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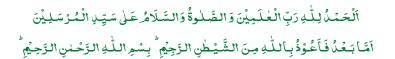
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Perils of Selfie Mania

Kindly read this 24-page booklet completely. It will bring about benefits in this world and the Hereafter, النُّهُ مَا اللهُ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهُ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهُ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهُ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا للهُ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهُ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهُ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهُ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهُ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا عَلَيْهِا لللهِ عَلَيْهِا عَلَيْهِا عَلَيْهِا عَلْهِ عَلَيْهِا عَلَيْهِ عَلِيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلْهِ عَلَيْهِ ع

Excellence of Salat-'Alan-Nabi

The Revered and Renowned Rasool صَلَّى المُفْتَعَالَى عَلَيْتِوَالْهِ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'O people! Without doubt, the one to attain salvation quickly on the Day of Judgement from its horrors and accountability will be the one amongst you who will have recited Salat upon me in abundance in the world.'

(Al-Firdaus bima Soor-il-Khitab, vol. 5, pp. 277, Hadees 8175)



In this booklet, most of the material on selfie, including the incidents, has been collected from the internet.

1. How was the thief arrested?

In Roche fort, a city of France, a 22-year old man stole a mobile phone. His passion for taking "selfies" resulted in him being arrested. According to a newspaper report, this criminal had stolen a person's mobile phone in the same city in the month of July. After many days, the criminal took his selfie from the stolen mobile phone while roaming in the city. He was unaware that the smartphone-owner had adjusted such settings which automatically send every photo, taken from his smartphone, to his personal computer. As soon as the criminal took his selfie, it was immediately sent to the personal computer of the smartphone-owner! Without any delay, the owner forwarded that photo to the police. The police quickly reached the location seen in the selfie and arrested the thief.

It is Haraam to deliberately cause destruction to oneself

Dear Islamic brothers! The passion for selfie (i.e. a photo of oneself that one takes with a smartphone) is getting deeper and stronger nowadays. Just a few years ago, the word 'selfie' didn't even exist in the English dictionary. In 2013, this word was not only added to the dictionary, but it was also declared to be the 'most important word' of that year! After taking selfie and posting it on the social media, a person also urges others to like or dislike it. To become more and more famous in a short span of time, there are many people in the world who go beyond limits for taking selfies with the well-known personalities. They even risk their lives for taking selfies in front of large and tall buildings, waterfalls, dangerous creatures like any lion, crocodile, shark, etc., and moving trains.

Remember! Without any Shar'i reason, deliberately causing destruction to oneself is a sin and a Haraam [i.e. prohibited] act that leads to Hell. In Ayah 195 of Surah Al-Baqarah, part 2, Allah عَرَّوَعِلً has stated:



And do not fall into destruction with your own hands.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Al-Baqarah, Ayah 195)

Harmful effects of selfies

If there is any benefit of selfie, it may be described by those who have passion for it. They will perhaps regard selfies as a benefit in terms of preserving great, special and wonderful memories. However, its harms in different situations are far greater than its benefits. Some of these are:

- Precious time is wasted in pursuing the passion for selfies.
- **❖** Wealth is lost.
- ❖ A person's health deteriorates.
- Passion for taking dangerous and amazing selfies can even cause death.
- Taking selfie in a 'no-selfie zone' can make a person suffer punishment for violating the law.

- Indecent selfies spread immodesty and indecency in society.
- Some naïve and careless girls post their selfies on the social media. The evil-minded people can edit those photographs using the latest available pieces of equipment and techniques, making those photographs appear immodest and indecent and causing those girls to be disgraced.
- People who remain engrossed in mobile phones, especially social media and selfies, can indulge in the sin of violating the people's rights in case of failing to spend time with the family, which can also cause family feuds [quarrels].

'Time-consuming' passion

This is a 'time-consuming' passion. Selecting a strange and interesting place for a selfie, then reaching the selected destination after travelling for several hours, posting that selfie on the social media, seeking feedback, and noticing how many people have liked or disliked it – all this consumes a considerable amount of time.

Remember! Every moment is a priceless pearl. Explaining the significance of time, the Beloved Rasool مَلَّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْتِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَم has stated: ﴿ فَعُمَتَانِ مَغُبُونٌ فِينِهِمَا كَثِيرٌ مِّنَ النَّاسِ الصِّحَّةُ وَالْفَرَاغُ﴾, i.e. there are two blessings in which many people are in loss: (1) Good health (2) Spare time. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 222, Hadees 6412)

Ponder over the fact that every morning dawns with a day of 24 hours. Hence whether a person is wealthy or poor, man or a woman, child or adult, teacher or a student; (if alive) he is gifted with the wealth of 1440 minutes in a day and night daily and he does not also have to make any effort for it.

According to the Gregorian calendar, in 365 days, these minutes add up to half a million, i.e. 525600 minutes; or eight thousand seven hundred sixty hours. A person may either waste this wealth of time or benefit from it, depending upon his own will. Time is the wealth which cannot be saved [for future use]. Time passes [in every circumstance] even if you do not benefit from it, like ice melts and disappears even if it is not used. Time can be spent in good and virtuous deeds for a better afterlife. Now honestly reply to a question; isn't it foolishness to spend it in taking selfies and in other useless activities?

Expensive passion

One needs to spend a considerable amount of money to pursue the passion for selfies. First of all, one of the best mobile phones or cameras is purchased, and then internet fee is also paid. Gone are the days when selfie was taken by holding the mobile phone in the hand. Nowadays, selfie sticks and other pieces of equipment are used for taking selfies which are certainly purchased.

2. Selfie with a snake cost him dearly

An American citizen developed the passion for taking a selfie with a snake. While he was taking a selfie with the snake, it bit his arm and slithered away in the shrubs. The snake venom [i.e. poison] quickly affected the body. The victim started frothing at the mouth and writhing in immense pain. For medical treatment, he was taken to a nearby hospital where he was given an effective antidote¹ and many injections.

After he recovered, he received the bill from the hospital and was completely taken aback. His passion for selfie had cost him a hospital bill of more than 100,000 dollars (about ten million PKR)! That American citizen had one more snake for more than a year but he had become extremely frightened by this incident, so he left it in the jungle.

3. Doctors took selfies during operation

In a private hospital of 'Shaanxi', the North-western province of China, doctors developed such passion for taking selfies that they remained busy in taking selfies even during the operation. Some made the V-sign whereas others smiled while posing for the selfies. When those photos were noticed, the officers of the health department dismissed three senior doctors from their posts because of heedlessness. Moreover, other staff members

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¹ A substance that stops the effects of a poison.

pictured in the photos were reprimanded and denied three months' pay. The hospital management apologised to the public for this heedlessness, stating that it was the last operation in that operation theatre, so those doctors had taken the selfies [for preserving the memories].

Passion which harms the health

According to the research work published by the Ohio University, hundreds of social media users were examined. The research revealed that there is a high risk of psychiatric and mental disorders in those people who take and post excessive selfies. Medical researchers of London have stated that frequently taking selfies with the smartphone not only harms the facial skin but also causes it to wrinkle. According to the experts, the light emitted by the smartphone and electromagnetic radiations harms the facial skin, causes a person to get old early and wrinkles to appear on the facial skin.

Passion which costs life

Passion for selfie can even cost one's life. People who have passion for interesting selfies act strangely at public places [while posing for the selfie], causing dangers to themselves as well as to others. They eventually end up lying in the hospital bed or even on deathbed. According to a newspaper report, passion for taking selfies has claimed the lives of about 49 people

from 2014 to 2016. Most of them were under the age of 21; and 75 percent of them were men. Taking selfies is most dangerous at high places and in water. Sixteen people died after falling from high places; fourteen drowned, eight died after being hit by trains, four died from gunshots, two died because of grenades explosion, two died after being hit by the planes, two died after being hit by the cars and one died after being attacked by an animal. Most of them died in India. Therefore, people have been banned from taking selfies at 16 places in India. After India, most people died in Russia while taking selfies, whereas Pakistan is at number 10 among such countries. Following are some selected unfortunate and admonitory incidents related to selfies.

4. Taking a selfie holding a hand grenade

In Russia, 2 young men died at a mountain peak while taking a selfie holding a hand grenade with the pin pulled out.

5. He died after falling down some steps of Taj Mahal

A Japanese tourist died after he fell down while taking a selfie and ascending the stairs at "the Royal Gate" of the famous historical building, Taj Mahal (Agra, India).

6. A girl and her parents drowned in the river

An 11-year-old girl drowned after she slipped and fell into a river while attempting to take a selfie on the bank of Kunhar

River in Beesian village in KPK (Pakistan). Seeing her drowning daughter, her mother also jumped into the river to save her but she also drowned. Seeing his wife and daughter drowning, the girl's father also jumped into the river to rescue them but he also met the similar fate. Both the parents were doctors from Punjab province (of Pakistan) and had taken their family to that tourist spot for enjoying the holidays. They are survived by a nine-year-old daughter and six-year-old son who themselves witnessed the incident. Alas! The passion for selfie has left the two survivors orphan, claiming the lives of their parents and elder sister.

7. The girl fell down from the 17th floor

While taking a selfie, a 12-year-old Russian girl fell down from the balcony and died. According to a report, she lost her balance and fell down while attempting to take a selfie, sitting on the railing of her flat located on 17th floor. She had said to her mother, 'I am going to the roof to enjoy in the open air'. Instead of going to the roof, she went to the balcony to take a selfie. According to the police, the girl had sent that photo to one of her friends [before falling down]. Her friend noticed that the photo had been taken at a dangerous spot, so she phoned her [deceased] friend immediately but the call was not answered. Then her friend forwarded that photo to the girl's mother but the girl had already fallen down and died. A passer-by saw her dead body and reported it to the police.

8. Taking selfie while swimming cost them their lives

In 'Kotwaal Gorah' – an area of Shamsabad, Hyderabad (India) – 2 young men drowned while attempting to take a selfie during swimming. According to a report, 14 young men of Hyderabad (India) had gone to 'Kotwaal Gorah' for swimming. None of them knew how to swim. Two of them slipped while taking their selfie and drowned. One of them was 17 and the other was 18 years of age.

9. White lion attacked him

In Delhi zoo (India), a young man was searching for an interesting place to take a selfie. He came to the cage of a white lion but the moment when he posed for the selfie, the lion attacked him and he died on the spot.

10. Trigger squeezed accidentally while taking a selfie

A 22-year-old young man from Lahore (Pakistan) probably became the first victim of selfie-mania in 2016. Police stated that the young man was taking a selfie in the presence of his friend, having aimed the pistol at his own chest. Meanwhile, the trigger was accidentally squeezed. He was immediately taken to the nearby hospital but he died of the pistol shot.

11. Hit by the train

In December 2015, attempting to take a selfie on a railway track in front of a moving train, a young man in Rawalpindi (Pakistan) was unfortunately hit by the train. He died on the spot.

12. A woman fell down from the train

In Colombo, a 25-year-old Chinese woman who was standing on the train's footboard¹ fell down from the train while attempting to take a selfie with her mobile phone. She was taken to the hospital but could not survive severe injuries.

13. Selfie with a toy gun caused death

2 School students who would passionately take selfies with a toy gun and post them on the social media, eventually became the victims of the police gun. Standing in a park, both of the students were taking selfie with a toy gun. Meanwhile, the local police fired on them suspecting that they were robbers. The police firing inflicted serious wounds upon one of the students who died in the hospital. This unfortunate and regrettable incident occurred in June 2015 in Faisalabad, a city of Pakistan.

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¹ i.e. the step that you place your foot on when getting on a train.

14. Craze for a unique selfie cost her life

In May 2015, an 18-year-old girl of Romania went to a railway station with her friend to take a unique selfie on the roof of the train and to post it on the social media. Climbing the roof of the train, she touched the electric wires and, as a result, the electric current of 27000 volts cost her life.

15. Passion for selfie cost the student her life

In 2014, a 23-year-old nursing student fell down from a height of 15 feet on a concrete structure after losing her balance while attempting to take a selfie on a bridge in southern Spain. She was taken to the hospital but could not survive serious injuries.

16. She suffered a massive electric shock while taking a selfie

A 17-year-old girl was attempting to take a selfie on the highest spot of the railway bridge in Saint Petersburg, a city of Russia. Meanwhile, she accidentally touched the electric cables and suffered a massive shock of 1500 volts, causing her to fall from the height of 30 feet, which resulted in her death.

17. Passion for selfie drowned her

An 18-year-old girl drowned in the Philippines while taking a group-selfie in sea-waves on her friend's birthday. This

engineering student was engulfed by a tidal wave and lost her life while busy taking a selfie along with her friends.

18. Couple died after falling from cliff

In August 2014, a couple was trying to take a selfie along with their children while standing on the edge of a cliff in Cabo da Roca, Portugal. They slipped and fell down from the edge of the cliff. Both of them died in the incident. The children saw their parents plunge to their death.

19. Selfie while hanging from the bridge

In June 2016, a 17-year-old university student died in an attempt to take a selfie while hanging from the bridge in Moscow. In the past, he had taken many other selfies on the roofs of tall buildings of Vologda, a city in Russia.

20. Tourist fell from the top of 1640 feet waterfall

While taking a selfie, a 28-year-old Korean tourist fell to his death from the top of a waterfall in the Amazon jungle. The young man lost his balance while taking the selfie, slipped and fell from the top of 1640 feet waterfall. The rescue team recovered his dead body, submerged seven metres deep in the lake, and transferred it to the nearby hospital.

21. Two close relatives drowned in the river

In the Kaghan valley of KPK province of Pakistan, the passion for selfie cost a man and a woman their lives on Saturday. According to a report, in an attempt to take a selfie standing on a rock on the bank of Kunhar River, a 29-year-old young man slipped and fell in the river. His close relative also plunged into the river to rescue him but both of them drowned. The local eyewitness has stated that the young man was taking a selfie standing on a rock. I was about to forbid him but before I could do so, he slipped and plunged into the river.

22. Snake bit him

In Sarai Alamgir (Punjab, Pakistan), a 26-year-old young man was bitten by a snake while attempting to take a selfie with it. As a result, he died of the snakebite. He was the resident of Bannu and had gone to visit his relatives in Sarai Alamgir.

(Jang Newspaper Online, 12 October 2016)

23. Plunged into the rivulet while taking a selfie

A resident of Lahore (Pakistan) slipped and plunged into the rivulet while taking a selfie on the bridge of Jagran rivulet located at Kutton, a beautiful site of the Neelam valley. His friends rescued him and took him to the military hospital for medical treatment but he could not survive injuries. His dead body has been handed over to the relatives for the funeral. (*Ibid*, *12 July*)

24. Two young men drowned

3 Young men fell into the river while taking a selfie in Hala (Sindh) but only one could be rescued. The three young men were taking a selfie standing on the riverbank of Indus River but slipped and fell into the river. Sailors present there could rescue only one of them whereas the other two drowned.

(Ibid 11 July)

25. Taking a selfie with a gun caused death

In Gujranwala (Punjab, Pakistan), a young man while attempting to take a selfie holding a gun died of the gunshot. He accidentally squeezed the trigger, becoming the victim of his own bullet. In the Holy month of Ramadan, this resident of Chaman Shah Road went to the Masjid of his area to offer Salat-ut-Taraweeh. He took the gun from the security guard for taking a selfie with it but accidentally squeezed the trigger. The bullet hit him in the stomach which wounded him severely. He was admitted to the [nearby] hospital for medical treatment and later on transferred to the hospital in Lahore, but he could not survive severe injuries and passed away.

(Jang Newspaper Online, 24 June 2016)

26. 43-Year-old man dies of his own bullet

Losing life while taking amazing and interesting selfies, is not something new. In America, a man accidentally shot himself dead while taking a selfie with his friend, holding a gun. According to the police, the man had loaded and unloaded the gun multiple times while taking selfies but the last time he unloaded it, a bullet remained in the gun unnoticed. Assuming that there is no bullet in the gun, he squeezed its trigger and the bullet hit him causing his death on the spot. (*Ibid, 4 March*)

27. A selfie caused her intense suffering!

People have developed great passion for selfies these days which, at times, cause them intense suffering. A Turkish girl got into the same situation. She was busy taking a selfie with her mobile phone at the seashore in Samsun, a city in Turkey. Meanwhile, she slipped and lost her balance. At first, her mobile phone dropped from her hand and then she also fell down getting stuck in a gap between two rocks. After enormous efforts of two hours, she was rescued alive by the rescue team.

(Jang Newspaper Online, 7 May 2016)

28. 15-Year-old boy was severely wounded

In Punjab (India), a 15-year-old boy was severely wounded by accidentally shooting in his head while taking a selfie. The incident occurred while he was attempting to take a selfie with his father's pistol but accidentally squeezed the trigger.

(Ibid, 2 May)

29. Tourist plunged into the well while taking a selfie

In Junagadh (Gujarat, India), an Australian tourist got into trouble by plunging into the well while taking her selfie. Hearing her screams, people rushed there and rescued her alive.

30. A baby dolphin suffered death

Selfie lovers dragged the baby dolphin [called Francisca] out of water for taking selfies with it. The baby dolphin died after being dragged out of the water, which has annoyed the wildlife experts and other common people. Francisca is one of the smallest dolphins in the world, found only in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Selfies while performing Hajj and 'Umrah

Selfie lovers are found pursuing their passion for selfies during the blessed journey [to Makkah and Madinah] and even while performing Hajj and 'Umrah. People instantly take a selfie at any place they like and post it on the social media, making it public. Selfies are even made while kissing Hajar-e-Aswad or performing Tawaf and Sa'ee, which causes hindrance to others performing these acts of worship. People jostle or fall over each other which cause them great difficulty. In an attempt to take selfies while worshiping, the selfie-taking people lose their own concentration and devotion as well. Some people are found taking selfies even near the blessed Golden Grille in front of

the sacred Muwajahah. Some overly bold people even turn their back towards the sacred Muwajahah for taking a selfie. If only everyone understand that the journey towards blessed Haramayn is for earning Sawab [reward], not for taking selfies.

'Desire for selfie' replaces 'request for Du'a'

In the past, if anyone met any Islamic personality like spiritual-guide [Peer], Islamic jurist [Mufti], etc. at home or outside, he would usually request that blessed personality for Du'a but nowadays, some people try their best to take a selfie with any blessed personality they meet, instead of requesting them for Du'a.

Excellence of Islam

Dear Islamic brothers! For getting rid of the bad habit of taking unnecessary selfies, busy yourselves in reward-earning activities, النُّمُ عَلَيْهِاً لللهُ عَلَيْهِاً لللهُ عَلَيْهِاً لللهِ لللهِ اللهِ اللهُ عَلَيْهِاً للهُ عَلَيْهِا للهِ اللهِ اللهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ اللهِ عَلَيْهِا للهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ عَلَيْهِا للهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ ا

The Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَم المُورِ عَلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَم الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيْهُ ﴿ has said: ﴿ مِنْ حُسُنِ اِسُلَامِ الْمَرْءِ تَرْكُهُ مَا لَا يَعْنِيْهُ ﴿ i.e. out of the virtues of a person's Islam, a virtue is that he abandons everything which is purposeless and useless. (Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 142, Hadees 2344)

A renowned commentator, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan مَحْتُهُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'It means that a perfect Muslim is the one who refrains from such speech, act and every such thing that neither brings him any religious benefit, nor any worldly benefit. Whatever he speaks or acts should benefit him either in this world or in the Hereafter. السُبُحُنَ اللّٰهِ عَلَى عَلَى اللهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهُ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَيْكُونَ اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى اللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى الللّٰهِ عَلَى ا

(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 6, pp. 465)

O Lord of Mustafa! Bless us with spending our time in performing those activities which will bring about goodness in both the worlds.



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Dua for being resurrected with the Awliyaa [Blessed Saints]



Excellence: Sayyiduna Ma'roof Karkhi (عَلَيه وَهُمُ اللهُ الكالِيّ) has stated, 'One who will invoke this Dua 10 times daily, will be written amongst the Abdaals [chosen Blessed Saints].'

It means that such person will be resurrected with the Abdaals on the Day of Resurrection, الْفَصَّاءَ الشَّعَاءَ السَّعَاءَ السَّعَاءُ السَّعُاءُ السَّعَاءُ السَّعُاءُ السَّعَاءُ السَّعُاءُ الْعَاءُ السَّعَاءُ السَّعَا

- 1. Translation: Ya Allah (اَحَرُوجَالُ)! Reform the Ummah of Rasoolullah (حَرُوجَلُ)! Relieve the Ummah of Rasoolullah الحَرُوجِلُ)! Relieve the Ummah of Rasoolullah حَلُّ المُعْلَى عَلَيهِ والمِوسَّمُ of problems. Ya Allah (حَرُوجِلُ)! Have mercy on the Ummah of Rasoolullah ...
- 2. Hilya-tul-Awliya, 8/410, Raqm 12716)







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