

Hot Cross Buns, Easter eggs, etc.

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A Brother writes:

“The Easter weekend will soon dawn and with it comes a series of public and school holidays. A time to take a break from the hectic schedules of the proverbial rat race. However are Muslims inconspicuously celebrating the traditions and festivities that are attached to these holidays?”

According to some muftis hot cross buns, easter eggs and pickled fish on this occasion are permissible since it has “just become a normal custom”.”

COMMENT

The muftis have erred. The muftis are short-sighted and have failed to apply their minds. The ‘normal custom’ they mention, is the *urf* of the Christians. It is their normal custom to consume hot cross buns, easter eggs and pickled fish during their holy period of Easter which has also become an occasion of festivities as is the usual consequence of all the holy occasions of the kuffaar and of the Qabar Pujaari sect (the Ahl-e-Barelwi).

What is ‘normal custom’ for the Christians is not normal custom for Muslims, and never should Muslims allow kuffaar religious occasions to become ‘normal custom’ for us. The violent veering away from the Objective (*Maqsad*) of the Aakhirah has made all kuffaar religious and nonsensical occasions and holidays appear to be ‘normal’ for Muslims as well. Short-sighted muftis too have given impetus to the ways and customs of the kuffaar and mushrikeem.

A Mufti is supposed to be a *Waarith (Heir/Representative)* of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). As an Officer in the Office of Nubuwwat it is his primary obligation to join the servant with Allah Azza Wa Jal. It is his duty to divert the focus from the dunya to the Aakhirah which is the Objective of life on earth. Allah Ta’ala did not create us and send us into this ephemeral dunya for play and amusement, and worse, for indulgence in the ways and customs of the mushrikeen and kuffaar in general. Thus, the Qur’aan Majeed says:

“The life of this world is but play and amusement, and the Abode of the Aakhirah is best for those who fear (Allah). What have you no intelligence?”

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The muftis who aid and abet Muslims in the process of weakening their bond with Allah Ta'ala, and in diverting their minds and focus from the Aakhirah should hang their heads in shame for their treacherous conduct. It is absolute treachery for a *Waarith of the Nabi (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)* to issue any 'fatwa' which runs counter to the *Maqaasid (Objectives)* of the Aakhirah. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:
"Verily, the dunya has been created for you, whilst you have been created for the Aakhirah."

We are permitted by the Shariah to take from this dunya the necessary provisions to see us safely through this earthly sojourn. We are not allowed to indulge in activities and pursuits which are inimical for the Objective for which we are here on earth. It is lamentable that the muftis of the era have adopted an extremely lackadaisical attitude towards the primary Objective of life. The Qur'aanic verse and Hadith cited above and countless other Aayaat and Ahaadith which emphasize the evil of the carrion of the dunya and the reality of the Aakhirah and the imperative need to shun the dunya and to strive for the Aakhirah, are all assigned to the realm of insignificance and fobbed off as 'taqwa'. They treat Taqwa as if it is some hobby whereas the cultivation of Taqwa is Waajib.

If wearing a cross becomes 'just a normal custom', will it be said to be permissible? Perhaps the short-sighted muftis will say, yes. But, even laymen will understand that it is haraam to regard such muftis as being gods and lawmakers of divine law. Castigating the practice of Bani Israaeel of making their muftis gods, Allah Ta'ala says in the Qur'aan Majeed: *"They take their scholars and their saints as gods besides Allah."*

Intelligent Muslims, be they laymen, by virtue of the inborn Imaani conscience, are not in need of fatwas for understanding simple issues pertaining to kufr, shirk, carrion, pork, donkey meat, liquor, riba, zina, gambling and the like. Regarding these simple, straightforward issues, Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

- ***"Seek a fatwa from your heart."***
- ***"Sin is that which agitates your conscience"***.

It is understandable when fussaaq traders who generally deal in haraam, require fatwas of permissibility for selling hot cross buns and easter eggs. Their lust for boodle will never be

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satisfied. There will always be muftis available to gratify the monetary lusts of the traders. Furthermore, some senior Muftis by virtue of simplicity are easily bamboozed by the persons, usually the wealthy, with whom they associate. They generally believe everything their mureeds disgorge to them, hence the fatwas of even the seniors of today are suspect and lack the force of the Shariah. It is thus seen that the 'fatwa' permitting hot cross buns, easter eggs and pickled fish is a pickled hash of *raai (personal opinion)*. The personal opinion of a mufti does not carry the weight an authority of the Shariah. The hot cross buns 'fatwa' is devoid of Shar'i substance. It lacks even a whiff of Shar'i fragrance. And, how can a 'fatwa' which permits customs and practices which generate from shirk and kufr ever have any Shar'i fragrance?

HOT CROSS BUNS ARE HARAAM!

EASTER EGGS ARE HARAAM!

PICKLED FISH ON THE OCCASION OF EASTER IS HARAAM!

"Know that verily, the life of this world is only play, futility, adornment,

competing in pride, and accumulation of wealth and children.....

And the dunya is nothing but some provisions of deception."

(Qur'aan)