Shade on the day when there will be no shade besides His Shade. (They are): a just ruler; a young man who passed his youth in the worship and service of Allah- the Lord of honour and glory; one whose heart is perpetually attached to the masjid; two such persons who loved each other for the sake of Allah, they joined together for His Sake and parted for His Sake; a man who is invited (for sin) by a beautiful woman of a high status (and he declined, saying: I fear Allah; one who spent in charity in a secret way (without making a show), so that his left hand did not know what his right hand spent; and one who remembered Allah in solitude and tears flowed from his eyes.»*

(Bukhari, Muslim)

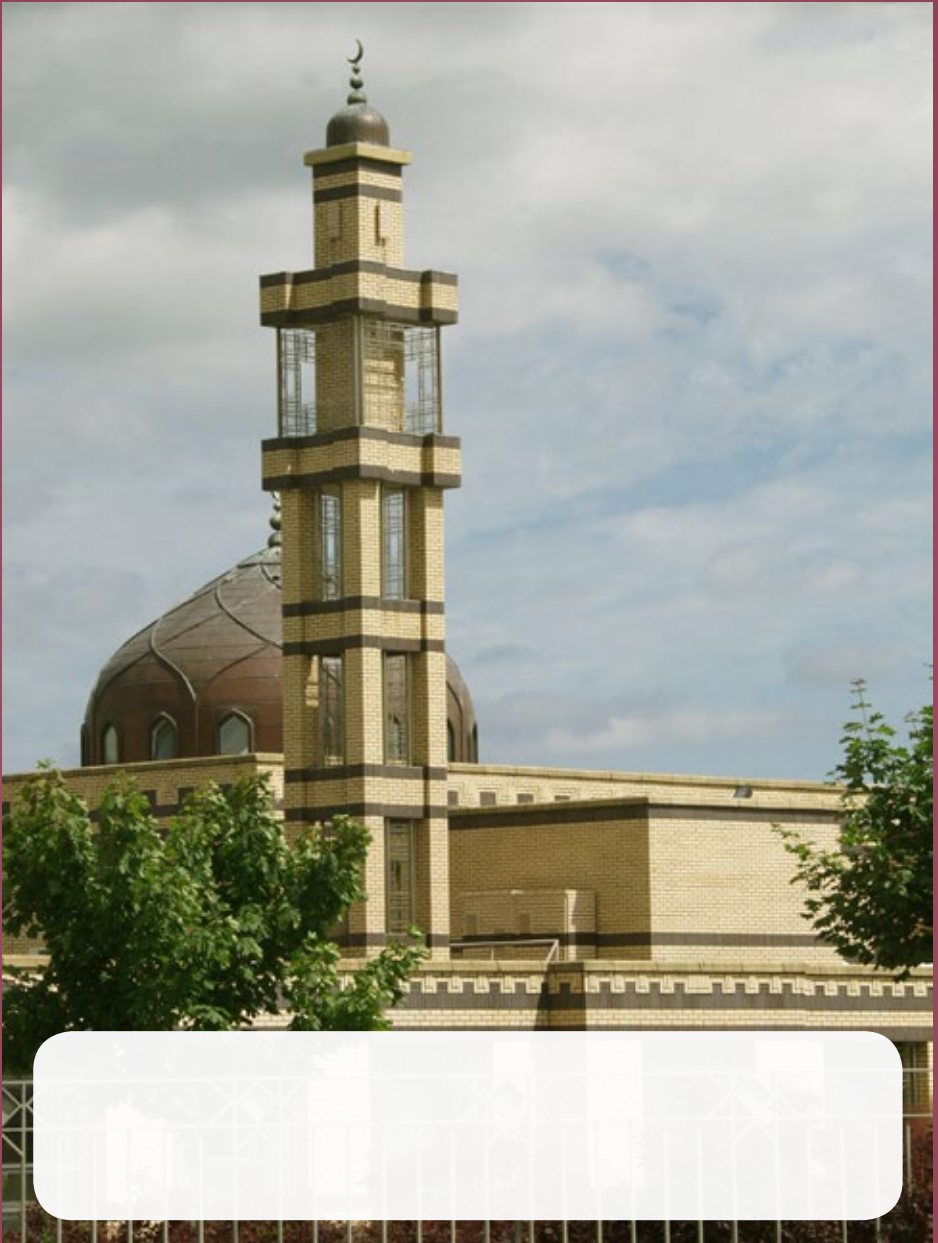
### **REMEDY FOR THIS ILLNESS**

Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam has prescribed a remedy for those who are concerned and wish to abstain from this heinous crime. He said:

*«O group of youths, whosoever amongst you has the means of getting married, should do so because it lowers the gaze and protects the private parts; and whosoever does not have the ability, should fast, for indeed, it is a protection for him.»* (Bukhari)

May Allah ta'ala safeguard us from all evils, give us the ability to obey His Commands, and resurrect us on the Day of Judgement amongst the followers of Rasoolullah Sallallahu alayhi wasallam under His Throne. Ameen.





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