

F.I.T.N.A+ : INTRODUCTION

Rasūlullah Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: "Hasten to do good (before you are overtaken) by trials which will be like the dark portion of the night. A person will wake up as a believer in the morning and turn to disbelief by evening, or he would be a believer in the evening and turn to disbelief by morning, he would sell his Deen for the (paltry) gains of the world."

[Muslim, 118]

As we approach Qiyāmah, the trials we are facing are on the increase. Everyday there is a new onslaught on our Īmān.

There is a systematic and orchestrated attempt to normalize certain extremely wicked and despicable sins. Characterized by an assortment of letters of the alphabet and identified by colours resembling the rainbow, the very name used for this fitnah and the colors associated with it are a means of inner darkness.

The effort to introduce these disgraceful fitnahs to the world has taken on unprecedented proportions. Numerous methods are being used to desensitize people to these abominable acts. Previously unheard-of events like pride months, pride marches, and pride festivals are now being promoted. Popular personalities are shamelessly encouraging this filth. Pictures and emojis depicting absurd concepts like "expectant men" and "same-gender couples" are alarmingly becoming common. Reference is now being made to "expectant people" instead of "expectant women". Many books have subtly introduced "gay" characters. School textbooks have not been spared either, with the introduction of these shameless deeds to a young and impressionable child. Yes, that's correct! Take a look at your child's textbooks, and you'll be shocked at the values they are being introduced to and may have already imbibed. The number of rainbow-coloured packaging, clothes, tableware and other items that have made their way into the market is telling of the aggression with which this movement is being promoted. Sportspeople and other 'celebrities' are also party to the aggressive promotion of this movement.

The amount of resources used to promote this ideology and the continuous attempts to get it recognized and accepted in society make it obvious that there is an agenda being rolled out. It is necessary for us to identify the threat and make a determined effort to save ourselves and humanity at large from it.

It is disturbing to note how many Muslims have already softened up to the strange new concepts of 'gender fluidity' and 'homosexuality'. Reports of families who eventually end up accepting this abnormal behaviour from members of their household

were previously unheard of.

The number of kids who believe that it's their right to choose their own gender are alarmingly on the increase. This is surely a warning sign that exposure to these fitnahs has already affected our communities. The first level to the introduction of this fitnah is to simply get us to tolerate these evils without objection.

Hatred for evil

Our Īmān requires that we hate every evil deed. Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: "When an evil deed is committed on Earth, the person who witnesses it, but hates it, is like the one who was absent from it (i.e. he will not be held accountable for it). And the person who is absent from it, but is pleased with it, is like one who witnessed it (i.e. he will share the burden of sin)." [Abū Dawūd, 4345]

Muslims do not share these values and should not have any allegiance to this perversion. Therefore, it is essential to distance ourselves from these things. We are required to have an extreme aversion to this immorality. We should consider it as repulsive and at least express our disapproval by ensuring that we do not purchase any items representing these fitnahs. We should not sell these items and unwittingly assist in promoting this disgraceful concept. Furthermore, we should neither use pictures or colours depicting this movement. By bringing these items into our homes, we expose ourselves and our innocent ones to these immoralities.

Islam's position on these fitnahs

The simple and most rational reason why homosexuality and the lifestyles associated with it are morally wrong and repugnant is that **ALLĀH TA'ĀLA HAS MADE IT HARĀM**. With our limited abilities and subjective opinions, we, as human beings cannot conclude what is right or wrong. Allah Ta'āla is our Creator and He best decides what is right and wrong for us. Unlike the 'Humanist' view of morality that defines right and wrong simply by harm or benefit to human beings, we as Muslims derive our morals and values from "Wahy" (revelation) and the blessed Sunnah of Nabi Sallallāhu 'Alayhi wa Sallam. The Qur'ān Karīm and Ahādīth are explicit in prohibiting these harām acts and warn of imminent destruction when they become rife. There is, therefore, no room for uncertainty.

May Allāh Ta'āla protect us and the Ummah from these dreadful crimes and May He preserve the pure disposition with which we were born. Āmīn

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