

# THE PAGANISM IN CELEBRATIONS OF LOVE!!!

## ALLAH TA' AALA DECLARES IN THE HOLY QUR'AN:

“And the Jews and Christians will never be content with you until you tread in their ways” (Suratul Baqarah: Verse 120)

If we look into our lives, then sadly we would discover the great extent to which we have discarded the beautiful life of Nabi *Sallallaahu alaihi wasallam* and his beloved Sahaaba *Radiyahallaahu anhum*, and replaced it with the immoral and depraved lifestyles of his enemies. To such an extent have we degenerated that nowadays, un-Islamic celebrations, customs and occasions have become part of our way of life. It is painfully strange to notice how much preference and priority is afforded to un-Islamic practices and celebrations. One such celebration is the celebration of “Valentines day” which is set aside to express one’s love via an array of ways.

### VALENTINE’S DAY

The festival of love, which is celebrated on the 14th of February each year, is an expression of what pagans believed in their religion to be divine love. This festival was invented more than 1700 years ago, when paganism was still prevalent amongst the Romans. Whilst their state was still idolatrous, they executed St. Valentine, who had turned to Christianity. When the Romans themselves converted to Christianity, they made the day of his execution an occasion to celebrate the martyrs of love.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Another anniversary of love that seems to be gaining acceptance in Muslim homes is the “Wedding anniversary”, where spouses celebrate the anniversary of their marriage each year. This practice is also an emulation of the *kufaar*. Muslims express their love to their spouses daily, not only by verbal or ritual statements. Let us lead our lives in such a manner that every day and every night of our marriage is a day of love and happiness.

### PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST! ASK YOURSELF???

- Have the *Yahood* and *Nasaara* succeeded in swaying us as Muslims to accept their lifestyles?
- Am I pro-Valentine or anti-Valentine or approving of other un-Islamic customs for that matter?

IF YOU’VE ANSWERED YES TO ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE, THEN UNFORTUNATELY YOU’VE BEEN SWAYED BY KUFAAR CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES.

ISN’T IT TIME THAT YOU DISCERN YOUR FRIENDS FROM YOUR FOES AND ALIGN YOURSELF TO AN ISLAMIC IDENTITY?

**May Allah guide us to practice upon that which is pleasing to Him and His Rasul *Sallallaahu alayhi Wasallam* and keep us steadfast on that. Aameen.**

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