

## NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION IN THE CONTEXT OF ISLAM

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### Abstract

All religions and nations have different ways of celebrating festivals and joys. Each of them has its own background and message, which encourages good and calls for the elimination of evil. It is a different matter that due to the degeneration of people, such innovations and superstitions are added to them that their real purpose is lost. As the world became more 'civilized', human beings devised new celebrations and festivals in the name of 'culture and art'. One of them is 'New Year's celebration'. The New Year is just a few days away.

### Introduction

People are eagerly awaiting December 9th. Unfortunately, we Muslims have also started celebrating the New Year by imitating others, degrading our values and traditions, while this is a system set up by Christians. In history Muslims have their own lunar Islamic system of history which is related to the migration of the Holy Prophet. It starts with Muharram, which most of us are not aware of. He changes first, then wonders, then thinks and says that but now January is far away.

The question is, why should we Muslims celebrate the New Year? Because neither you nor the Companions, the Righteous Caliphs, the Umayyads, the Abbasid rulers performed this ritual. It had spread to important countries in Syria and the Middle East. Therefore, we should avoid following the footsteps of others. The hadith of the Prophet is:

"Whoever imitates a people is one of them" (Abu Dawud: 1).

Christians have a tradition of celebrating the New Year since ancient times. One of the reasons for this is that they celebrate Christmas Day on December 7 in celebration of the birth of Jesus (pbuh). Due to the fact that there is a state of celebration all over the world and this state of affairs continues until the arrival of the new year.

The whole country is adorned with colorful lights and lanterns in New Year's Eve and waits till 9 o'clock on the night of December 9th. At twelve o'clock they greet each other, cut cakes, set off fireworks and Entertainment programs are held in various nightclubs. Because they have fun with only two things. The first is women and the second is alcohol. The amount of money spent on them, according to a conservative estimate, can alleviate the poverty of an entire country and in the same way solve many other problems. But it never happened. Yes, and no hope for the future.

Jews, Christians and other nations celebrate different kinds of 'days and celebrations' such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day, Children's Day, etc., etc. Parents are kept apart, children are kicked out of the house as adults and there is no family system. That is why they have set separate days for all of them, but this is not the case here. Islam has defined the rights of all and there is a whole family system so we don't need these appearances nor do we need to celebrate different days and celebrations.

However, the new year draws us Muslims to two things:

2- Accountability of the past: New Year gives us an opportunity to take stock of what we have lost and what we have gained in the shortened year of our life in both religious and worldly arenas. In the field of Haqq-ul-Allah and Haqq-ul-Ibad, one should 'revise' the video of one's life to see where we have made mistakes, because man can hide his mistakes and shortcomings from the eyes of others, but his own He could not escape from sight. That is why he said:

“Accounting for yourself before you account for it”

"Do your own reckoning before your reckoning."

In another hadith he said:

On the Day of Judgment, people will not be able to move forward unless they answer these five questions. In what work did they spend their life? In what way did you spend your wealth? And how much did you spend on what you learned? ”(Al-Tirmidhi: 1)

Therefore, we should all honestly reprimand each other and take advantage of the respite we have been given. Before this respite expires.

“And spend of what We have provided for you before it is too little for you, O Lord, for the Hereafter is near to death.

And spend out of what We have given you before death comes to any of you. They say: My Lord! Why do you not give me respite for a little while, that I may give alms and be of the righteous? “

2- Further action: After our self-accountability and review, in the light of this we have to plan what our weaknesses have been and how to overcome them. ?

Man is prone to make mistakes, he will make mistakes but it is not a bad thing to make a mistake. Both m I am in the process, as is clear from this hadith. The Holy Prophet said:

“Aghtanam khumsa before khumsa: Shababak before Harmak, and Sahtak before Saqmak, and Ghanak before poverty, and Faraqak before occupation, and life before death” (Al-Mustadrik al-Hakim: 1)

Take advantage of five things before five things: take advantage of your youth before your old age, take advantage of your health before your illness, and take advantage of your wealth before your poverty. "And take advantage of your leisure before you are engaged, and your life before you die."

And it is clear that our success and failure depend on the actions of this world. Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And they are not for mankind except for those who strive.

"And that for every human being there is only that which he has strived for. And that his effort will soon be seen. Then he will be fully recompensed."

Lastly, the problem with us Muslims is that we close our eyes and start imitating only the outward appearance of every action of the West. They also take into account the mistakes of the past and make plans to rectify them and act on them. It is a different matter how their plans are and whether they are in accordance with Islam or not.

The example of Japan is before us. The United States dropped its atomic bomb on it and imposed economic sanctions on it to break its back, but this playful nation worked tirelessly to bring itself back on the list of developed countries. The German nation did the same after World War II. They did not leave the past just by celebrating like us, nor did they just welcome the new year by celebrating. Our decline begins with the fall of Baghdad (6 AH) and continues to decline until it is completely wiped out in 9 AH (with the end of the Ottoman Caliphate) and has never been able to rise again.

The downside of us people is that we either accept their wrongdoings or just criticize them and blindly ignore their goodness, honesty and hard work. Adopt the secrets of the development of Islam by correcting it on the scale of Qur'an and Hadith and Shari'ah. As the Qur'an says:

“Those who listen to the words of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)

"Those who listen to what is being said. Then those who follow the best thing that has happened. These are the ones whom Allah has guided and these are the ones who are wise."

This will give us success in both this world and the hereafter.

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