



The Ruling On Playing Dice

عن مالك عن نافع أن عبد الله بن عمر كان إذا وجد أحدا من أهله يلعب بالترد ضربه وكسرها

“If ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Umar saw anyone from his family playing with dice he would beat them and break (the dice).”

Shaykh Zayd al Madkhalī (may Allāh have mercy upon him) said,

“In this Ḥadīth is a proof of the obligation of changing the evil by way of the legislated methods.

It also proves that that the avenues of disobedience must be destroyed, if one has the legislative ability to do so.

It is also a proof that (using) dice is part of gambling, because nothing follows it except evil in this world and the hereafter.

This is also from the complete understanding of the Sahabah, as they saw that indulging oneself in these prohibited games which have evil remnants upon society, such as the wastage of time in other than obedience, spending money in a way not acknowledged by the legislation, and other evils that are a result of these games, which are from the times of pre-Islamic ignorance.”¹

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¹ *‘Awn al-Aḥad al-Ṣamad Sharḥ al-Adab al-Mufrad (3/386).*