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PROTECTION OF THE FIVE ESSENTIALS OF ISLAM

Dear Mumins!

Supreme religion Islam teaches us that in order to live in a peaceful and secure world we protect five very important things. They are our lives, our minds, our religion Islam, our future generations and our properties. Let's talk little bit more about these important principles. Life is given to us, and it is one of the most important things we can have. That is why we must all stay away from actions that will create danger to our lives. Almighty Allah (swt) states that "O you who believe! Eat not up your property among yourselves unjustly except it be a trade amongst you, by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves (nor kill one another.) Surely, Allah is Most Merciful to you." [1] We are superior to other living things, because we have our minds. We have great responsibilities in this world. That is why we must stay away from bad habits such as harmful drugs, intoxication and other things like these. These harmful things destroy our minds. Our beloved prophet (pbuh) said that "If you are an alcoholic and you don't stop and repend, you will never drink anything in heaven." [2] This clearly states that bad habits that effect our minds negatively are forbidden in Islam. We need to understand the message of our religion clearly and act accordingly. We must stay away from bidah, superstition and tampering. Quran tells us "So set you (O Muhammad p.b.u.h.) your face towards the religion (of pure Islamic



Monotheism) Hanif (worship none but Allah Alone). Allah ' s Fitrah (Allah ' s Islamic

Monotheism) with which He has created mankind. No change let there be in Khalq-illah (the religion of Allah---Islamic Monotheism) that is the straight

religion, but most of men know not." [3] In order for our nations to continue we must protect our future generations. Quran states that prophets in the past had asked Allah (swt) for their future generations to be believers and good people. We can clearly understand that our future generations must stay away from bad habits in order to be healthy, be believers in Islam, must be well educated, have good minds, and have love for their countries and fellow men. The supreme religion Islam teaches us to protect our property. We must all gain lawful earnings. Our prophet (pbuh) prohibited the unfair gain of the property, and provided us advice with this hadith "Whoever takes away someone's property unjustly will face Allah's punishment." [4] Islam protects the dignity of every human being, their honor, freedom, religion, and lives. Our duty is to follow Allah's (swt) commandments and act accordingly to adopt these principles.

1- An-Nisa 4/29

2- Muslim, Esriba, 73

3- Ar-Rum 30/30

4- Ahmad B. Hambal Al-Musnad, 1/416

