

## DON'T APPROACH DIRTINESS

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa Raḥmatullāhi wa Barakātuh. Aʿūdhu Billāhi Minash-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismillāhi r-Raḥmāni r-Raḥīm. Wa ṣ-Salātu wa s-Salāmu 'alá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Akhirīn. Madad yā RasūlAllāh, Madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūlillāh, Madad yā Mashāyikhinā, Dastūr Mawlana Shaykh Abdullāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistāni, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad. Ṭarīqatunā aṣ-Suḥbah wa l-Khayru fi l-Jam'iyyah.

Bismi Llāhi r-Rahmāni r-Rahīm:

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## وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الْفَوَاحِشَ

(Qur'ān 06:151). 'Wa Lā Taqrabū Al-Fawāhisha', 'And do not approach shameful deeds.' Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla says, "Do not approach dirty things". He is warning in such way that not only not to do or use dirty things, don't even come close to them.

"الْخَبَائِثَ" means dirty and filthy. What is it? First of all, it is alcohol and pork. Excrements are alike. How can people eat excrements? They cannot. So don't come close to them. There is also gambling. These are all in the same category. Don't approach them. If you approach them, you cannot quit them. They are all worse than each other. When a person tries one of them, he cannot quit it.

Smoking is among them too. Smoking starts with curiosity. They look while with friends and see smoke coming out when taken in a mouth. Allah <sup>®</sup> protects some people; they hate its smell and don't smoke. But some people, whatever the wisdom is, even though it is dirty and has a stinking odor, they cannot get rid of it. Therefore, out of mercy to you, Allah 'Azza wa-Jalla says not to approach it. He doesn't say, "Don't use it", He says, "Don't come close to it". If you come close, you will use it and become addicted to it. You won't be able to quit it.

It is the same with gambling. "We just observe it and gamble from time to time". Don't even come close to it! It has no benefit to you. It brings nothing but loss. You make your clean money dirty; it becomes filthy. You are not winning anyway. Even if you win something, it won't have any benefit or Barakah. It is nothing but harm. It is a poison to you. No one has benefitted from using the Haram gambling money. Gambling is not Barakah, it is something that takes away Barakah. It ruins households and breaks families apart. May Allah \* protect us. Therefore, never resort to things like gambling.

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If we mention cigarettes, it makes people totally addicted. May Allah <sup>48</sup> save them. Many people want to quit, but cannot help it. It is made of the excrements of shaytan. Therefore, it makes the whole world its captive and people can't get rid of it. Its biggest feature is that people cannot get rid of it easily. But some people quit with the permission of Allah <sup>48</sup>.

In order to remember what kind of dirt it is, think about taking a sandwich and a drink or tea to a lavatory. Does anyone do so? But they smoke freely while in there. It is because it is of the same kind with what people do in a lavatory. As what they smoke is the same with what they do in the lavatory, in a toilet, they smoke it off. It is the proof, by the wisdom of Allah <sup>(3)</sup>, that it is dirt. In order for people to see, they only smoke in toilets. Even alcohol, no one drinks alcohol in the toilet. But they do smoke. It is a big lesson for those who want to quit. Insha'Allah they will remember it so that every time they want to smoke, they ask themselves, "What am I doing? I am smoking this dirt. I am smoking this poison. It is dirty. It is poisonous and filthy. It pollutes the air and affects people. It makes me stink and damages my health. It also disturbs people around me".

May Allah <sup>48</sup> save people. Therefore, avoid it from the beginning. Children shouldn't say, "I want to try it" because even adults cannot quit it when they want to. Those who want to start shouldn't look at it as an object and the way to act cool. They shouldn't take it in their mouths. They should stay away from it. May Allah <sup>48</sup> protect us and may Allah <sup>48</sup> help those who smoke. May they quit it as soon as possible insha'Allah.

Wa min Allah at-Tawfiq. Al-Fatiha.

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