

# THE PROHIBITION OF SHISHA IN ISLAM



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And also the statement of the Exalted in surah al-'Araf when He described His Muhammad sallahu alayhi wa salam: " **and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.)**" [7:157]. **All types of smoking and shisha are among the filthy things and are harmful to people.** So all its types are unlawful by the text of these two verses and by what comes with a similar meaning to them. We ask Allah to guide the Muslims to what is in their rectification and safety and that He protect them from what is harmful to them in the worldly life and hereafter. Verily, He is the best Guardian". [Taken from: <http://www.binbaz.org.sa/mat/3217> ]

## **The Permanent Committee for Islamic Research and Verdicts**

**Question:** What is the ruling on cigars and shisha? Is it allowed or disliked? If it is unlawful, I want an evidence from the Book of Allah and Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah sallahu alayhi wa salam. Then what is the ruling on smoking cigars and shisha and he is in a state of Ihram for Hajj or Umrah? Please reply with an evidence. Thank You.

**Answer:** "Smoking cigars and shisha are unlawful due to what is in it from harm. The Prophet sallahu alayhi salam said "**There is no harm and reciprocating harm**".

This is because cigars and shisha are filthy. Allah, the Exalted said: " **and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khaba'ith (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods, etc.)**" [7:157]. Paying money for that is wasteful. Allah, the Exalted, prohibited wasting money. He said: "**But spend not wastefully (your wealth) in the manner of a spendthrift**" [17:26]. If Shaytan plays with a person [ by encourages him] to smoke, then he does wrong. It is upon him to repent and seek forgiveness. Perhaps Allah will forgive him and he repents. If that occurs in Hajj or Umrah, then it does not corrupt his Hajj or Umrah. And with Allah is Tawfeeq".

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**Bismillah ar-Rahman ar-Raheem**

All Praise is due to Allah. May Peace and Blessings be upon the Prophet, his Companions, and his followers until the Last Day.

**As for what proceeds:**

The use of shisha, or hookah as it is often called, has become wide-spread among the people this day and age. Many Muslims and Non-Muslims consider smoking shisha as cool, and thereby expose themselves to physical, social, and religious harms. The Scholars of Islam have ruled that shisha is unlawful. In this pamphlet, I have collected the verdicts of some of the Scholars on its prohibition. I ask Allah, the Exalted, to protect the Muslims from this harmful product and to remove it from our societies altogether.

## **The Verdict of Shaikh Muhammad ibn Salih al-Uthaymeen rahimahullah**

**Question:** I hope from your Eminence a clarification on the ruling on smoking and shisha with the evidences for that?

**Answer:** "Smoking is unlawful and shisha likewise. The evidence for that is His statement: "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" [4:29]. And His statement: "and do not throw yourselves into destruction ..". It is established in medicine that consuming these things is harmful. So if it is harmful, then it is prohibited. Another evidence is the statement of the Exalted: "And give not unto the foolish your property which Allah has made a means of support for you" [4:5]. So Allah prohibited giving the foolish our wealth because they will waste it and corrupt it. There is no doubt that paying money to purchase cigarettes or shisha is wasting and corrupting it. So it is prohibited by these evidences. From the Sunnah, the Messenger sallahu alayhi wa salam prohibited wasting wealth [Reported by Bukhari and Muslim]. Paying money for these products is wasting money. The Prophet sallahu alayhi wa salam said: "There is no harm or reciprocating harm" [Hasan Hadith. Reported by Ibn Majah and ad-Daraqutni and others].

Consuming these things causes harm. So these are things a person must relate to. If he forgets it, his chest will become narrow and his worldly life. So he enters himself into something that he is sufficient from [to begin with]". [Taken from: *Tahdheer al-Ikhwaan min Adrar ash-Shisha wa-dukhan wa yalihi Fatawa* pg. 20]

## **The Verdict of Shaikh Bin Baz rahimahullah**

**Question:** What is the ruling on smoking shisha? Is its ruling like smoking? Are shisha and smoking considered from the unlawful drugs?

**Answer:** "Smoking shisha and cigarettes and its types are among the unlawful things. This is due to the many harms in them. The experienced doctors have clarified their many harms and Allah has prohibited for the Muslims to use what harms them. So it is obligatory upon everyone who uses them to leave them off and beware of them. This is due to the statement of Allah, the Exalted in surah al-Maidah when he is addressing his Prophet sallahu alayhi wa salam: "They ask you (O Muhammad ) what is lawful for them (as food ). Say: "Lawful unto you are At-Tayyibat [all kind of Halal (lawful-good) foods which Allah has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, milk products, fats, vegetables and fruits, etc.)]" [5:4].