

APPROACH NOT FOUL DEEDS



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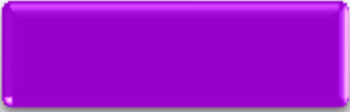


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Summary



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Avoid every hidden and apparent indecency; in fact do not even go near it.



Do not take life that God has made sacred.



Do not misappropriate the property of an orphan.



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Give full measure and weight with fairness.



May God make it so that we shun each evil that God has forbidden

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Only the first three commandments, i.e. avoiding Shirk, kind treatment of parents and significance of good upbringing of children by parents were elucidated.

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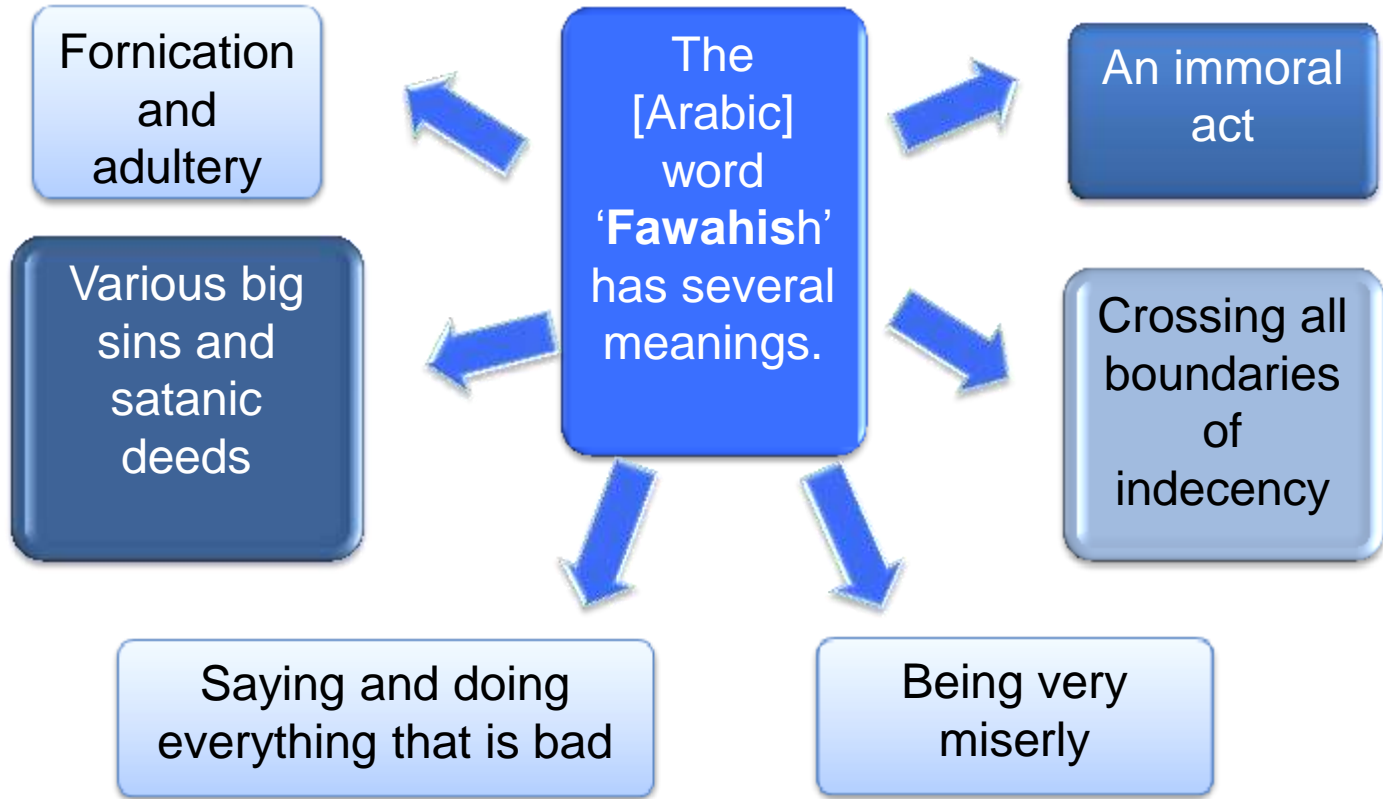
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The fourth commandment in the verses is: **'...that you approach not foul deeds, whether open or secret...'**



Fawahish spread evil in homes and society .

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In this age many different means of *Fawahish* can be found, such as internet with indecent websites, lewd films on TV and offensive, pornographic magazines including chats on Facebook and Skype.

Qur'an gave the teaching 1400 years ago to stay away from indecency, ...

...it makes one immoral, takes one from God and religion and even makes one break the law.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih has seen many families break up because of this; even our Ahmadi homes.

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Voices have started being raised here now that such offensive publications should not be displayed openly in shops and stalls as it has an adverse effect on children's morality.

For our protection, Allah commands us not to even approach *Fawahish* 1400 years ago because these make us vulnerable to fall prey to Satan.

Net porn block on EVERY home: Victory for the Mail as PM pledges 'opt in' rule for all web users

- PM warned that internet pornography is 'corroding childhood'
- All internet-connected homes will be asked whether they want filters
- And all new subscribers will have to opt out if they want obscene material
- Porn simulating rape will also be banned under new legislation

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Every householder connected to the internet will have their access to online porn blocked unless they ask to receive it.

In a victory for the Daily Mail, David Cameron announced the move among a series of measures cracking down on against the tide of web sleaze.

The Prime Minister warned that internet pornography – much of it easily accessible to youngsters – is 'corroding childhood'.



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Islam also forbids hidden immorality.

The directive of Purdah, wearing modest clothes, restraining the gaze and distinct boundaries between men and women are all safeguard against covert immorality.

Men and women should not chat on Skype and Facebook and look at each other and should not make these a means of connecting with each other.

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The commandment also includes not to socialise and freely mix with people who pursue such interests, and relate their stories and try to tempt others to their ways.

God states that these are all open and hidden foul things and they result in God's displeasure.

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In this day and age another foul practice, which is against the laws of nature is being promoted

Governments are in the process of legalising same-sex marriages, in fact is supporting a foul and immoral practice.

If this practice will continue to spread, then these nations will witness their ending.

A nation was destroyed by God in the past for insisting on such practices . God's punishment comes in varied forms and can come again.

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**‘And those who, when they commit
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except Allah?’ (3:136)‘**

The faster immorality is spreading the greater should be an Ahmadi's efforts to connect to God and try and save himself and the world from its destruction ,,

Out of sympathy for them, we should inform them that God is Ever Merciful, He has kept the door of forgiveness open.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih
prayed that may
everyone who is
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comes to their senses
and is saved from God’s
chastisement.

The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
said: ‘Their God will
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you kill not the life which Allah has made sacred, save by right...'

This directive draws our attention to pay the dues of society, to pay the dues of our brothers, friends and associates with fairness and justice.

- Killing here does not only connote taking the life of another.
- In fact, to break connections with someone, to usurp the rights of another, to emotionally injure another, to humiliate another as if practically killing them, to destroy their self-respect is also 'killing'.
- And then there is spiritual killing.

Each killing ultimately results in discord and unrest in society and God strongly dislikes this.

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It should be clear here that everyone does not have the right to punish and to retaliate.

This should be handled by the law and law should pass judgement according to the requisites of justice.

Disciplinary procedures exist in our Jama'at also and these are for reformation purposes.

The real objective is to make people realise their mistake and reform.

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‘And approach not the property of the orphan, except in a way which is best...’

This directive draws our attention to the most vulnerable part of society; the orphans.

The Property of orphans should be looked after in such a ways so as not to incur loss but to make it beneficial.

Property of orphans who have not reached an age of understanding should be invested in a way that enhances and increases it.

It is a huge responsibility put on relatives and society as a whole.

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said
When he arrives at the age of maturity, that is to say about 18 years, and you perceive that he has developed enough intelligence to look after his property, hand over his property to him. Do not deal with his property wastefully while it is in your charge, out of the apprehension that when he grows up he will take it over from you.

Sometimes an orphan will not have attained enough maturity upon entering adulthood, in this case his property should be continually looked after until he attains maturity.

And if he has learning disability, then the property should be looked after on a permanent basis.

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'And give full measure and weight with equity.'

Hadith relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that while selling a commodity any defect or flaw in the commodity should be made obvious so that the buyer is aware of it.

Here, the general directive is to carry out one's trade with honesty and without any form of deception.

Against the strict Qur'anic commandments, Muslims have a very low standard with regards honesty.

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A Hadith relates that if the buyer and the seller speak the truth and disclose any defect in the merchandise God would bless the trade. If, they both indulge in falsehood and hide any defects or are deceitful, the trade will have no blessing.

The status of an honest trader can be found from the saying of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) where he said that an honest and trustworthy trader is rightful to keep the company of the Prophets, the Truthful and the Martyrs.

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May God enable those who associate themselves to the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to uphold the standards of honesty and trustworthiness in accordance with God's commandment and the Prophet's pronouncements.

Ramadan draws attention to virtues, we should also be drawn to these matters.

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