

AVOID ADDICTIVE GAMES

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ
أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed with His forgiveness in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Negligence is a sinful trait that often plagues Muslims, especially during these times. In Islam, negligence is a dangerous disease of the heart. When a person has been infected with negligence, he is less mindful of Allah, less focused in worship and is thoughtless of his duties. There are many reasons for people to become negligent; one of them is being

distracted by the pleasures of the world. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 24 (*Surah An-Nur*), verse (*ayat*) 37:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
رَجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَن ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ
يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ

Which means: “men who are not distracted, either by commerce or profit, from remembering Allah, keeping up the prayers, and paying the prescribed alms; fearing a day when hearts and eyes will turn over (the Doomsday).”

This world is a temporary place filled with entertainment and addictive games. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 6 (*Surah Al-An'am*), verse (*ayat*) 32:

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَهْوٌ وَلَلدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِّلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

Which means: “The life of this world is nothing but a game and a distraction; the Home in the Hereafter is best for those who fear Allah. Why will you [people] not understand?”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Many parents complain that their children waste hours of their time using telephones and computers to play online games which causes them to neglect their responsibilities as students and servants of Allah. These games can cause mental disorders and addiction. They also contain violent and obscene elements. Several countries such as Indonesia and India have banned such games and we hope our country will also take appropriate measures.

Parents should be responsible in controlling and making sure their children avoid playing these games. These games should also be avoided as they can become forbidden (*haram*) if it involves gambling.

The Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a *Hadith* narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi:

Which means: *Indeed among the excellence of a person's Islam (religion) is that he leaves what does not concern him.*

Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 3 (*Surah Ali Imran*), verse (*ayat*) 185:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّقُونَ أُجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ
فَمَنْ زُحِرَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الْجَنَّةَ فَقَدْ فَازَ وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا
إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ

Which means: “Every soul will taste death and you will be paid in full only on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever is kept away from the Fire and admitted to the Garden will have triumphed. The present world is only an illusory pleasure:”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.