

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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### ALTERNATIVE LIFE PRINCIPLES FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR AGE

**Dear Mumins!**

Colonialism, which was the inevitable result of the capitalism that emerged in the reform movements during the 16th century, belongs to a realm with which people are not content. Racism, which motivated the genocide of tens of millions of people, and the two World Wars of 20th century, also belong to this realm. Environmental pollution, the penetration of the ozone layer, and global warming all indicate the fact that the world is headed for a disaster caused chiefly by a system of economics that is pursued mindlessly for limitless production and consumption. This mentality, contrary to the contemporary (!) assertion, has made most of the world's population poorer and needier. While there were three destitute fellows for every rich man a hundred years ago, nowadays, there are 72 poor men for every capitalist... No matter what occurs, it is only the teachings of Islam that will destroy this system that requires the dogged pursuit of high profit, and these teachings will show the pitiful man who has drowned in the crisis how to be happy.

**My Dear Brothers and Sisters!**

**Surviving through earning in halal ways; being content; earning livelihood (rizq) enough; not spending others' properties unjustly; giving zakat and aiding poor people; nourishing people for Allah's pleasure (rida); protecting the property of orphans; giving thanks to Allah for the boons...** Can someone who embraces and applies these principles in life become an irresponsible and limitless consumer? Can people who execute the principles of "**preserving the tongue from bad words, ridiculing nobody, not esteeming himself highly; not becoming arrogant; not swearing in a lying manner and not talking untruth; enjoining the good and forbidding the evil**" make advertisements that compel limitless consumption? Can these people regard only themselves as a race of selected superior people by underrating all others? Can sensualism, which shows everything

that the senses and the body delight in as true ethically, and which is regarded as the basic ethic of liberal capitalism, be used to absorb those who "**know the devil, do not look at haram, stay away from listening to evil things, do not obey the desires of his/her own nafs, and is aware that the death is true?**"

Supposedly, the man who harms him or herself for the sake of happiness is also virtuous according to the right of achieving contemporary happiness. As a sexual preference, homosexuality is a human right (!).

To murder through the abortion (curettage) is a right (!) as well. However, the principles of "**avoiding homosexual relations; not having sexual intercourse with the wife during the menstrual or postnatal period; keeping away from adultery; not drinking alcoholic beverages**" are indispensable in protecting the human

generation and mind, and making it possible to live a healthy life.

Because of the rights presented through contemporary values, in many countries, the rate of children born as a result of illegitimate intercourse exceeds 50 percent. Contemporary education institutions that instill the passion of raising producers and consumers of high quality could produce, in the end, individuals who live alone inside houses overflowing with consumer goods. In contrast, does it not suit the human "**to live in a family?**" Yes! "**Doing parents a kindness and visiting relatives**" indeed suits the man.

For the values that would remind man in the present world that he or she is the most valuable of the creatures (ashraf al-makhlûqât) initially requires man "**to believe,**" then **to achieve 'ilm, to think on wisdoms of the creation, to repent (tawbah) for the sins, and to make jahd (to endeavor) for the sake of Allah's way.** Wa's-salam.

