

DAMAGE OF FITNA IN ISLAM

Dear mumins!

The word of “fitna” is used for people who do evil. They focus on creating turmoil in the society, and showcase bad acts and behaviors. Fitna is a phenomenon that involves everyone in the community. The society is also responsible when they close their eyes to fitna. I will give you some important information about fitna in society. Wrong assumptions, gossip, backstabbing are all prohibited in Islam. The Quran states that “O you who believe! Avoid much suspicion, indeed some suspicions are sins. Would one of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You would hate it and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is the one Who forgives and accepts repentance, most Merciful.” (1). As we can clearly see from this verse, every Muslim must have goodwill towards their Muslim brothers and sisters. This is a must in Islam. Such an attitude is necessary in order to get rid of fitna.

One of the worst acts or behavior is to lie. Some people tell lies about things and events that did not take place. Their goal is to create turmoil in society by fitna. One of the most popular type of fitna is to plot things. Allah (swt) says that “And (O Muhammad) obey you not everyone (The one who swears much and is a liar or is worthless. A slander, going about with calumnies, Hinderer of the good, transgressor, sinful.” (2)



There are also two-faced people in this world. We must all be very carefully of these types of people. They are as bad as the people who create fitna. Our Prophet (pbuh) stated that “when the Day of Judgment comes, you will see a lot of sinners and two-faced people will be among them. The two-faced people tell something to one group and something else to an other group.”

(3) The size of the fitna will determine the damage of it to society. When we look at history, we can clearly see that there were some fitna among Muslims. A big fitna can easily destroy a country, and create a miserable and hopeless nation. Even a very small fitna can cause many problems for a family. That family can be separated, and their lives in this world and hereafter can be very sad. In Quran, Allah (swt) states that “And Al-Fitna is worse than killing” (4)

That is why we Muslims must always stay away from fitna, and never be a part of any fitna.

- 1- Al-Hucurat,12
- 2- Al-Qalem,10,12
- 3- Bukhari,Edep52, 7,87
- 4- Al-Baqara,191

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