

land which had lasted for more than eight hundred years. The last stronghold of the Muslims, in Grenada, fell on April 1st, hence they considered this to be the "trick of April."

From that year until the present, they celebrate this day and consider the Muslims to be fools. They do not regard only the army at Granada to be fools who are easily deceived, rather they apply that to the entire Muslim ummah. It is ignorant of us to join in these celebrations, and when we imitate them blindly in implementing this evil idea, this is a kind of blind imitation which confirms the foolishness of some of us in following them. Once we know the reason for this celebration, how can we celebrate our defeat?

After knowing this reality, let us make a promise to ourselves never to celebrate this day. We have to learn from the Spanish and adhere to the reality of Islam and never allow our faith to be weakened again.

I say: it does not matter what the origins of April fool are. What matters more is knowing the ruling on lying on this day, which we are sure did not exist during the first and best generations of Islam. It did not come from the Muslims, but rather from their enemies.

The things that happen on April fools' day are many. Some people have been told that their child or spouse or someone who is dear to them has died, and unable to bear this shock, they have died. Some have been told that they are being laid off, or that there has been a fire or an accident in which their family has been killed, so they suffer paralysis or heart attacks, or similar diseases.

Some people have been told about their wives, that they have been seen with other men, and this has led them to kill or divorce their wives.

These are the endless stories and incidents that we hear of, all of which are lies which are forbidden in Islam and unacceptable to common sense or honest chivalry.

We have seen how Islam forbids lying even in jest, and it forbids frightening a Muslim whether in seriousness or in jest, in words or in actions.

This is the law of Allaah in which is wisdom and care for people's circumstances.

And Allaah is the Source of Strength.

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The first mention of April Fool in the English language was in a magazine known as Dreck Magazine. On the second day of April in 1698 CE, this magazine mentioned that a number of people were invited to come and watch the washing of black people in the Tower of London on the morning of the first day of April.

One of the most famous incidents that happened in Europe on April 1st was when the English newspaper, the *Evening Star*, announced in March 1746 CE that the following day - April 1st - that there would be an parade of donkeys in Islington, in England. The people rushed to see these animals and there was a huge crowd. They continued waiting and when they got tired of waiting, they asked about when the parade would be. They not find anything, then they knew that they had come to make an exhibition of themselves, as if they were the donkeys!

'Aasim ibn 'Abd-Allaah al-Qurawayti

One of them wrote about the origin of these lies, saying: Many of us celebrate what is known as April fool or, if it is translated literally, the "trick of April". But how much do we know of the bitter secret behind this day?

When the Muslims ruled Spain, approximately one thousand years ago, they were a force that could not be destroyed. The western Christians wished that they could wipe Islam from the face of the earth, and they succeeded to some extent.

They tried to limit the spread of Islam in Spain and to put an end to it, but they did not succeed. They tried numerous times and never succeeded.

After that, the kuffaar sent their spies to Spain to study and find out the secret of the Muslims' strength which could not be defeated. They discovered that adhering to taqwa (piety or consciousness of Allaah) was the reason.

When the Christians discovered the secret of the Muslims' strength, they started to think of strategies to break this strength. On this basis they began to send wine and cigars to Spain for free.

This tactic on the part of the west produced results, and the faith of the Muslims began to weaken, especially among the young generation in Spain. The result of that was that the western Catholic Christians subdued the whole of Spain and put an end to the Muslim rule of that

Blackening of the face in this world and in the Hereafter

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"And on the Day of Resurrection you will see those who lied against Allaah (i.e. attributed to Him sons, partners) their faces will be black"[*al-Zumar* 39:60] This hadeeth was classed as hasan by Shaykh al-Albaani in *Saheeh al-Jaami'*. 7723

April fool

But with regard to "April Fool" (in Arabic, *Kidhbat Neesaan* or the lies of April), the origin of this lying is not known for sure. There are differing opinions concerning that:

Some of them said that it developed from the celebrations of spring at the equinox on March 21.

Some of them said that this innovation appeared in France in 1564 CE, after the introduction of a new calendar, when a person who had refused to accept the new calendar became the victim of some people who had subjected him to embarrassment and made fun of him, so he became a laughing-stock for others.

Some of them said that this innovation goes back to ancient times and the pagan celebrations connected to a specific date at the beginning of spring, so this is the remnant of pagan rituals. It was said that hunting in some countries was unsuccessful during the first days of the hunt in some countries. This was the origin of these lies which are made up on the first day of April.

Lè poisson d'avril

The Europeans call "April Fool" *le poisson d'avril* (lit. "April fish"). The reason for this is that the sun moves from the zodiacal house of Pisces to the next house, or because the word *poisson*, which means fish, is a distortion of the word *passion*, which means suffering, "so it is a symbol of the suffering endured by Jesus (peace be upon him), according to the claims of the Christians, and they claim that this happened in the first week of April.

Some of the kuffaar call this day All Fools' Day, as it is known to the English. That is because of the lies that they tell so that those who hear them might believe them and thus become a victim for those who are making fun of him.

And it was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'Whoever says to a child, 'Come here and take this,' then does not give him something, this is counted as a lie.'"

(Narrated by Abu Dawood, 4991)

Lying to make people laugh

It was narrated that Mu'aawiyah ibn Haydah said: "I heard the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) say: 'Woe to the one who talks to make the people laugh and tells lies, woe to him, woe to him.'"

The punishment for lying:

The liar is warned of destructive punishment in this world, and humiliating punishment in the Hereafter. These include:

Hypocrisy in the heart.

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"So He punished them by putting hypocrisy into their hearts till the Day whereon they shall meet Him, because they broke that (covenant with Allaah) which they had promised to Him and because they used to tell lies [al-Tawbah 9:77]

'Abd-Allaah ibn Mas'ood said: "You may know the hypocrite by three things: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something he betrays that trust." He said: "Recite this aayah (interpretation of the meaning):

'And of them are some who made a covenant with Allaah (saying): 'If He bestowed on us of His Bounty, we will verily, give Sadaqah (Zakaah and voluntary charity in Allaah's Cause) and will be certainly among those who are righteous.'

Then when He gave them of His Bounty, they became niggardly [refused to pay the Sadaqah (Zakaah or voluntary charity)], and turned away, averse.

So He punished them by putting hypocrisy into their hearts till the Day whereon they shall meet Him, because they broke that (covenant with Allaah) which they had promised to Him and because they used to tell lies [al-Tawbah 9:75-77]."

علم و فن میں حضرت امام احمد بن حنبل رحمۃ اللہ علیہ کا کوئی ثانی نہیں : (محدث ابو زرعہ)

4. The prohibition of speaking about everything that one hears

It was narrated that Hafs ibn 'Aasim said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'It is sufficient lying for a man to speak of everything that he hears.'"

(Narrated by Muslim, 5)

5. Lying in jest

Some people think that it is permissible to tell lies if it is in jest. This is the excuse that they use for telling lies on April 1st or on other days. This is wrong. There is no basis for this in the pure sharee'ah. Lying is haraam whether the one who does it is joking or is serious.

Lying in jest is haraam just like other kinds of lies.

It was narrated that Ibn 'Umar said: "The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said, 'I joke, but I speak nothing but the truth.'"

(narrated by al-Tabaraani in *al-Mu'jam al-Kabeer*, 12/391)

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah said: "They said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, you joke with us.' He said, 'But I only speak the truth.'"

(narrated by *al-Tirmidhi*, 1990)

6. Lying when playing with children

We must beware of lying when playing with children, because that will be written down (in the record of deeds of) the one who that. The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) warned against doing that. It was narrated that 'Abd-Allaah ibn 'Aamir (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: "My mother called me one day when the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) was sitting in our house. She said, 'Come here, and I will give you (something).' The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said, 'What do you want to give him?'" She said, 'I will give him a date.' The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'If you had not given him something, you would have been lying.'"

حضرت امام شافعی رحمۃ اللہ علیہ فرمایا کرتے کہ: امام مالک اور سفیان بن عیینہ نہ ہوتے تو حجاز سے علم رخصت ہو جاتا

The most evil kinds of lies are:

1. Lies told about Allaah and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).

This is the most serious kind of lie, and the one who does this is subject to a severe warning. Some of the scholars said that the one who does this is to be denounced as a kaafir.

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"Say: 'Verily, those who invent a lie against Allaah will never be successful'" [Yoonus 10:69]

Lying in buying and selling.

It was narrated from Abu Dharr (may Allaah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "There are three to whom Allaah will not speak on the Day of Resurrection and He will not look at them or praise them, and they will have a painful torment." The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) repeated this three times. Abu Dharr said: "May they be doomed and lost, who are they, O Messenger of Allaah?" He said, "The one who lets his garment hang below his ankles, the one who reminds others of his favours, and the one who disposes of his goods by swearing a false oath."

(Narrated by Muslim, 106)

It was narrated that Hakeem ibn Hizaam (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: "The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: 'The two parties involved in a transaction have the option [of cancelling it] until they part. If they are honest and truthful, their transaction will be blessed for them and if they conceal something and tell lies, the blessing of their transaction will be wiped out.'"

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1973; Muslim, 532)

The prohibition on lying about visions and dreams

This refers to when some of them claim to have seen such and such in a dream, but they are not telling the truth, then in the morning he starts to tell the people something that he did not see.

called "April Fool's Day", where they claim that the first day of the fourth solar month is a day when lying is permitted without being subject to any shar'i guidelines.

Many bad things may result from this, some of which we will mention below.

The prohibition of lying.

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"It is only those who believe not in the Ayaat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allaah, who fabricate falsehood, and it is they who are liars [al-Nahl 16: 105]

Ibn Katheer said:

"Then Allaah tells us that His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) is not a fabricator or a liar, because only the most evil of people who do not believe in the signs of Allaah, the kaafirs and heretics who are known amongst the people for telling lies, tell lies about Allaah and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). The Messenger Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) was the most truthful of people, the most righteous, the most perfect, in knowledge, action, faith and certain belief. He was known amongst his people for his truthfulness; none of them doubted that, to such an extent that he was known amongst them as '*al-Ameen* (the trustworthy) Muhammad.' Hence when Heraclius, the ruler of Rome, asked Abu Sufyaan about the characteristics of the Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), one of the things he asked was, 'Did you ever accuse him of lying before he said what he said?' He said, 'No.' Heraclius said: 'If he refrained from telling lies about people he would not go and tell lies about Allaah.'

(*Tafseer Ibn Katheer*, 2:588)

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "The signs of the hypocrite are three: when he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is entrusted with something, he betrays that trust."

(Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 33: Muslim, 59)

(*Sharh Muslim*, 2:46-47)