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TEXTBOOKS TAUGHT AT SOME CANADIAN ISLAMIC SCHOOLS: HOMOSEXUALITY IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH

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CIJnews has learned that some Islamic private schools in Canada use textbooks produced by the Saudi Ministry of Education.

Textbooks obtained by CIJnews contain chapters dealing with the wisdom of the capital punishments in Islam in cases of major sins.

In two textbooks for the school year 2014 and 2015-16, homosexuality is depicted as a “major sin” and as “one of the most heinous sins” punishable by death for both partners to the sexual act. The punishment is similar to that inflicted on the people of Lut, meaning by stoning and/or by fire.

Homosexuality is prohibited, one of the textbooks explains, because this behavior interferes with the natural state of human beings and spreads moral corruption and diseases like HIV.

The textbook suggests that early marriage and executing the fixed punishments on homosexuals can protect the society from homosexuality.

The textbook also teaches that adultery is punishable in case a married man/ woman are involved by stoning to death, and theft in certain conditions and terrorizing people by chopping off limbs.

Canadian Imams and Islamic literature sold/ distributed for free in Canada provide a context to understanding the position of Islam regarding homosexuality “What Islam is saying on homosexuality? The Canadian Islamic perspective” below.

The chapter dealing with the Islamic ruling on homosexuality.

Photo: screenshot Saudi textbook for students abroad



The book “**24 Hours With The Prophet**”, which was distributed for free at the Islamic booth at Dundas Square in Toronto, considers homosexuality a “major sin.”

Toronto Shaykh Abdullah Hakim Quick, a former special advisor to the Toronto Board of Education, **said** in an undated lecture in Sydney, Australia, that according to Islam the penalty for homosexuality is death and this Allah’s ruling cannot be changed.

He further implied that Zionism and Jews are working together with homosexuals and that they will join the army of the Dajjal or Antichrist, the ultimate enemy of Islam, before being killed by the Muslim believers.

Toronto Imam Zafar Bangash, chairman of the Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought (ICIT), attacked Ontario Primeir Kathlenn Wynne for her support of Israel and implicitly mocked her for being a gay. “Kathleen Wynne, the Ontario premier and an apology for a woman, is an arch-Zionist,” Bangash wrote in an **article** on Crescent International in July 2015.

Arif Jahangiri, the Secretary General of ICNA (Islamic Circle of North America) – Canada, the biggest national-wide Islamic organization in Canada, appears to blame gays for Ontario “lurid” sex education.

In his speech at an event in 2014 that dealt with “Social Justice – Examples from Life of of Prophet Muhammad”, Jahangiri **said** among other things the following:

“Our children, their school curriculum was changed and introduced a chapter about different life styles and sexual orientation. We gave our right of making policy on education in the hands of those who are not capable of giving a birth of a child even.”

Arif Jahangiri is known as a staunch opponent of Ontario’s updated Health and Physical Education Curriculum also known as the “**sex ed**”, which deals with issues of different sexual orientations, gender identity, making decisions about the first intercourse and other sexual activities, identify common sexually transmitted infections etc. He **called** the “sex ed” a “radical curriculum that teaches lurid sex to little kids throat” and attended activities and protests against the Ontario government education policy.

Imam Syed B. Soharwardy, the founder of Muslims Against Terrorism (MAT) and the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada (ISCC), **said** that “According to the teachings of Islam **homosexuality is completely forbidden in Islam and it is one of the KABA-IR (major) sins in Islam.**”

In the archived version of the website, Soharwardy’s answer to the last question was as follows:

“According to the teachings of Islam homosexual behaviour is an abnormal behaviour and must be cured. Homosexuality is completely forbidden in Islam and it is one of the KABA-IR (big) sins according to Islam.”

Wael Shihab, the Imam of the mosque Masjid Toronto, which is **affiliated** with the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC), said that **Muslims should avoid gays as homosexuality is evil and succumbing to the temptations of the Satan.**

When questioned “how do we relate with homosexuals are they suppose to live with us?”, Wael Shihab ruled the following:

“Homosexuality is a sinful act in Islam. As for you question about how we should deal with homosexuals, I’d cite the following fatwa of Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi, president of the Fiqh Council of North America:

“We should consider them people who get themselves engaged in a sinful act. We should deal with them in the same way we deal with any people who are involved in alcoholics, gambling or adultery.

We should have deep repugnance to their acts and we must remind and warn them. Those who insist on this lifestyle, consider it legitimate and feel ‘gay pride’, we should not associate with them and should not take them as friends. We should certainly avoid those people. If we see a person who has committed this sin and wants to repent then we should help that person as much as we can to get out of this evil. We should not leave him/her to the temptations of the Satan...”

Mustafa Khattab, then the Imam of Al-Rashid mosque, explained few years ago to students of Edmonton Islamic Academy, private Islamic school funded by government of Alberta, how Muslim should treat homosexuals:

“It’s a good question about homosexual people, before I’ll answer the question I’ll talk briefly on homosexuality. Islamically, homosexuality is not allowed, ok. Maybe in the West, this is the culture, they try to abuse, to take advantage of freedom and this is what I’m always saying, the best thing I like about the West is freedom and worst thing about the West is too much freedom.

“Insha’Allah [God willing], you are allowed to do what ever you want, but don’t go to the extreme, don’t go overboard. Homosexuality is against everything. It is against akhlaq [moral values] it’s against nature or the way we are created.

“The first law in physics is opposites attract and similars repel. You never heard of this law? I was a farmer for about 25 years of my life, to tell the truth I’ve never came across gay ducks or goats, it’s only human beings, humans that try, listen up, this is an important question. Humans, because they are get bored of everything, just like a little kid, every time you give them something new, they like it the first day, then they break the toy, trying something new, and this what humans do. They try new stuff even if it’s wrong, because it’s cool Not every thing new is cool, ok. You like to be cool just put yourselves the fridge.

*“So, **homosexuality is not permissible.** The reason the people of Lot peace be upon him were destroyed in Sodom and Gomorrah, because of this sin, so it is not permissible. Deal with someone, with a homosexual, in my view, as I said **homosexuality is abnormal**, this is not the norm.*

*“So, **for me, someone who is homosexual is like someone who has diabetes or someone who has cancer or AIDS, he has a special case and this person needs special treatment.***

*“Can I talk to them? Why not? Just like I talk to everybody, ok. But, **personally I don’t like to be associated with them.***

“One day, we were in California, in Los Angeles and we were sitting around a table, people from different faiths, people from different countries and the guy who was sitting next to me, we were talking for some time, I think he was a different person [last two words were hardly audible] or something, we were talking about discrimination against people of different faiths Muslims, Christians from some countries, and Jews, and whatever, and this guy was sitting next to me.

“He was seemed alright to me and we were talking. Then all of a sudden he started talking about abuse and discrimination against homosexuals, and he said: I’m personally a gay [students start laughing] and people abuse me all the time [students keep laughing, amused].

“I was sitting next to the guy, I just like [shifting himself to the other side of the table in order to demonstrate taking distance from the homosexual who was talking to him] I moved my chair. I didn’t feel comfortable to sit next to the guy. Again, you can talk to them. Ok, let’s change this up. We have time to two more questions.”

Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips, a Canadian and Toronto-based Muslim scholar and Imam, maintains that the delaying the marriage bring about moral corruption, such as pornography, masturbation, lesbianism and homosexuality. **Addressing** the “consequences of delaying in Marriage”, Philips said the following:

“It becomes a problem. Delaying Marriage. And the Prophet [Mohammad] peace be upon him told us: O young people who ever among you are able should get married.

“He said get married young. Get married young and we delay. So what happens? Those years, which are the most critical years, the years in which hormones are flowing, desires are strong. We tell them don’t get married.

“So what happens? People just turn it off and say ok. Turn off the desires, I’ll carry on. No. They end up in corruption. Either they’re watching, you know, pornographic stuff, which they shouldn’t be watching

the channels etc. Now that these things are all available in this society or they engage, get caught up in masturbation or something like this, whatever they're going end up doing things that they don't need to be doing things, which are harmful to them. harmful to the society."

Muneer El-Kassem a leading Imam in London, Ontario, **warned** his congregation in the weekly Friday sermon (September 27, 2013) of the consequences of committing sinful acts in contradiction to the teachings of the Koran. He implied that Allah punished mankind with global wide economic crisis because of homosexuality ("some sexual orientations") and immodesty ("dressed half naked"). According to Munir El-Kassem, the climate change as it is seen reflected in the prolonged drought in Middle East is actually Allah's retribution for the people who avoid giving charity.

The Meadowale Islamic Centre **posted** on the front page of its newsletter (March & April 2015) the following:

"The Five Evils

"The Ummah (nation) shall be destroyed because of five evils committed by it. A hadeeth related by Hadhrat Anas (R.A.) says that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) said, "When the following five evils creep into my Ummah, it will be destroyed:

"1. Cursing one another

"2. Use of alcohol on a large scale

"3. Wearing of silken dress (by men)

"4. Increased number of dancing girls and their frequent show at large gatherings

"5. When men shall engage in sexual intercourse with men and women shall engage in sexual acts with other women, i.e. sodomy, homosexuality." (Baihaqi)

Talking about the challenges of integration of Muslims within Canadian society (December 14, 2014) the **Imam of the mosque said: "we are in the wrong society... we are in the wrong place."**