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## Social media can have a bad impact on our faith

Can social media show us inappropriate content? Does social media affect our relationship with Allah? How does it waste our time? Well, Using social media can lead to many addictions. It can also cause us to become distant with our creator. "Social media can be quite addictive. When one gets addicted to it, it can take a toll on his personal life. It can negatively affect one's worship of Allah. One might neglect his religious duties, miss his prayers, or pray without adequate focus." (<a href="https://quranforkids.com/">https://quranforkids.com/</a>). This shows when we get addicted, it's dangerous and could take us from Allah, and will be difficult to return to the straight path. it takes control of our brain and with too much, it becomes hard to handle and we don't remember our religious duties.

There are things we can find online that are very inappropriate and as muslims be need to beware of these things as they could potentially become obsessive, "Among the greatest drawbacks of the internet is the prevalence of inappropriate content. There is an abundance of vulgarity, whether in the form of pictures or videos, that exists on social media. As Muslims, we must always be careful to keep our distance from anyone who posts indecent things".

(<a href="https://quranforkids.com/">https://quranforkids.com/</a>). Seeing these types of photos or videos can cause mental and emotional damage to children of any age, especially very young children. We need to protect ourselves from those who show us these types of

things, Especially because Allah warns us about all kinds of Addictions plenty of times in the Quran.

Social media can affect our performance and mentality in many scenarios. It becomes comforting, and we don't feel like getting up and doing anything productive. "Children stay in the house. Now their entertainment means social media. As a result, the communication of the person is severely damaged. Our youth is getting lazy. Their body performance is going down a lot. Their ability to felicitate or lose their power is decreasing. Their mental strength is decreasing". (<a href="https://dergipark.org.">https://dergipark.org.</a>). This proves our everyday activities could get harder and harder, and rather than getting up and doing anything, we take our devices and scroll. This also affects our family communication skills, we find it more convenient to use instant messaging, video call, Ect.

Social media also has some positive effects and can be quite beneficial. There are plenty of sites were we could learn about islam and gather our knowledge and thoughts. We could also connect with family and friends that we haven't talked to in a while. Although there is some positivity in some platforms we should keep our distance and beware of some things.

I hope we all leared that Social media is something that weather Muslim or not we need to be very careful with. It has its ways of dragging our Attention to the point where we just can't stop. We need to be mindful and stay close with our creator

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