

Makruh: Its Meaning and Concept

Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi, former President of the Islamic Society of North America, states:

“The word *Makruh* literally means something “disliked” or “undesirable.” According to Shari`ah it is any action that one is told not to do without making it absolutely prohibited.

It is important to avoid doing that which is *Makruh*. There is no sin and no punishment if a person commits the *Makruh*, but it is blameworthy. Those who want to be pious and conscious of Allah should avoid doing any action that is *Makruh*.

According to Shari`ah, the actions are divided into five categories:

- 1- *Fard* or *Wajib* meaning obligatory or mandatory.
- 2- *Mustahabb* or *Mandub* meaning commendable or recommended.
- 3- *Haram* or *Mahzur* meaning forbidden.
- 4- *Makruh* meaning disliked and not recommended.
- 5- *Mubah* or *Halal* meaning permissible and allowed.”

Allah SWT knows best.