

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْأَرْضِ وَرَبِّ السَّمَاءِ ، خَلَقَ آدَمَ وَعَلَّمَهُ الْأَسْمَاءَ ، نَعُوذُ بِنُورِ وَجْهِهِ الْكَرِيمِ مِنْ جَهْدِ الْبَلَاءِ ، وَدَرَكِ الشَّقَاءِ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَلَا أَشْبَاهَ وَلَا شُرَكَاءَ ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ، خَاتَمَ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحَابَتِهِ الْأَجْلَاءِ ، وَعَلَى السَّائِرِينَ عَلَى دَرَبِهِ وَالذَّاعِينَ بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ اللَّقَاءِ .
 أَمَّا بَعْدُ : فَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي... (وَلَقَدْ وَصَّيْنَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ) .

عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ الْعَاصِ رضي الله عنه قَالَ: اِخْتَلَمْتُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ بَارِدَةٍ فِي غَزْوَةِ ذَاتِ السَّلَاسِلِ ، فَأَشْفَقْتُ إِنْ اغْتَسَلْتُ أَنْ أَهْلِكَ ، فَتَيَمَّمْتُ ، ثُمَّ صَلَّيْتُ بِأَصْحَابِي الصُّبْحَ ، فَذَكَرُوا ذَلِكَ لِلنَّبِيِّ صلى الله عليه وسلم فَقَالَ: (يَا عَمْرُو صَلَّيْتَ بِأَصْحَابِكَ وَأَنْتَ جُنُبٌ ؟ فَأَخْبَرْتُهُ بِالَّذِي مَنَعَنِي مِنَ الْإِغْتِسَالِ ، وَقُلْتُ : إِنِّي سَمِعْتُ اللَّهَ يَقُولُ (وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا) ، فَضَحِكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم وَلَمْ يَقُلْ شَيْئًا . أَبُو دَاوُدَ .

One of the great companions by the name of Amru ibn Al Aaas narrates to us saying:

On one extremely cold night during the battle of Dhat as-Salasil I had a wet dream. I was afraid, if I washed myself (took a ghusl) I would die. So instead of taking ghusl I performed tayammum and led my companions in the dawn prayer. They mentioned that to the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ). He said: Amr, you led your companions in prayer while you were sexually impure (from a wet dream)? I informed him of the cause which impeded me from washing. And I said: I heard that Allah mentioned in the Quran: "Do not kill yourself, verily Allah is merciful to you." The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) laughed and didn't respond to what I had said. Sunan Abee Dawud #334.

أيها المؤمنون: إِنَّ شَرِيعَةَ الْإِسْلَامِ جَاءَتْ لِإِسْعَادِ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي الدَّارَيْنِ، وَقَصَدَتْ إِلَى نَجَاتِهِ فِي دُنْيَاهُ وَأُخْرَاهُ، وَاهْتَمَّتْ بِهِ فَرْدًا مِنْ ضِمْنِ جَمَاعَةٍ، لَهُ عَلَيْهَا حُقُوقٌ وَلَهَا عَلَيْهِ حُقُوقٌ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا : فَقَدْ جَاءَ الْإِسْلَامُ بِكُلِّيَّاتٍ خَمْسٍ، أَوْجَبَ حِفْظَهَا، وَحَمَى حِمَاَهَا، وَحَدَّ الْحُدُودَ ، وَشَرَعَ التَّعْزِيرَاتِ، لِلْحَيْلُوتِ دُونَ النَّيْلِ مِنْهَا، إِنَّهَا : الدِّينُ وَالنَّفْسُ وَالْمَالُ وَالْعِرْضُ وَالْعَقْلُ.

Dearly beloved believers: The Shariah of Islam, the Laws and Legislations of Islam contain within them everything to bring happiness and pleasure to human beings in this world and the next, to make them successful in this life and in the Hereafter. The Shariah of Islam has paid utmost concern and showed extensive care to not only groups, congregations and communities; but the individual as well while living within those groups. The individual has rights over the group and the group has rights over the individual. For this reason we find within the Shariah of Islam the Five necessities and the obligation of protecting them and guarding them. For the reason of protecting individuals and communities rights alike, we find within Islam punishments, fines, disciplinary actions to restore everyone's rights that may have been neglected, taken or not fulfilled; and bring about reconciliation to problems amongst individuals and communities. These five

necessities are: preservation of the deen, preservation of life, preservation of wealth, preservation of honor and preservation of intellect.

أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ: لِلنَّفْسِ مَكَانَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ فِي الدِّينِ ، وَمَنْزِلَةٌ رَفِيعَةٌ فِي شَرِيعَةِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ؛
فَالْمُحَافَظَةُ عَلَى النَّفْسِ مَقْصَدٌ مِنْ مَقَاصِدِ الدِّينِ الْعَظِيمَةِ ، وَضُرُورَةٌ مِنْ ضُرُورِيَّاتِهِ الْمُهْمَّةِ ،
وَإِلْعَتْدَاءٌ عَلَيْهَا بِغَيْرِ إِذْنِ خَالِقِهَا وَمَالِكِهَا -وَهُوَ اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَهُ- كَبِيرَةٌ خَطِيرَةٌ، وَجَرِيمَةٌ نَكِيرَةٌ .

Beloved brothers and sisters in Islam: The souls and lives we have within our bodies has a very high place and status in Islam. Protecting it, preserving it, taking care of it, nurturing it, utilizing it properly is one of the great goals and aims within the deen of Islam, and one of the most important necessities that Islam came to protect. Not protecting it, misusing it, neglecting it, oppressing it, transgressing against it, and harming it in any way that it's Creator and Owner-who is Allah alone- did not allow or permit is a very major sin and great crime...

Brothers and sisters in Islam, each and every one of you has a soul inside your bodies now. The souls within our bodies are

not ours to keep forever, we do not have total ownership over them, we cannot do what we please with them, however or whenever we want. Rather our souls/lives are trusts and ‘amanaat’ that have been temporarily placed under our care. We only have them for a short period of time. The responsibility of caring for them properly falls upon every one of our shoulders, the responsibility of protecting our lives/souls falls upon every one of our shoulders as well. It is not permissible to harm it, hurt it or to place it in any type of danger that may lead to one’s life ending or soul exiting one’s body, or to kill oneself or do things that lead to killing one’s self.

Allah prohibits us from doing such things in the Quran when He says:

(وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا)

“And do not kill yourselves indeed Allah is most merciful with all of you.”

And the Prophet Muhammad said:

(مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسَهُ بِحَدِيدَةٍ ، فَحَدِيدَتُهُ فِي يَدِهِ يَتَوَجَّأُ بِهَا فِي بَطْنِهِ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا مُخَلَّدًا فِيهَا أَبَدًا ، وَمَنْ شَرِبَ سُمًّا فَقَتَلَ نَفْسَهُ ، فَهُوَ يَتَحَسَّاهُ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا مُخَلَّدًا فِيهَا أَبَدًا ، وَمَنْ تَرَدَّى مِنْ جَبَلٍ فَقَتَلَ نَفْسَهُ ، فَهُوَ يَتَرَدَّى فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا مُخَلَّدًا فِيهَا أَبَدًا) متفق عليه.

”Whoever kills himself with a metal weapon he will come on ” the Day Of Judgment with the weapon in his hand, continually stab himself in his stomach with it, in the fire of Jahannam, dwelling in that state eternally. And whoever kills himself with poison, then his poison will be in his hand, to continually take it in the Fire of Jahannam, dwelling in that state eternally and he who killed himself by jumping off of a mountain would constantly fall in the Fire of Hell and would live there for ever and ever.”

Put down the weapons dearly beloved brothers in Islam....

Committing Suicide, murdering innocent people, killing oneself or killing others or doing anything that may lead to your own or someone else’s death is strictly prohibited in

Islam and will lead to a life of misery in this world and the next...

Servants of Allah, suicide and killing oneself and doing the things that will lead to someone else's death is one of the major terrible sins in Islam, a great crime, a horrendous type of corruption and a way of spreading mischief and troubles in the land. When someone kills themselves, it is like murdering all of humanity out of it being such a grave and major sin, as Allah tells us:

مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

“That is why We ordained for the Children of Israel that whoever takes a life wrongfully/unjustly it will be as if they killed all of humanity...”

The believer who kills him/herself or takes the life of another innocent believer, or commits suicide, or does anything that

may lead to taking the life of another innocent human being
are warned with a severe warning

(وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا).

And whoever kills a believer intentionally, their reward will be Hell—where they will stay indefinitely. Allah will be displeased with them, condemn them, and will prepare for them a tremendous punishment

This punishment is so severe because the most sacred life/soul to Allah is the life and soul of the believer. Murder is one of the worst sins as the Prophet Muhammad said:

" الشِّرْكُ بِاللَّهِ وَ عُقُوبُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَقَتْلُ النَّفْسِ وَقَوْلُ الزُّورِ " .

“the worst of sins are: associating partners with Allah, killing an innocent human being and bearing false witness.” Saheeh Muslim #88

So just how taking the life of an innocent human being is the greatest of sins, saving the life of a believing soul is worth

more to Allah and more beloved to Allah and more sacred to Allah than the holy kabah in makkah...

فَعَن ابْنِ عَمَرَ قَالَ : رَأَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يَطُوفُ بِالْكَعْبَةِ وَيَقُولُ مَا أَطْيَبُكَ وَأَطْيَبَ رِيحَكَ، مَا أَعْظَمَكَ وَأَعْظَمَ حَرَمَتَكَ، وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ لِحُرْمَةِ الْمُؤْمِنِ أَعْظَمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ حُرْمَةً مِنْكَ مَالِهِ وَدَمِهِ وَأَنْ نَظَنُّ بِهِ إِلَّا خَيْرًا (ابن ماجه).

One day I saw the messenger of Allah making tawaf around the Ka'bah saying: 'How good you are and how good is your fragrance; how great you are and how great is your sanctity. By the One in Whose Hand is the soul of Muhammad, the sanctity of the believer is greater before Allah than your sanctity, his blood and his wealth, and to think anything but good of him.'" Sunan ibn Majah (Imam al Albaani considered it Hasan in Silsilah Saheehah 3420)

The life of a believer is more sacred and beloved to Allah than the Kabah....The blood spilt of one Muslim is worth more to Allah and more beloved to Allah than the Holy Kabah in Makkah, that millions upon millions of Muslims visit monthly. If this isn't enough to show how much Allah loves you than I don't know what else to say....Indeed Allah is merciful with

us, and loves us more than we can even imagine...Love yourselves, your lives, your souls and the lives and souls of others and do everything in your power to protect them...

Second Khutbah

إخوة الإيمان: حِفَاظًا عَلَى النَّفْسِ الْمُسْلِمَةِ الْبَرِيئَةِ مِنْ إِزْهَاقِهَا وَقَتْلِهَا بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ، نَهَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ عَنِ الْإِشَارَةِ إِلَى مُسْلِمٍ بِسِلَاحٍ وَلَوْ كَانَ مُزَاحًا؛ سَدًّا لِلدَّرِيْعَةِ، وَحَسْمًا لِمَادَّةِ الشَّرِّ الَّتِي قَدْ تُفْضِي إِلَى الْقَتْلِ

Brothers and sisters,

Out of protection and preservation of the innocent life and soul of a Muslim the Prophet Muhammad prohibited all things that can cause or even lead to a loss of life. The Prophet Muhammad strongly prohibited us from pointing weapons at each other, even if someone is joking; as a preventive measure from the shaytaan taking advantage of us:

قَالَ: (لَا يُشِيرُ أَحَدُكُمْ عَلَى أَخِيهِ بِالسِّلَاحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَدْرِي لَعَلَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَنْزِعُ فِي يَدِهِ، فَيَقَعُ فِي حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ) خ .

"None of you should point a weapon at his Muslim brother, for he does not know, Shaytan may tempt him to hit him and thus he would fall into a pit of fire (Hell)" (Al Bukhari #7072)

In another version of the hadith it states:

وفي رواية (مَنْ أَشَارَ إِلَى أَخِيهِ بِحَدِيدَةٍ ، فَإِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ تَلْعَنُهُ ، وَإِنْ كَانَ أَخَاهُ لِأَبِيهِ وَأُمِّهِ)

“He who points a weapon towards his brother the angels invoke curse upon him even if he is his real brother so long as he does not abandon pointing the weapon at him” (Saheeh Muslim #2616)

So if pointing a weapon at another Muslim is strictly prohibited, then how about killing an innocent Muslim or taking an innocent life unjustly because of some type of money, clothes, or jewelry or because someone called you a bad name or slandered you or disrespected you???

The Prophet Muhammad told us how sacred the life of a believer is when he said:

(قَتْلُ الْمُؤْمِنِ أَعْظَمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ زَوَالِ الدُّنْيَا) النَّسَائِيُّ.

“Killing a believer is more grievous before Allah than the extinction of the entire world.” (An Nisaa’ee #3988)

And the Prophet Muhammad told us:

(لَنْ يَزَالَ الْمُؤْمِنُ فِي فُسْحَةٍ مِنْ دِينِهِ مَا لَمْ يُصَبْ دَمًا حَرَامًا)

“A believer remains at liberty regarding his religion only until he kills somebody unlawfully” (Al Bukhari #6862)

The scholars explained this hadith saying: Any sin that a person commits there is an expiation and a way out within the deen of Islam, except for killing someone unlawfully or unjustly, because of the graveness of this terrible sin and the sacredness of the believer.

Abdullah ibn Umar further clarifies this hadith when he said;

إِنَّ مِنْ وَرَطَاتِ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي لَا مَخْرَجَ لِمَنْ أَوْقَعَ نَفْسَهُ فِيهَا سَفْكَ الدَّمِ الْحَرَامِ بِغَيْرِ حِلِّهِ .

“One of the evil deeds with the worst types of consequences from which there is no escape from, is the one who is involved in killing someone unjustly, killing an innocent person.” (Al Bukhari #6863)

Brothers and sisters in Islam, from the care and concern that our Shariah, our Islamic Laws and Legislations have showed towards protecting one’s life and soul is commanding all of us to protect it and preserve it and take care of it and to keep away all harmful things from it. Allah tells us in the Quran:

(وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ)

“And do not bring about your own destruction by way of your hands”

Bringing about destruction by way of your own hands is done by Abandoning what Allah ordered us to do if abandoning it is certain to cause destruction to the body or soul. Or doing anything that may cause the loss of life, there are many

examples for it: Such as Abandoning fighting for the sake of Allah, defending one's land, home, neighborhood.

Abandoning spending upon those defending the Muslim lands, which will lead to the enemies taking over and conquering the Muslim lands, and turning our mosques into churches, synagogues, night clubs, bars and places that other than Allah is worshipped and glorified. Abandoning the means to attain strength, power and might spiritually, intellectually, physically, financially, socially and politically. Being lazy and not exercising the body, being arrogant and ignorant and not wanting to read or educate oneself, being careless and negligent and not wanting to pray on time, pay zakat, fast ramadan and the likes. Being a bum and loafing around not want to work, have a career, a job or a business. Being a push-over and remaining quiet about denounceable things in the school systems or in the local and city laws and not wanting to change the social and political climate in your neighborhoods.

Another way that one can bring about destruction by his/her own hands is by travelling to places or going on adventures

that put one's life in danger such as, cliff diving, parachuting, bungee jumping, scaling high cliffs, climbing in caves or going underwater with sharks without any protection, or going on a safari with wild harmful animals, lions, bears, snakes, scorpions and the likes. Another way many Muslims bring about the destruction of their bodies and souls and the bodies and souls of others is by hanging out in the streets where people are selling drugs, gang banging, doing crimes, smoking marijuana, causing mischief and bullying people who walk by; all of these are examples of how someone would bring about destruction by the way of their own hands. All of our Muslim brothers out there in the streets, come to the masjid, don't harm yourselves out there in the streets, don't give people false perceptions about where Muslims should be and how they should behave. Get off the streets and out of the gangs, away from the drugs, away from the alcohol, away from the girls, the night clubs and protect your own lives and do not harm the lives of others... So fear Allah O Believers, take all the means necessary and learn all the ways to protect your lives and souls, and save the lives and souls of others.

Allah tells us that if we save one life, it is as if we have saved all of humanity...So start by saving yourselves, your family members, your friends, your neighbors and those in your community. Allah considers your life and soul worth more than the Ka'bah and more than the entire world. So Check yourselves brothers before you wreck yourselves...

(مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا^٥)

“Whoever kills an innocent soul unjustly or spreads mischief/corruption in the lands it is as if he has murdered all of humanity, and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity”

ثم صلوا ...