

THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENCE

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

In pre-Islamic Arabia the idolaters were guilty of the horrible custom of female infanticide.

The Holy Quraan says in Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verses 58 – 59:-

“When news is brought to one of them , of (the birth of) a female (child), his face darkens, and he is filled with inward grief !

With shame does he hide himself from his people, because of the bad news he has had! Shall he retain it on (sufferance and) contempt, or bury it in the dust? Ah! What an evil (choice) they decide on?”

Because of the noble teachings of the divine writ, our Nabie (S.A.W.) had succeeded in effecting a mighty reformation – he had swept away drinking and gambling, the inhuman treatment of slaves, raised the status of women and had put an end to the vicious custom of female infanticide.

Yes, Allah’s word had swept away the obnoxious custom of female infanticide!

Refer: - Sura Bani Israel (ch. 17): verses 31 – 32:-

“Kill not your children for fear of want: We shall provide sustenance for them as well as for you. Verily the killing of them is a great sin. Nor come near to zina (fornication and adultery): for it is a shameful (deed) and an evil, opening the road (to other evils).”

Throughout Asia, with its preference for boys, ultra-sound scanners and other medical technologies are being used to check the sex of the foetus – if the human child to be born is a female an abortion is carried out!

Verse 32 of Sura Bani Israel points to the root of the problem.

Are fornication and adultery not the reasons why millions of abortions are carried out throughout the globe?

The verse puts it across beautifully that zina is an evil which opens the road to another evil, -- i.e.; abortion!

It is sad but true to say that humans are caught up in the snare of sensual pleasures and materialism.

Hence, indulgence in these pleasures of life at the expense of ethical and moral considerations has become the bane of modern ‘civilisation’.

Worksheet

- 1) Would you regard ‘fear of want’ which leads people to abort their children who are being prepared to enter the world as lack of faith and trust in Allah (S.W.T.)? Do comment.