

**Dear Mumins!**

The human being was created to be the most excellent of all creatures. The fact that humans are an animate being that can think and invent is an attribute that distinguishes us from other creatures. Only the human being owns the skill of distinguishing between truth (haq) and false (batil), right and wrong, good and bad, and useful and harmful. Yet, humans also have weaknesses that are miserable characteristics, such as ambition, arrogance, stinginess, jealousy, precipitancy, and ingratitude. A human could not maintain its life without parental protection and care as soon as it is born and for many years afterwards. Humans cannot live without nourishment for long periods of time and cannot live without taking a breath.

In the divine decree of **"Should not He who has created know?"**<sup>1</sup> it has been expressed that Our Lord who knows the man utterly, has sent them a religion that fits their nature. While Islam aims to improve the man's capacity and skills, it has also taken its weaknesses into consideration. Likewise, it has been ordained in the Qur'ân that: **"Allah wishes to lighten (the burden) for you"**<sup>2</sup> **"Now Allah has lightened your (task), for He knows that there is weakness in you."**<sup>3</sup>

With this feature, Islam is a liveable religion, with orders that can be submitted and prohibitions that can be bored. Islam has brought an alternative that would meet human's needs or desires in response to forbidden things. While it forbids alcoholic beverages with the intention of protecting mental power, it has also legalized all beverages that are not inebriating. If one is to attempt to count the variety of the halal's (lawful) drinks, it would appear that there are many more than the haram drinks. While Islam bans pork (and all pork productions), it has also freed the meat of many types of animals like the cow, camel, rabbit, deer, sheep and

some of the winged animals, which human nature can easily accept.

While Islam outlaws adultery, strictly with a view in providing the guarantee of maintaining the society's consistence of healthy and peaceful individuals, at the same time, it has encouraged marriage and has recommended having children in the lawful way. To hinder the exploitation and infringement on rights in the economical life, while it makes the interest (riba) haram, it has also encouraged trading and commerce. Again, while it does not approve of the sculpturing and painting of living figures for the purpose of blocking the ways of falling into the polytheism (shirk); it has appreciated the other branches of art, like carving, engraving, embroidery and calligraphy.



Besides Islam, which considers the weaknesses of people, has permitted being divorced, on the contrary to Catholicism, in the case that couples couldn't become happy. As Islam did not form the class of religious functionary, it has condemned Christian priests, for they do not get married and have declared that everybody, with the feature of being human, has the right to marry. In this way, it did not adjudicate to excommunicate the believer, on the contrary to Judaism and Christianity, even though he/she executes the worst sin and has always kept the door of repentance open, so that the believer could abandon his/her faults. In addition, as is stated in the verses of **"He it is who created for you all that is on earth."**<sup>4</sup> **"Say: Who has forbidden the beauty which Allah has brought forth for His creatures, and the good things from among the means of sustenance?"**<sup>5</sup> Our religion has presented the meat, milk and fat to the human being's benefit, on the contrary to that of other religious or philosophical disciplines.

All the praises and thanks be to Allah, who has guided us to the right path.

<sup>1</sup> Al-Mulk, 14.

<sup>2</sup> An-Nisâ', 28.

<sup>3</sup> Al-Anfal, 66.

<sup>4</sup> Al-Baqarah, 29.

<sup>5</sup> Al-A'râf, 32.