
Ruling on smoking and using hookah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling on smoking and using hookah?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Smoking and using hookah are prohibited, because they contain evil and much harm. Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) made lawful for His servants all kinds of lawful and good things and made unlawful to them all kinds of evil things, as He (Glorified and Exalted be He) says to His Prophet (peace be upon him): [They ask you (O Muhammad - (peace be upon him)) **what is lawful for them (as food)**. Say: "Lawful unto you are **At-Tayyibaat** [all kind of Halaal (lawful-good) foods which Allaah has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, milk products, fats, vegetables and fruits)].] Allaah (Exalted be He) says also in Soorah al-A'raaf while describing the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):[...**He allows them as lawful At-Tayyibaat** (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), **and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khabaa'ith** (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods).]

No type of smoking is from the lawful good things, but they are from the evil things due to their much harm. They are not from the lawful-good things which Allaah (Exalted be He) permitted; therefore, they should be abandoned and one should beware of approaching them and should strive against his evil soul to avoid these evil things, because the soul persists in evil, except those relieved by Allaah's Mercy. It is the duty of the believer to strive against his soul to set aside whatever harms him from these and other evil things.

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