

**ISLAMIC DISCOURSE ON THE OCCASION
OF WORLD AIDS DAY**

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In the mid-eighties, world health ministers declared that early December of each year as World AIDS Day. The main goal of the World AIDS Day is to allocate one day in the year to raise awareness and to bring people's attention to the disease and the importance of prevention, by all possible means, such as lectures, educational seminars, published articles, dialogues, workshops and research, to reduce the risk of new infections, as well as to help already infected patients. There is no doubt that the dissemination of knowledge and preventive culture for the masses of this disease is a must, however, is this mass action should be confined to one single day in the year? What about the rest of the year? Without neglecting specialized agencies efforts, we are entitled to wonder: Shall we ignore this important subject and limit it to just one day in the year?

All days to protect the world and to bring happiness:

We Muslims encourage all affirmative actions, small or large, long or short, in any place and from all. In fact, We seek in every day, and every hour in our lives to prevent and protect the public from AIDS and other diseases. Prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him, said: "cover the pots and protect the water source; as there is one night in the year, where an epidemic descend and infect any uncovered pot or unprotected water source" (Sahih Muslim). This is in general, however, in regards to sexually transmitted diseases, as God Almighty says: "And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way" (Isra 32), and the Prophet peace be upon him said: "Once Obscenity appears in a nation, done publicly, epidemic and pain will appear in them that were not in their ancestors" narrated by hakim, moreover, the prophet also said: "If my people permits five, they ought to have annihilation, in which one of these fives is men are fulfilled with men and women with women "(Narrated by al-Daylami) .

To act due to the divine rules to avoid failing into taboos

It has been scientifically proven, with no doubts, that the main reason for the spread of this epidemic is homosexuality, adultery, and drugs. The 2012 report of the UN program to fight AIDS is a bear witness to this. The report state that fifty thousand people are infected with the AIDS virus in the United States annually. 70 % of which are infected by homosexuality, 20% are due to adultery, 4% due to drugs, 4% abnormalities and addiction, and 2% due to blood transfusion and other causes. Meaning that 98% of the infections are due to committing a taboo.

By forbidding homosexuality, adultery and drugs we automatically move away from these epidemics. The best way to protect against these epidemics is by keeping away from its original

causes. These taboos are prohibited by the divine text that we should recite and remember all the time. Therefore, the awareness and education of our masses is automatic and is part of our beliefs, and not one celebratory day in the year. We fight AIDS and all other sexually transmitted diseases all the time. Moreover, our fight must be based on specialized and scientific awareness.

The shortest route is the best One

The Proper handling of the youth problems and their instinctive needs, according to the controls that befits human beings, and adequate to his nature and status, chosen by almighty God "Does He who created not know, while He is the Subtle, the Acquainted?" (Almulk 14); This handling is the shortest route, least cost, most effective, and the closest to the intuition. Simplifying marriages, and refine youths education and connection with their Allah; to raise the level of faith they have, for God's sake firstly, and to distance them from the evils and the ravages of these epidemics. Faith is the reason for the survival of Noah, peace be upon him, from the flood, saved Abraham from burning with fire, rescued Moses from drowning in the sea, and saves Yusuf from the plot of Alaziz's wife. Faith is the treasure of Education, in which we can save young people from deviation and loss.

No to Half Solutions

We must admit that young people are at risk as they face many challenges such as STDs, pornography and drugs. They are easy prey due to their lack of experience, and the constant pressure of their instincts that is awoken by the wide spread of stimuli and pornographic materials in the Internet. Youths became victims of the greedy mankind devils; they only care about accumulating money and corrupting the next generations.

This case will not be straightened by half solutions, it is imperative to address the core of the problem and its basis, and to provide effective and radical solutions because it is more existential and more correct. The global vicious propaganda and mass marketing of condoms, through the so-called safe sex campaign is not true, and is not suitable for us as Muslims. It has been scientifically proven that condoms do not fully protect against sexually transmitted diseases as the virus may penetrate the body from places not covered by condoms, such as mouth and breasts, regardless of the condoms quality. Scientific studies proved beyond any doubt, that the diameter of the blanks in the rubber insulator is fifty times more than the diameter of the AIDS virus, which means that the virus can sneak through easily.

Our religion requires us to discourage young people from obscene acts; to the contrary, we must distance them from such deeds. The arguments that adultery is an inevitable reality, and its immanent damage needs to be mitigated is invalid and not acceptable. To the contrary, we have to persuade the youth to face their responsibilities and to take charge. Sex is exercised only by adult, and presumably sane adult, who can distinguish sacred and right from wrong.

Then, he can choose and be responsible for his choices before the Almighty God, as did the Holy Prophet with the young man who asked that he be allowed to adultery, was narrated by Abu Omamah: A young man came to the Prophet peace be upon him and said: O Messenger of Allah! Give me permission to commit adultery! The people snubbed him and said Meh Meh! The prophet said: get closer, and then said: would you like to your mother? The young man said: No, No, Messenger of Allah. The prophet Said: neither people, they do not like it for their mothers. Then said would you like to your daughter? The young man said: No, No, Messenger of Allah. The prophet Said: neither people, they do not like it for their daughters. Then said would you like to your sister? The young man said: No, No, Messenger of Allah. The prophet Said: neither people, they do not like it for their aunt. Then said would you like to your sister? The young man said: No, No, Messenger of Allah. The prophet Said: neither people, they do not like it for their aunts. The he put his hand on him, and said: Oh God! Forgive his sins, and cleanse his heart, and his chastity. And since, the boy did not commit a taboo." (Narrated by Al-albany)

So, Why shall we follow what the West wants? Why not deal with the problem from its roots according to the dictates of our religion.

The measures proclaimed and circulated by the United Nations programs and the World Health Organization to combat AIDS have been designed for environments and beliefs quite different from our environments and beliefs. What works for them does not work for our communities. Although, we wish them well and guidance, but they are free in their own countries, and we are free in our countries. They have no right to impose their rules on others once by invitation and once by intimidation, as the case of many practices and international conferences and conventions, which are trying hard to globalize depravity and to decline virtues. In fact, the covenants and conventions of international humanitarian, do not permit the exploitation of the need to intervene in politics and financial enticement to influence the beliefs of the targeted communities, customs, traditions, or prevailing norms.

Map road for All

Fighting AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, from the Islamic perspective, is based on the prohibition of adultery, homosexuality and drugs. No half solutions at the expense of our religion, as the West demands. Financial aid to poor countries is typically conditioned by certain regulations invented by West according to their desires and away from the balance of bad and good, because what is right for them what is what they desire whether it fits the human nature or not. It is allowed in their countries and it is prohibited in our religion. For example, they want us to say to the youth: use condoms when having sex. As if adultery is not a taboo, what is important is not get infected by AIDS, and as if the wrath of God is not important!!!

These diseases have no identity except adultery, homosexuality, pornography and drugs, especially if accompanied by ignorance and poverty, thus STDs are flourishing in poor and tourist communities. Moreover, STDs are spreading due to mixing between genders, close

distances, and frequent travel, which has made the world a small village. STDs are least spread in conservative a society, which outlaw sex outside marriage, approve the fidelity of married life, and considers it a good work closer to God, as it is relatively in Islamic societies. However, our societies are not far from the others, and our youths are targeted. The easiest way for our enemies to control our youths is to twist their morals to fall in prohibited sex practices, which vanishes morality, destroys families, dismantles communities, spreads diseases, and above all, angers God and a divine punishment, true to the verse: "And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way" (Isra 32)

Good Vs Evil

God created man by hand, and make it in the best stature and his distinguished him from other creatures, even scoffed everything for his service, awarded him with reason, and sent righteous messengers to guide them to good and Paradise. And descended his holy books, concluded by the Holy Quran, the eternal miracle "Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable" (Isra 9), and with all this, man was the most controversy, ignited by the devil to infidelity and forbidden practices.

If science, practice, reason and transport, reality, research and studies, and facts and statistics prove very clearly that homosexuality is one of the most things that spread AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; if all that is an obvious and indisputable fact! Why developed countries, especially Western, adopt and defend homosexuality? They financially support and encourage homosexuality by all possible means. Western countries employ their finical and political power to globalize homosexuality and spread it! Not only that, they fight any one who is against it and call them underdeveloped and terrorists!!!!

We as Muslims, how can we believe them or follow them? and our Quran in which more than three dozen verses tell us about the story of abnormality sodomites, who God severely punished them for the same guilt and immorality! God says:"And [mention] Lot, when he said to his people, "Indeed, you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds" (Al-`Ankabūt 28), then tells a story about Prophet Lot, peace be upon him: "My Lord, support me against the corrupting people" (Al-`Ankabūt 30). Those who love and insist to spread immorality in earth they are corrupting the earth. We as Muslims our job, and our purpose in life, is to reconstruct and restore earth not spoil it!? For this, we have no choice but to follow the orders of Allah, because they do good, but we must spread this goodness to others if we can; because Islam is a religion of mercy, love and goodness to the worlds, the Almighty says: " And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds " (Al-'Anbyā' 107).

Hate the sin not the sinner

The Muslim is a reformer, and do good to people, in accordance to Hadeeth Qudsi "Creatures are God's children, and the closest to him are the ones who help their dependents" (Narrated by Bazzar). Muslim does not decide who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, but he wish well for

all people, for the sake of God. Muslim knows, for sure, that all humans do wrong deeds. And he remembers what Narrated by Imam Malik in his book Muwatta: that Jesus said: "do not talk without mentioning God's name; you will get a rigid hearts, the rigid heart is far from God. Not look at the sins of other as a God, but look as if you were slaves. Men are two: healthy, and afflicted; have mercy on afflicted people, and thank God for wellness"

Muslims deal with infected people by the great Islamic rule: (hate the sin not hate the sinner), He shows to the infected - if the infection is by taboo practices- that the door of repentance is wide open by Almighty God, so we call him to quit taboo, then repent. If he repents, that is the virtue of God, otherwise, he should be punished for his bad deeds, and only God alone who punishes or forgives them. We as individuals have to deal with him gently, helping them against the devil, make them feel loved, guide them to good nicely, and get them closer not distance them, so he learn that the great prophet says: " Every single son of Adam continually errs (sins), while the best of those who continually err are those who continually repent " (narrated by Tirmidhi). Err, in one form or another, is a general human trait, if he repents, he become one of the elites. Not only this, God Almighty says in the Quran: " And those who, when they commit an immorality or wrong themselves [by transgression], remember Allah and seek forgiveness for their sins - and who can forgive sins except Allah? - and [who] do not persist in what they have done while they know. "(Al-Imran 135), In fact, if his repentance is accepted and did good, go's generosity will be overwhelming " Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful"(Al-Furqān 70).

Yes, we do not hate people in particular, regardless of color, race, or an idea or belief, even if they fall in wrong deeds; but we sympathy with him and guide him to the right, not deal with him in bad way, and not name him with bad names, he is the son of Adam, errs like us , as the Holy Prophet peace upon him illustrated, and his assessment is not by us; but by ultimately God alone.

The above mentioned is regarding a human person, who has the right for advice and guidance not criminalization. However, the act itself (homosexuality, adultery, and drugs) does not have this right, especially as it against every heavenly commands and common sense, and will not be accepted by any sane person. Therefore, we disgrace this act which is forbidden all the time, A forbidden act is a forbidden act no matter how they try to flourish it, and Halal is Halal no matter how they try to twist it. On the other hand, the committer, he is err, the son of Adam, have every opportunity to repent, and do good deeds to win heaven. Let us remember the story of Abdullah also known as the donkey, where he drank wine, he brought in front of the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, and a man was swearing at him, and said in astonishing: How frequent this man (Abdullah) is brought to the Messenger of Allah peace be upon him. Then, said the Prophet, peace be upon him: "Do not curse him, he loves Allah and His Messenger "(Bukhari), despite the fact that the messenger, peace be upon him, forbid and cursed wine drinker, sellers, bearer, and manufacturer. So the stigma of the act and no one can change it, but the committer has the right for advice repeatedly.

Cooperation with the other world:

Almighty God says: "And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah" (Al-Mā'idah 2), so we must cooperate and work, to bring good to all humanity, inspired by Islamic laws. Islam came for the good of humanity, and human happiness. It is imperative that we contribute to the dissemination of science and knowledge, which helps people avoid what disturbs their lives. The Prophet, peace be upon him says: "The best charity for the people is published science" (Reported by al-tabarni), specially, science that led to positive change in the behavior that pleases Allah and His Messenger, and straighten life on common sense. Prophet, peace be upon him says: "blessed God's slave made him a key to good and lock for evil "(Al-albany).

We, in the project of youth protection from sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS, made a pledge, to cooperate with any official or private, national or global organizations; to offer to mankind all that we can from education, and knowledge, according to our Islamic values, in a scientific manner, based on statistics and proven facts, away from the courtesy and equivocating, even if we have to go against the whole world; so we share the same principle with the global campaigns to eliminate sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS from the world, however, we differ in the means. We do not agree to the means that are not approved by our religion.

And Allah will prevails his orders, but most people do not know

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