

# LIQOUR & GAMBLING VERDICT IN QURAN

Sheikh “Muhammad Abduh” (1849-1905) the head of the Islamic official verdict body (mufti) in Egypt & most Islamic countries in his time wrote on this saying :

1) Liquor Pros & Cons Q2;219

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Translation “They ask you about wine/liquor (Khamr) and gambling. Say, “In them is big sin and benefits for people. And their sin is greater than their benefit”——

The word ??? (Khamr) in Arabic means “cover” , thus liquor/wine was named so because this drink covers the mind , also the word is used in Arabic to mean “fermentation” & both these properties of fermentation or mind covering are the property & effect of the liquor

Also there is a hadith I see to be of the few true ones saying “ All intoxicants are Khamr” & it is said that the Prophet (pbuh) & his companions ordered punishment/lashing of the person found drunken /intoxicated in public due to the danger & risks he imposes on others , which was then called “Khamr penalty”

About gambling “Mayser” jn Arabic , this word is derived from the word “yosr” that means “ease” or “richness” because the winner makes the money without real effort , & all gambling kinds is the meant in this verse except that is of reasonable nominal betting between soldiers or athletes or competitions in racing or shooting or useful skills or so helping to enhance & encourage the competitors for better performances & skills

2) ALLAH SAYS “IN THEM IS BIG SIN” & the sin is due to its harm of action & words & it is a fact that the “Khamr” has many proven severe health harms to the body & the brain together & it can lead to death & also madness . Also the drunken person behavior is very bad & aggressive & leads to many problems & enmities between the drunken people themselves & their families or friends or whomever deals or meets them , that is why ALLAH says Q5;91

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translation “Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling”——

Also from the very dangerous “Khamr” harms is the “secret divulging” especially if the information is related to military or state secrets & one of the main spying ways to know information from someone is to get him drunken .

Also the drunken person due to his non soberness can be deceived by crooks & ridiculed by

people

Moreover drinking incites & abets the person to commit crimes as robbing or mugging or harassing others or raping ..etc.,in addition that drinking is also a wastage of money

3)WORSHIPPING WISE, the khamr obstructs the person who is drunk from properly observing his worshipping duties especially in prayer that is why ALLAH says Q5;91

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translation “and to avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer.”—— And if a muslim makes sin & gets drunk & intoxicated then ALLAH has instructed him to shun praying during his intoxication so as not to say foolish things or ridicule his praying Q 4;43

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translation “O you who have believed, do not approach prayer while you are intoxicated until you know what you are saying”

4) ALLAH THEN SAYS “AND THEIR SIN IS GREATER THAN THEIR BENEFIT” ——& this say is a guidance to the believers to know two enacted rules after Islam , the rule “ Warding off the evils is prior to bringing the benefits” & the other rule is accepting the least harmful of if one of them was a must & inevitable , however not all the believers were guided accordingly because it was said after the ‘khamr” verse was revealed , some believers quit the ‘Khamr “ whilst others did not

5) IT HAS BEEN PROVEN IN EUROPE & US THAT ‘KHAMR” & GAMBLING ARE MORE HARMFUL THAN USEFUL & there are many organizations there that call for quitting “Kkhamr “ & putting pressure on governments to put more restrictions on liquor sales & the days support the Quran saying that their harm is greater than their benefit

6) GAMBLING HARM is very apparently more than its benefit in the losses & bankruptcy happening to many gamblers , even some liberal governments allow liquor trading but prevents & punishes gambling

7) BOTH “KHAMR “ & GAMBLING” ARE ADDICTING , the ‘ khamr” has a nerve effect making the drinking person always in need for it , same for gambling , if the gambler gains, he plays more to gain more & if he loses , he also plays hoping to make up his loss

8)-THUS ALLAH HAS GUIDED US TO KNOW THE HARMS OF LIQUOR & gambling so as to know the reason behind their control & even the non muslim societies are educating on their harms& putting restrictions on them so as to protect the society

9)- ALLAH HAS THEN INFORMED US ABOUT HOW TO ACT towards “Khamr “ & gambling

Q 5;90

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Translation “O you who have believed, indeed, intoxicants, gambling, [sacrificing on] stone alters [to other than Allah], and divining arrows are but defilement from the work of Satan, so avoid it that you may be successful.”— Note that ALLAH used the word “ AVOID” & NOT PROHIBIT”, thus avoiding the harms & defilement in Khamr while still giving us a space to exploit its benefit whereby the alcohol is allowed & extensively used in disinfection & medical & beneficial industrial purpose & all of us have alcohol & perfume at home & use them for beneficial purpose , also intoxicants are used as anaesthetic in surgery & pain killing & treatment for several diseases/cancer.Also no sin for drinking beverages that contain alcohol traces if these beverages are not classified as intoxicants ( not causing intoxication i.e. the person does not get drunk if he drinks any quantity of the beverage ) & the same applies to foods that have alcohol traces. Also note that Allah mentioned extracting intoxicants from the fruits without mentioning any banning or prevention or restriction to this act , thus allowing to use the intoxicants in our life for good purposes as mentioned above see Q16;67

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translation ” And from the fruits of the palm trees and grapevines you take intoxicant and good provision. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who reason.”————