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Is Bible OR Quran God Word? A Socioeconomic Analysis of Alcohol Consumption

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Abstract

Across the globe, more than 55% people belong only to the three Abrahamic faiths. Among the follower of Abrahamic faith Jews and Christian consider Bible, while Muslims believes that the Noble Quran as the authentic Word of God. A possibility arises that which one among these competing claims is genuine and signifies the authentic God of Word? The purpose of this article is not to raise a piece of controversy but rather it is motivated by the desire to enlighten the followers of Abrahamic faith who in various part of the globe live together as a fellow neighbours and countrymen. In addition, this study intends to identify the correct ideology for the guidance and healing of humanity. To test these competing opinions, this study took the case of alcoholic drinks because it has linear association with numerous socioeconomic ills. In case of USA alone, the total economic burden of excessive alcohol consumption is estimated at \$223.5 billion. This study identified that on one hand Bible states that God is omniscient while on the other hand Bible encourages its adherent to drink alcohol (mother evil) in their daily activities including in their religious festival. If we believe that all those verses which states that God is omniscient as the true Word of God then the verses which encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) emerges as false and non-genuine (Apocrypha). In addition, this study revealed that violence and corruption will prevail in the absence of necessity element in Islamic legislation. Therefore, the third and final recommendation of the study is that the necessity element in Islamic legislation must be preserved and protected not only on individual basis but also on state level through commanding the virtuous and eradicating the immoral and evil.

Keywords: Alcohol Prohibition, Is Bible God Word? Quran as a Guide and Healer, Preserving and protecting Sharia.

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Background: Across the globe, more than 55% people belong only to the three Abrahamic faiths. Among the follower of Abrahamic faith Jews and Christian consider Bible, while Muslims consider the Noble Quran as the authentic Word of God. A possibility arises that which among these contrasting views implies the true Word of God? The purpose of this paper is not to raise a piece of controversy but rather it is motivated by the desire to enlighten the followers of Abrahamic faith who in various part of the globe live together as a fellow neighbours and countrymen. In addition, this study intends to identify the correct ideology for the guidance and healing of humanity. In order to settle the dilemma in these competing claims, this study raised the issue of alcohol drinks. Addiction to alcohol is linearly associated to numerous socioeconomic ills. In case of USA alone, the total economic burden of excessive alcohol consumption is estimated at \$223.5 billion. According to WHO, around 25% of all fatalities between the ages of 20 and 39 in people are associated to alcohol consumption (mother evil).

Methodology: In order to

This study employed a Socratic method of debate in determining the True word of God among the follower of Abrahamic religions. The Socratic method of debate constitutes a style of dialogue characterized by argumentative exchanges between participants, which revolves around the process of posing and responding to questions. In this dialogue important things like the meaning of justice or the nature of good are determined on the existence of contradiction. In the Socratic method of debate less illogical side were believed as triumphant. The Socratic method serves as an exceptional approach to liberate individuals from ignorance, foster critical thinking, and collaborate in the quest for knowledge.

Results:

1.1: Proscription of Alcoholism. Keeping in view the greatest interest of humanity, this study recommends the proscription of all those substances which intoxicates and corrupts the human's mind. In this regard not only alcohol but heroin, hashish, opium, morphine, cocaine and all those drugs whose consumption increases with the passage of time should be strictly prohibited.

1.2: The authenticity of Bible and Quran? On one side Bible states that God is omniscient while on the other side Bible encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) in their day-to-day affairs as well as in their religious festival. If we accept all those verses which claims that God is omniscient then the verses which encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) emerges as wrong and fake (Apocrypha).

1.3: Commanding the Righteous and eradicating the malevolent and wrong (Amar Bil Maroof and Nahi Anil Munkar): This study recommends that violence and corruption will prevail in the absence of the necessity element in Islamic legislation (*Masalih Al-Daruria*). Therefore, the necessity element in Islamic legislation (*Masalih Al-Daruria*) must be protected and preserved through Commanding the righteous and eradicating the malevolent and inappropriate (*Amar bil Maroof and Nahi Anil Munkar*), on individual as well as on state level.

Discussion: In the Noble Quran, God/Allah likens a truthful statement and righteous belief to a healthy tree (Shajartul Tayyaba). The roots of healthy tree (Shajartul Tayyaba) are deeply anchored while its branches extend towards the skies. In addition, the Noble Quran enlightened an evil word and corrupt practice to a corrupt tree (Shajartun Khabissa), uprooted and unable to thrive on the earth. The term "evil word" represents the antithesis of a healthy tree (Shajartul Tayyaba). It can be associated with anything that is false or misguided, but in this context, it refers specifically to any erroneous belief system that one may adopt, particularly those that do not align with the teachings of Prophet Muhammad. Such an evil word, or false belief, lacks permanence as it contradicts the fundamental laws of nature. Consequently, everything in the universe stands in opposition to it, as if the earth itself rejects it, ready to expel its seeds whenever they are planted. Even if a seed manages to grow into a malevolent tree, the natural environment will work to stifle its branches.

This study observed that similar to a healthy tree (Shajartul Tayyaba), the advice of the Noble Quran stands out as a perfect guide and healer for eliminating the adverse socioeconomic impact of alcohol consumption. While the teaching of Bible is case of alcohol consumption emerges as an evil word which encourages its adherents for violence and social devastation. Alcohol abuse and its associated adverse impact have consistently sparked public debate regarding personal freedom, economic autonomy, and the moral obligations of the state. The detrimental influence of alcohol consumption has kept Judeo-Christian society submerged in its contradictions, further emphasizing its philosophical inconsistencies. The Noble Quran offers guidance for addressing any social issues and which always proved to be a blessing for humanity. There is an everlasting remedy for each and every socioeconomic ill not just those related to alcohol. Future researcher should try for an in-depth analysis on the addiction of gambling, addiction of social media and its associated adverse impact on individuals as well as on the society etc.

Introduction

Across the planet, more than eight in every ten peoples are associated with some religion. In the entire 6.9 billion peoples of the globe, more than 55% belongs only to the three Abrahamic faiths (*The Global Religious Landscape*, 2012). In the three Abrahamic faith, Jews believe the Old Testament while Christian thinks both the New and old Testament of Bible as the genuine text which they believe as the divinely inspired true Word of God. A significant concept within the follower of Bible is the "inerrancy" of Scripture. The inerrancy of Scripture posits that God is the supreme author, utilized supernatural guidance to direct human writers in delivering His message. It is assumed that God cannot lie^{1, 2}, it logically follows that Bible in its current form is the true word of God in all its teachings and claims (Is the Bible True? n.d.). In addition, Bible through its various verses claimed

¹ Num 23:19

² Rom 3:4

that God is Omniscient^{3,4,5}. In similar manner, Muslims believes that Quran is the true word of God providing a complete code of life in each and every aspect of human life⁶. From the above discussion, a possibility arises that which one among these competing claims signifies the factual Word of God? In order to settle the dilemma, this study raised the issue of alcohol drinks. The purpose of this article is not to raise a piece of controversy but rather it is motivated by the desire to enlighten the followers of Abrahamic faith who in various part of the globe live together as a fellow neighbours and countrymen. In addition, this study intends to identify the correct ideology, because ideology always played a pivotal role in the development of a nation (Asad Zaman, 2010). Ideologies have a large impact on the living of entire population in a meaningful way which are guided by well-defined rules and policies enforced by governments. Remaining portion of the study is organized in the subsequent five sections. Methodology of the study is discussed in section two followed by section three which describes the adverse socioeconomic impact of alcohol consumption. Section four discusses the guidelines in the Bible and Quran about alcohol involvement. Section five discusses the results of the study followed by section six which concludes the study.

Methodology

In order to settle this conflict, this study employed a Socratic method of debate in case of alcohol (mother evil). The Socratic method of debate constitutes a style of dialogue characterized by argumentative exchanges between participants, which revolves around the process of posing and responding to questions (Fukuyama, 1992, p61). In this dialogue important things like the meaning of justice or the nature of good are determined on the existence of contradiction. In the Socratic method of debate less illogical side were believed as triumphant. The Socratic method serves as an exceptional approach to liberate individuals from ignorance, foster critical thinking, and collaborate in the quest for knowledge (Jack Maden, 2021). It proves advantageous for educational discussions and facilitates in fruitful exchanges of diverse viewpoints on a wide array of intriguing topics. Whenever you pose questions that prompt individuals to reconsider their perspectives, engage in constructive debates or problem-solving activities, or scrutinize underlying principles and assumptions to arrive at your own conclusions, you embody the same ideals that Socrates advocated centuries ago.

The socioeconomic Impact of Alcohol (Ummul Khabais)

To serve the public interest of the its citizens and eliminate the adverse impact of alcohol (mother evil), every year several governments across the planet spent billions of dollars. Consumption of alcohol and its associated socioeconomic impact appear in numerous ways, comprising social, political, moral, legal and medical repercussions. In 2016, a study revealed that alcohol (mother evil) is among the primary risk factors associating to road

³ Psalm147:5

⁴ John 3:20

⁵ Isaiah 40:30

⁶ Al Quran 2: 185

traffic accidents in both developing as well as in developed countries (E. Razvodovsky, 2016). Only in Russia, drunk driving incidents have led to the fatalities of 40,000 individuals in ten years. On a national scale, this issue represents 7.2% of total deaths, including some federal areas experiencing a ratio as high as one-fifth. The consumption of alcohol is associated to approximately 79,000 deaths annually only in the United States of America, along with 2.3 million years of life expectancy diminished, placing it as the third most avoidable factor contributing to mortality in the United States of America (Bouchery et al., 2013). The economic impact of excessive alcohol consumption in the United States of America was estimated to be \$223.5 billion, translating to more or less \$746 for every individual, including children. In this total, the share of diminished productivity was 72.2%, healthcare expenses were 11.0%, criminal justice system was 9.4%, and various other factors contributed to 7.5%. The adverse financial impact of alcohol (mother evil) was estimated at \$170.7 billion, while the share of teenage drinking stood at \$24.6 billion, pregnant female drinking share stood at \$5.2 billion, while crime-related costs was \$73.3 billion. Another study disclosed that the total socioeconomic impact of alcohol in England was roughly £55.1 billion. This cost consists of £22.6 billion incurred by individuals, £21.9 billion attributed to human value costs, the share of welfare and health of society is £3.2 billion, the share of criminal justice, social care, and fire services is £5 billion, while the share of absenteeism, decreased productivity, and accidents by employer were roughly £7.3 billion (The Costs of Alcohol to Society, 2020). In addition, another study titled “Global Economic Burden of Alcohol in 2006” concluded that the adverse economic impact of alcohol (mother evil) across the planet is anticipated to lie between \$210 billion and \$650 billion per year. This figure comprises various costs, including health-related expenses ranging from \$40 billion to \$105 billion, premature mortality costs estimated from \$55 billion to \$210 billion, absenteeism costs ranges from \$30 billion to \$65 billion, the share of unemployment costs are estimated from \$0 billion to \$80 billion, the share of criminal justice system ranges from \$30 billion to \$85 billion (including the cost of police, prisons, as well as court of law), while the expenses related to criminal damage vary between \$15 billion and \$50 billion. This overall evaluation represents approximately 0.6% to 2.0% of global GDP for the countries included in the study, which can be equated to the combined GDP of nations such as Austria and India (Baumberg, p541 2006). Another study conducted by World Health Organization revealed that the contribution of alcohol (mother evil) accounts for 3.3 million fatalities per year. This study revealed that the share of alcohol (mother evil) consumption in the entire global burden of disease and injury is 5.1%. Furthermore, approximately 25% of all deaths among individuals aged 20 to 39 are associated to the use of mother evil (Wine) (“WHO | Alcohol- Fact Sheet,” 2015). Most recent research findings have also indicated a causal relationship between alcohol (mother evil) and infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (Morojele et al., 2021).

Guidelines in the Bible and Quran about Alcohol involvement

In the Judo-Christian civilization Bible serves as a source of authority. The term Bible is derived from the Greek word "biblia," which means books (Muhsin p9, 1988). It consists of two major portions, Old Testament which were compiled before the emergence of Jesus

Christ while New Testaments consists the teaching and life of Jesus and the activities of his apostles or disciples. New Testament consist many books which are written by large number of known and unknown writers. In addition, the New Testament also contains letters mostly written by Saint Paul, who converted from Judaism to Christianity and later on became the chief exponent of modern Christianity. In reality the actual architect of modern Christianity is Saint Paul rather than Jesus Christ. Apart from the four Gospels of New Testament which illustrates the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, there are many other Gospel available even today but are dismissed by the Church authorities. These rejected Gospels are commonly recognized as “Apocrypha”, which is understood in the Greek language as hidden but which in the present age is understood as false not genuine. The books that are officially recognized as genuine are known as canonical.

In case of alcohol verses in the canonical Bible is based on ambiguity and confusions. On one hand Bible says that drunkenness is not desirable⁷. Drunkards are believed as unbeliever and cannot serve the Church leadership^{8, 9}. In addition, Bible says that drunkard who engage in excessive drinking will not enter the Kingdom of God¹⁰, as well as divine judgment is directed towards those who are intoxicated¹¹. On the other hand, Bible through its various verses says that drinking alcohol is not a sin but rather it is described as a blessing. The Psalmist notes that alongside the numerous earthly gifts granted by God, the Lord also provides “wine to gladden the heart of man¹².” Alcohol has the ability to promote relaxation, joy, and laughter, which are considered blessings from God^{13, 14, 15}. In the Abrahamic faith, both Jews and Christian believes alcohol as sacred drink (JEWISH WINE - A S. Montefiore, n.d.). Jews believe the Sabbath as sacred and holly day in every week, adhering to its laws and traditions. God instructed the Jewish People to observe the Sabbath and sanctify it, as outlined in the fourth of the Ten Commandments. The concept of a day of rest is derived from the biblical account of Creation, wherein God finished His creative work on the seventh day of that initial week; accordingly, Jews refrain from labour on the Sabbath (*BBC - Religions - Judaism: Sabbath*, n.d.). This emphasizes the belief that the Sabbath is not something as a day of rest, but rather something which is selected for Spiritual Union and worship of God¹⁶. In addition, all those peoples who fail to observe

⁷ Proverbs 23:20-21

⁸ 1 Peter 4:3; also see Romans 13:13, Luke 21:34, Isaiah 28:1

⁹ 1 Tim. 3:2-3, 8, also see Prov. 31:4-5

¹⁰ 1 Cor. 6:9-10, also see Gal. 5:19-21

¹¹ Isaiah 5:11, 22

¹² Psalm 104:15

¹³ Amos 9:14

¹⁴ Isaiah 55:1-3

¹⁵ Ecclesiastes 9:7

¹⁶ Isaiah. 58:13

season of the Lord, then Bible cursed them in these words: "Your new-moons and your festivals my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them"¹⁷.

In the Bible, the Jewish people are urged to adhere to all the commandments set forth by God (Deuteronomy 7:13, n.d.). Moses articulates the numerous blessings that God has promised, stating, "He will bless the fruit of your womb," which signifies an increase in population, as well as the fruit of your land, including your grain, new wine, and oil, indicating agricultural success. Additionally, Moses assures them of the growth of their herds and the young of their flocks in the land that He pledged to their ancestors, representing a commitment to the prosperity of their livestock endeavours. In Jewish religious celebrations and on the eve of the Sabbath, the sanctity of the day is acknowledged prior to the consumption of wine (*Kiddush: Meaning Prayer & What Is It? | Aleph Beta*, n.d.). To elevate the festival's holiness in Judaism, specific blessings for wine are recited before the meal begins. The significance of wine as a vital food item for Jews is underscored by the requirement that, in the event of a fire on the Sabbath, three food items must be present: a basket of loaves, a cake made from preserved figs, and a jar of wine. An ancient rabbinic teaching states that there is no joy in Judaism without wine. Similar to the ancient Greeks, Judaism is viewed as a joyful faith that embraces the use of wine for fun and festivity. Like the Jews, in Christianity drinking wine/alcohol is believed as a form of worship, commonly observed in churches through the practice of Holy Communion (Usmani, p47 1995). Holy communion is a Christian ritual or sacrament where individuals participate in bread and wine to honor the Last Supper of Jesus and recall his sacrifice. In the Holy Communion also known as the Lord's Supper or Eucharist, the bread signifies Jesus' body, while the wine symbolizes his blood, representing the new covenant for the forgiveness of sins¹⁸. In addition, Lord Jesus emphasized to perform these rituals in fulfilment of his order¹⁹. On every Sunday gatherings, these rituals are regularly held in Churches (Usmani, p48 1995). Before embracing each other and convey their good wishes, some prayers and hymn are sung. Bread and wine are subsequently presented. The leader of the assembly takes the bread and wine, offering prayers of blessing to the Father, Son, and Holy Soul while attendees respond with Amen. A subordinate officer in the Church then provides wine and bread to the participants. In biblical texts, wine is regarded as one of the most significant favor Christ has ever granted to humanity²⁰.

In addition, in the Bible there are several verses which states that under the influence of alcohol even Holly Prophets engaged in incest (نَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ). One notable example is found in the account of Prophet Lot, who, in a state of drunkenness, had incestuous (نَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ)

¹⁷ Isaiah 1:14

¹⁸ Mat. 26:26

¹⁹ Corinthians 11:23-26

²⁰ Psalm 104:15

relations with his two daughters. This act resulted in the birth of the Moabites and the Ammonites as described in the Bible in the following manner;

“And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yester night with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus, were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.”²¹.

In addition, another verse in the Bible states that Ham informed his brother Shem about the nakedness of his father Prophet Noah (نُحُوذُ بِاللَّهِ) when he was under the influence of alcohol.

When Prophet Noah woke up from his state of drunkenness (نُحُوذُ بِاللَّهِ), then he cursed the descendent of Ham to be subservient to the descendent of Shem and Japheth as documented in the Bible in the following manner;

“And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread. And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.”²²

The above discussion reveals that the existing canonical Bible, on one hand encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) while on the other hand Bible discourage drunkenness. In addition, there are several verses which states that God's is omniscient^{23, 24, 25}. Based on the above-mentioned conflicting opinion a type of confusion arises in the teaching of Bible. If we accept those verses in the Bible which states that God is omniscient then the verses which encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) emerges as fake and non-genuine (Apocrypha).

²¹ Genesis 19:30

²² Genesis 9:18

²³ Psalm 147:5

²⁴ John 3:20

²⁵ Isaiah 40:30

In sharp contrast to the teaching of Bible, the Noble Quran through its various verses prohibits all those things which disrupts the normal physical and mental function of a person. Islamic Canonical Law (Sharia) is considered as an all-inclusive framework of ethics and values that encompasses every aspect of human life, including personal, social, political, economic, and intellectual dimensions (Dusuki & Abdullah, p31 2007). Imam Ghazali explained that the objective of Islamic canonical law (Maslaha) is to enhance the welfare of humanity, while mundane life is impossible in case of ignoring the “Necessity elements in Islamic canonical law (Masalih Al-Daruriyyah)”. The Necessity elements in Islamic canonical law (Masalih Al-Daruriyyah) lies in protecting their faith (Hifzul Deen), life (Hifzu Nafs), intelligence (Hifzul Aqal), posterity (Hifzul Nasal), and wealth (Hifzul Maal). All those things which contribute to the protection of these five elements are considered as beneficial to the interest of humanity and are thus encouraged, while all those things which fail to preserve and protect them is believed as “*Corruption (Mafsadah)*” and its eradication is also believed as “*Public Interest (Maslahah)*”. These five “Necessity elements in Islamic legislation (Maslaha Al-Daruria)”, is believed as of utmost importance in their day-to-day affairs. The consequence of neglecting and avoiding the Necessity elements in Islamic canonical law (Masalih Al-Daruriyyah) will result in the collapse of human social order which might lead to the complete disturbance in the social environment. In the Necessity elements of Islamic canonical law (Masalih Al-Daruriyyah), the protection of the human intellect (Hifzul Aqal) suggests to protect it from all those things which disrupts normal physical and mental functions (Sheikh Saeed Ahmad Palan Puri, n.d.). Disruption in the mental and physical functions leads to a serious corruption including perverted and improper human behaviour. Disorder in the mental power of a single person creates partial evil and corruption while defect in the mental power of the entire community creates a devastating impact in the surrounding of entire community. In this regard public interest lies to prevent the consumption as well as trade of all those substances which intoxicates and corrupts the human’s mind. In this regard it become a compulsion to prevent people from consuming alcohol, heroin, hashish, opium, morphine, cocaine and all those drugs whose consumption increases with the passage of time. The Noble Quran articulates this truth in the following manner;

“O, believers! Intoxicants and gambling (games of chance), dedication to stones (paying tribute to idols) and division by arrows (lottery) are the filthy works of Shaitan. Get away from them, so that you may prosper. Devil (Shaitaan) desires to stir up enmity and hatred between you with intoxicants and gambling and to prevent you from the remembrance of Allah and from Salah (prayers). Will, you not abstain”?²⁶

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) stated, "Every intoxicant is considered alcohol, and all intoxicants are prohibited." To deter the presence of alcohol in society and to instil fear among all those people who consume it secretly, the Prophet (peace be upon him) conveyed this message;

²⁶ Al Quran 5: 90

“Truly Allah/God will curse alcohol, and He Has cursed the one who produces it, the one for whom it is produced, the one who carries it, the one for whom it is carried, the one who serves it, the one who sells it, the one who earns from the sale of it, the one who buys it, and the one for whom it is bought.”²⁷

Islamic law (Sharia) on one hand prohibits the consumption of alcohol (wine) while on the other hand it offers a promise of rewards in the afterlife either in the form of entering Heaven or Hell. Regarding the concept of reward, Shah Waliullah illustrated this concept by providing an example that during an epidemic, a Master appointed a doctor (Prophet Muhammad PBUH) to treat their servant (Sheikh Saeed Ahmad Palan Puri, n.d.). All those people who obeyed the physician's (Prophet Muhammad PBUH) guidance will experience healing, while at the same time this reflects their loyalty to their Master. Similarly, adhering to Islamic law (Sharia) not only brings benefits in this life but this obedience is also promised a reward of entry into Heaven. God revealed to the unlettered Prophet Muhammad (SAW) a set of guidelines that delineate what is beneficial and harmful acts for the betterment of human existence. Simultaneously, Quran influences human behaviour both at individual and community levels in the form of ordering the virtuous and eliminating the evil and wrong (Amar Bil Maroof and Nahi Anil Munkar). Ordering the virtuous and eliminating the evil and wrong is a distinctive attribute of the followers of Prophet Muhammad (SAW). The Noble Quran articulates this truth in the following manner;

You are the best nation which has ever been raised for the guidance of mankind. You enjoy good, forbid evil, and believe in Allah. Had the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) believed, it would surely have been better for them; among them some are believers but most of them are transgressors.²⁸

In contrast to the Jews and Christians, the followers of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) struggle not only for perfection in their personal life (Takmeele-Nafs) but also seek to achieve excellence on both national and global scales (Takmeele-Ghair)(Omari 2018)²⁹.

On another occasion, Abu Saeedd Al-Khudri (May Allah be pleased with him) reported, that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) emphasizes the necessity of taking action against wrongdoing (Hadith 34, 40 Hadith an-Nawawi, n.d.). This saying of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) instructs us to utilize force to rectify anything which create violence and corruption (Wine) whenever possible, in case if that is not feasible, then utilize their tongue. Should we find ourselves unable to engage in either action, we are still encouraged to maintain faith in our hearts, believing that wrongs will ultimately be corrected. This teaching serves as a vital reminder for us to advocate for justice and righteousness, even in the face of challenges or seemingly impossible obstacles. Our commitment to justice and equity must remain steadfast, regardless of the difficulties we encounter. Furthermore, this hadith highlights the significance of inner faith; even in the absence of physical or verbal

²⁷ Narrated by Abu Dawood and Ibn Majah

²⁸ Al Quran 3: 110 also Al Quran 3:104

²⁹ Al-JamiliAhkamal-Qur'anVo1.4, p 74

intervention against injustice, our belief can still effect change. We must hold onto the hope that goodness will ultimately triumph over evil, regardless of how bleak circumstances may appear at times.³⁰

Results (Divinity of Quran while Confusion and contradiction in Bible teaching):

A compelling sign of Quran being the authentic word of God is the absence of any contradictions between its statements and any established truths, while in case of alcohol (mother evil), Bible can be correctly blamed as a source of misleading. The success of the teaching of the Noble Quran can be recalled from 18th century England when alcohol consumption created the era of gin craze which is famously remembered as an era of extreme violence and social devastation (James C. Nicholls, 2003). In 1730, the consumption of gin in London suddenly increased from minimal levels to an impressive 19 million gallons per year. William Hogarth then highlighted Gin Craze with its associated violence and social devastation through his famous paintings, *Beer Street* and *Gin Lane* as shown in figure S1.

Figure S1:



Retrieved from (*BBC Radio 4 - In Our Time, The Gin Craze*, n.d.)

In order to serve the greatest interest of the greatest number during the era of Gin Craze, Great Britain in 1734 ratified preventive legislation like the teaching in the Noble Quran (proscription). This legislation obtained significant public support, particularly after the tragic incident involving the woman Judith Dufour, who strangled her two-year-old son and sold his clothes for buying alcohol (Gin). While these preventive measures did lead to a decrease in the excessive consumption of alcohol (Gin), medical professionals continued to attribute one in every eight adult deaths to gin consumption (Alcohol) (Sword 2017). Although preventive legislation existed with humanity for more than 3000 years, in the

³⁰ Muslim 184

recent past a complete ban on alcohol (mother evil) received global recognition again after World War I (Donald A. Brand et al 2007). Initially several countries endorsed preventive legislation which later on was cancelled. In addition, the 1975 WHO-sponsored monograph, "Alcohol Control Policies in Public Health Perspective," played a significant role in reinstating the importance of preventive legislation. This report led to a recommendation from the World Health Assembly urging nations to develop national alcohol policies with a focus on preventive strategies. In the Brazilian city of Diadema, research was conducted to evaluate the impact of decrease availability of alcohol on rates of murder, attack, automobile accidents, and violence against women. The strategy to reduce the sale of alcohol (mother evil) after 11:00 PM was implemented in July 2002. This strategy was correlated with a reduction of approximately nine murders per month only in a city of 360,000 peoples. This strategy also resulted in a decrease of an annual 106 fatalities, equating to nearly 30 per 1,000 residents. Additionally, the average monthly incidents of assault against women decreased from 48 to 25 (Duailibi et al., 2007). To improve labour productivity in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), Andropov implemented measures to regulate the alcohol markets by raising its prices as well as decreasing its availability. From 1980 to 1984, these interventions in the alcohol markets resulted in a significant decline in traffic mortality rates (Razvodovsky, 2016).

Keeping in view the greatest interest of humanity, this study recommends that the consumption as well as trade of all those substances which intoxicates and corrupts the human's mind should be prohibited. In this regard not only alcohol but heroin, hashish, opium, morphine, cocaine and all those drugs whose consumption increases with the passage of time should be strictly prohibited.

In addition, this study observed that the rule and principles that govern the philosophical arguments of canonical Bible is associated with its own contradiction. On one side canonical Bible states that God is omniscient while on the other side canonical Bible encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) in their day-to-day affairs as well as in their religious festival. If we accept all those verses which claims that God is omniscient then the verses which encourage the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) emerges as wrong and fake (Apocrypha). Ground reality exhibits that hatred and enmity are linearly associated with alcohol (mother evil). It is a Universal Truth that the consumption of alcohol (mother evil) disturbs the entire social setup. In case of alcohol, the teachings of canonical Bible highlight its absurdity and philosophical contradiction. Bible teaching in case of alcohol emerges as the opposite of civilized progress of humanity.

In contrast, the Noble Quran boldly asserts that its message contains no flaws or contradictions. Quran's status as the Divine Book is its complete absence of contradictions with any established truths. In the Noble Quran there is nothing which is against the human nature. There is nothing in its content that conflicts with any verified facts established through empirical observation and experimentation. The Quran's unwavering consistency with factual realities serves as definitive evidence of its divine origin. Those who reflect deeply on its teachings will recognize its lack of contradictions. The Noble Quran offers

guidance for addressing social issues, reliably indicating success and serving as a blessing always for humanity.

As a final recommendation, this study observed that in case of alcohol, neglecting the necessity element in Islamic legislation (*Masalih Al-Daruria or Sharia*) always created a gin craze type of environment. Therefore, the necessity element in Islamic legislation (*Masalih Al-Daruria or Sharia*) must be protected and preserved through Ordering the virtuous and eliminating the evil and wrong force (*Amar bil Maroof and Nahi Anil Munkar force*), on individual as well as on state level.

Discussion/Conclusions

In the Noble Quran, God/Allah likens a truthful statement and righteous belief to a healthy tree (Shajartul Tayyaba)³¹, whose roots are deeply anchored while its branches extend towards the skies. In addition, an evil word and corrupt practice is compared to a corrupt tree (Shajartun Khabissa), uprooted and unable to thrive on the earth. The contrast between the pure word and the evil word is so striking that anyone who engages in a thorough examination can easily recognize it. Whenever the pure word is embraced by an individual or community, its benefits extend beyond them, positively impacting those around them. Conversely, the adoption of an evil word by an individual or community leads to chaos and disorder in their surroundings. The term "evil word" stands in opposition to "pure word," encompassing everything that is false and misleading, but in a broader context it refers to any erroneous belief system one might adopt, particularly those not revealed on Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). In similar manner, the above discussion reveals that similar to a healthy tree (Shajartul Tayyaba), the advice of the Noble Quran stands out as the most effective solution for eliminating the adverse impact of alcohol consumption, while Bible emerges as a source which encourage its adherents for violence and social devastation. Alcohol through its detrimental influence, stands in stark contrast to the concept of self-discipline. Alcohol abuse and its associated adverse impact have consistently sparked public debate regarding personal freedom, economic autonomy, and the moral obligations of the state. The detrimental influence of alcohol consumption has kept Judeo-Christian society submerged in its contradictions, further emphasizing its philosophical inconsistencies.

The Noble Quran offers guidance for addressing any social issues and which always proved to be a blessing for humanity. There is an everlasting remedy for each and every socioeconomic ill not just those related to alcohol. Future researcher should try for an in-depth analysis on the addiction of gambling, addiction of social media and its associated adverse impact on individuals as well as on the society etc.

³¹ Al Quran 14:24-26