

**PROBLEMS OF FORNICATION, ADULTERY AND ALCOHOLISM AMONG THE  
MUSLIM YOUTH IN AREWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA SOLUTION FROM  
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## CHAPTER ONE

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful may His Peace and blessing be upon to the best Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W).

Not only in this contemporary time but even in the jahiliyya period adultery and alcoholism were among the rampant social vices that seriously and negatively affected the attitude and general morals of the people in that period. infact before the advent of Islam the high rate of adultery and alcoholism was among the factors militating against social order in that period.

However Islam is a complete way of life providing total guidance to all mankind every aspect of human life socially politically economically and in the course of human guide guidance of Islam promulgated the prohibition of all social vices and immoralities including adultery and alcoholism. This can be seen in different places in the holy Qur'an on the prohibition of adultery, Allah says:

“Nor came night to adultery for it shameful (dead) and evil opening the road to other evils”<sup>1</sup>.

Like wiles on the issue of alcoholism Almighty Allah says:

“Oh you who believe intoxicants and games of chance and sacrificing (to) stone set up (dividing) by arrows are only unseemliness. The evil desire only to crate enmity and hatred among you by means of intoxicants and games of chance and to keep you bank from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer will you keep back”<sup>2</sup>



Although the prohibition of such social vices in that period followed a sequential process before the total prohibition was promulgated. In the first stage people were asked not to pray when they are intoxicated until they came to their senses. Later on the final prohibition was promulgated.

In the contemporary time the cases of fornication, adultery and alcoholism are increase in high rate more especially among the Muslim youth. This may not be unconnected to western civilization and modernization through the process of globalization in which western culture is being portrayed and exhibited to be embraced world-over as a modern way of life.

This work is mainly concerned with the problems of high rate of fornication adultery and alcoholism among the Muslim youth particularly in Arewa local government area. It traces the causes of high rate of both adultery and alcoholism as affecting the life of people. Though not meaning that people are ignorant of the effects and prohibition of social vices but for the purpose of remembrance as commanded by almighty Allah that:

“Make a remembrance for it be benefit those who believe”<sup>3</sup>

However by the discovery of the causes and consequences to the problems, it will enable the researcher/study to know the appropriate measures to be taken in solving the problem in cognizant of the nature and character of the study population which will in turn help in designing the solution to the problems among the Muslim youth in Arewa local government Area.

## **1.2 STATEMENT OF THE RESEARCH PROBLEMS**

This research work is designed to investigate the cases and effects of problems fornication adultery and alcoholism among the Muslim youths in Arewa local government area there by for providing the solution to the problem it is however of great amazing that disputed a clear prohibition of adultery and alcoholism in the Qur’an but still the prohibition are ignorant

violation more especially among the Muslim youths. Moreover in due process research may encounter difference problems under the influence of turn and financial factors as well as from the respondent.

### **1.3 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY**

The significance of the research will bring out the clear cause and negative effect of fornication adultery and alcoholism as well as the solution to the problems, which will consequently serve as a remembrance for people to abide by Islamic injunction. Thus, this research work will stand as one of the Jihad.

### **1.4 AIMS AND OBJECTIVE**

This research work is aimed at achieving the following objectives

- a. To aware the Muslim youths on the effects of fornication adultery and alcoholism all in this world and in the here after.
- b. To draw the attention of Muslim youths to Allah's commandments and prohibitions so as to have good feature.
- c. The research work is also aimed to call Muslim youth to abide from fornication adultery and alcoholism victims among themselves.
- d. It is also among the objectives to admonish Muslim youths to keep them selves away from such satanic deeds so as to attain the point of salvation
- e. Finally also it is a prophetic hadith that any one of Muslim who indentify any thing contrary to Allah's injunctions should try to change it by his hand tongue or heart, Which ever possible. To this effect the researcher want used this way in order to make a change on the problems of fornication adultery and alcoholism which are totally prohibited by Allah.

## **1.5 SCOPE AND LIMITATION**

This research work is restricted to Arewa local government Area only this connected to the fact that both financial and time factors are not in the researcher favours.

## **1.6 METHODOLOGY**

In conducting this research work the researcher will make use of both primary and secondary data in primary source of data collection the researcher will use verbal interview and administration of questionnaire to the relevant respondents and related bodies. While in available relevant literatures and materials such as books, Journals, magazine, etc.

## **1.7 LITERATURE REVIEW**

Different writers from different books and journals have been advanced by different scholars' pertaining the problem of fornication, adultery, and alcoholism. In view of this, the researcher looks into the works written by many scholars and some divine expressions in relation to the topic of discussion. Fornication, adultery, and alcoholism are worth actions committed by individuals since before the advent of Islam. It is an illegal act that carries severe punishment, also aggressive in the sight of Allah (S.W.T).

Islam commands sex purity for men and women at all times and at all levels before marriage, during and after the dissolution of marriage. The glorious Qur'an commands people to keep away from fornication or adultery.<sup>4</sup>

Allah says;

“No one came near to adultery for it is a shameful deed and an evil opening the road to other evils”<sup>4</sup>

The act is not only shameful in itself as shown above but it is also open to many evils further by destroying the background of the family.

“Ibn kathir in commenting the above verse said the offence cause lost of reputation Murder family Funds and loosen family founds”<sup>5</sup>

In Alis comment mention is made that fornication adultery works against the interest of children born or to be born<sup>6</sup>

Similarly, the punishment of the offence was stated in the holy Qur’an

Allah says;

Women and guilty or adultery of fornication Flog each one of them with 100 lashes let not compassion move you in their case in a matter prescribed by Allah and the last day and let a party of believers witness their punishment.

The prophet of Allah further said

“Ye followers of Muhammad I swear by god there is no any thing which god so abhors as adultery”<sup>9</sup>

Prophet (S.A.W) also explain

“The adultery of eye is to look with an eye of desire the adultery of ear is to listen to what is forbidden to hear the adultery of hand is to touch a woman not legalized in you the adultery of legs is to go round the place of sin while the heart intend and privates testify or falsify it”<sup>10</sup>

It is understood from the above that adultery is not good and Islam condemns it generally. It deteriorate the at morphine of the society. Similarly, all scholars agreed on its prohibition and effect.

“El-gammal also maintain that adultery is not only disgraceful offence in it self but lends to self inspect and to others it also opens the road to many evils”<sup>11</sup>

Like wise shoreward in his work expressed that adultery or fornication bring many ills to society such as illegitimate children epidemic and other communicable disease as well as navigating to other sin<sup>12</sup>

Abdu's work related same issues under study he mentioned that adultery is not only considered as a criminal offence in Islam but even in the western world to day. The guilty person is not subjected to test the punishment provide the other party does not agree. This indeed in consistent with sexual morality<sup>13</sup>

Humadah in his work narrated that there is no doubt the act of adultery or fornication has every serious negative effect and strictly prohibited by Islam to enable man to control his desire<sup>14</sup>

Dio serious menace to the character of our Muslim youth's beside this it also increase the number of abandoned children delivered by woman of these evil acts

As consequence to this same of the woman are of the habit of throwing a way what they deliver illegitimately.

On the other hand alcoholism was known for several years since before and after the advent of Islam however the consumption perhaps varied from time and place depending on the nature and culture of a particular society Alcoholism and any kind of intoxicants are great sins in Islam though its prohibition was introduced/promulgated sequentially Historically speaking Arabic people used to drink alcohol Ellen after their Islamization. However they used to ask question pertaining alcoholism. In relation to this Allah in his word says:

“They ask you about drinking and gambling say there is great sin in both although they have same Benefit for men but their sin is far greater than their benefits”<sup>16</sup>

Above quoted verse miscasts the evils of wine but did not mention caters prohibition later same Muslim stopped while others continue for same benefit derived out of it. This situation proceeded until the time when it was observed that same Muslim mix-up the Qur'an recitation in coherently while performing prayer consequence to their being under the influence of alcoholic intoxicants. To this effect another revelation that:

“O you who believe do not approach your prayers when you are drunk but wait until you can grasp the meaning of your words”<sup>17</sup>

In view of the above people abandoned taking alcoholism until after night prayers due to long time interval.

This situation went on monotonously until the time when the total prohibition of alcoholism was promulgated by Allah (S.W.T) in the case Allah (S.W.T) in this word says.

“O you who believe know that wine and game of chance (gambling) idols and divining arrows are abominations devised by the devil avoid them so that you may prosper”<sup>18</sup>

The reevaluation of the above verse marked the end and total prohibition of alcoholism.

Despite the fact of its being forbidden most of our Muslim to day practically youths and other weak-minded people are in the habit of taking not only alcohol but other intoxicants like hard drink volatile solvents such as give petroleum paint gum etc

In addition the Holy prophet (S.A.W) who was reported to have said

“I have been sent to complete the supreme/highest morality”<sup>19</sup>

Regarding the prohibition of alcoholism, declared that

“Any thing that causes intoxication is forbidden. And any kind of intoxicant is forbidden” the Holy prophet proceeded that Any thing that causes intoxication is forbidden. And any kind of intoxicant is forbidden”<sup>20</sup>

The Holy prophet proceed that

“Any one that tested alcoholism drunks in this world be denied the one in the here after”<sup>21</sup>

Similarly concerning both adultery and alcoholism another prophetic hadith main fans that

“An adultery at the time it be come illegal sexual intercourse is not a believe while a person at the time of drinking alcohol or any intoxicant is not a believer”<sup>22</sup>

Further more the messenger of Allah (PBUH) has course ten individuals relating to alcoholic drinks.

“one who makes it one who ask it that is made for him one who drunks it one who carries it one for whom it is being carried one who serves it one who sells it and one who eats out of it one who but it and also one for whom it is purchased”<sup>23</sup>

As far as its prohibition is concerned taking if in a small or large quantity is the same this is because of the prophetic saying that

“Any that intoxicates large quantity or small quantity of it is forbidden”<sup>24</sup>

Alcoholism is clearly forbidden (haram) and to tally a drastic crime rampant in our contemporary society more especially among the youth which is also considered as being wise or modernized.

Dio in his book stated that wine drinking and other intoxicants not only as forbidden but also lead to other crimes in the society<sup>25</sup>

Like wise Lemu in her work discussed on alcoholism as affecting human attitude behavior and health status.<sup>26</sup>

While Qutub says intoxication, bring dissolution and mental diseases intellectual backwardness sexual perversion lost of senses like wise drug abuse help in degeneration of younger one.<sup>27</sup>

Gusau explained that alcoholism/drug abuse have devastation effect on health which includes mental disorder and physical illness. While on social effect it leads to bread down of family school dropt out unemployment poverty crime and delinquency<sup>28</sup>



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