

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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HARAMS AND MAKRUHS (THINGS FORBIDDEN OR DISLIKED IN THE RELIGION)

Distinguished Mumins!

Today, I am going to convey, in my khutbah, the actions that have been prohibited and have not been condoned by our religion. Let me start with those that our scholars have described as "big sins":

1) Attributing a partner to Allah (s.w.t.); **2)** accusing chaste women with the adultery; **3)** killing a fellow mumin; **4)** fleeing from the battleground; **5)** taking an orphan's property; **6)** despairing of the Mercy of Allah; **7)** taking usury; **8)** perjuring oneself; **9)** eating pork; **10)** drinking an alcoholic beverage; **11)** gambling; and **12)** fornicating.

Dear Mumins!

Other than these sins mentioned above, there are some deeds that are either haram or makruh to perform. Each Muslim should strive to avoid all of these. These actions fall into several categories:

Prohibitions relating to food and beverages: eating the meat of a tamed horse or donkey; sitting at the dining table where an alcoholic beverage is drunk; and eating or drinking from a golden or silver plate.

Prohibitions relating to clothes and finery: dressing in silken clothes and wearing a golden ring, for men; wearing the evil-eye bead and hoping for help from this bead.

Prohibitions in trade: dealing in the black market; selling a beast in exchange for a beast on credit; selling blood; getting gain from haram substances, like pig or wine.

Disliked deeds concerned with sitting or standing: stepping on or sitting on a tomb; talking of two fellows in secret or in foreign language next to the third person; resolving the need of urinate or defecate towards the direction of qiblah; and relieving the need of the loo

under trees the shadow of which people benefit from or in a pasture where animals graze or on the nest of an ant or bug.

As for makruh things related to our bodies: entering a public bath or swimming in the sea or public pool without covering the body from the belly to knee cap; tattooing; wearing a wig; painting one's hair black; tearing out hair that has turned gray from the head or a beard; dressing in tight clothes or thin clothes that would display the lines of the body, for women.

Makruh deeds about worship:

praying to a tomb, picture, fire or human; praying while the sun rises or sets and during istiwa time (when the sun reaches the zenith); fasting on only Friday or every day of the year.

Things banned

to do with the tongue: gossip; swearing; slandering; carrying gossip between people to set people at odds with each other; crying after a dead person by ranting and raving; mocking people; nicknaming with a bad name.

With regard to actions that the hand is prohibited from doing: torturing any living being with fire; setting up an animated thing as a target and shooting at it; killing women and children of the enemy at time of battle; murdering any living being without doing so in self-defense.

Yes! All of these have been implemented for wisdom, whether the reason was revealed or not. Thus, those prohibitions are actions that harm our body, mind or society and endanger our otherworldly happiness.

Whether it is big or small, every sin committed darkens the heart of man. May Allah be our helper in our effort to stay away from sins.

