

NO CONTAGION VIEW

There is no contagion, disease states are not “transmitted” from one entity to the next, by decisive Prophetic judgement, but **freshly created** through the sum of their causes by Allāh’s decree. Contagion has never been conclusively proven by the correct application of the scientific method. Rather, its falsification is more apparent. Alleged “contagion” is explained by people in the same place and time being subject to the same causes, factors and event-chains, coupled with individual susceptibility, alongside the “nocebo effect”, which is the psychogenic illness effect, which is more of a “social contagion”, where states of fear and anxiety contribute to the onset of disease. This is a true and real effect, occurs in epidemics, has been studied, and is also mentioned by Muslim scholars. Hence, we may keep away from people who are sick, or places of disease outbreak only to avoid situations where people might be prone to believing in the negated contagion, by confusing coincidence with causation, and to avoid finding fault with Qadar. Given that contagion is negated, “vaccination” for its prevention is also negated and invalidated. This view is closest to complete actualisation and perfection of Tawḥīd and is a proof against that which is with the disbelievers of superstition (errors in causation) and exaggeration, and in protection of creed from various angles and considerations.

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There is contagion, by Allāh’s decree, and mixing between the sick and healthy can be a cause, subject to other factors and conditions which are from Allāh’s decree, of the “transmission” or “spread” of disease to the healthy. Hence, precaution from the sick is from the means that can be taken. Thus, you avoid the sick who are afflicted with contagious diseases. Likewise, you avoid travelling to land in which a plague has occurred, and you do not mix sick camels with healthy camels. Based on these texts, the general measure of the healthy avoiding the sick is derived and is applied in daily life where required by the individual or by a state authority at the population level. **Note:** Because in this view, the mistake of confusing coincidence with causation is not sufficiently accounted for (the same mistake made by the bedouin the matter of his camels), then there is a likelihood that those upon this view may be prone to falling into unwarranted behaviours. Muslim scholars (Ibn Khuzaymah) who held the view

of no contagion, considered the scholars who affirmed it be in error, and some had even harsher words, considering it a promotion of the very superstition the Prophetic guidance came to prevent. In contrast, those who hold the no contagion view will not be prone, naturally, to such behaviours.

COVID-19

Legitimate measures indicated by both religion, as has preceded in the contagion view, and medical science are augmented with unscientific, baseless, harmful and destructive measures, such as military style lockdowns, universal social distancing of six-feet and facemask policies, aimed at heightening the states of fear and anxiety, and pressurizing people to take experimental mRNA injections. Such measures cannot be derived directly from Prophetic texts and it is now a factual reality that they represented a gross exaggeration in the subject matter of contagion. It was a weaponisation of the concept of contagion. Muslim scholars of the past and present have in fact spoken and warned about this. The rulers, may implement these measures, either because they believe them to be from the means, or if not, for other reasons, which enter into *al-siyāsah al-shar‘iyyah*. So we defend the rulers for this, and we defend the scholars for calling to obedience to the rulers, regardless of what their personal views might be. However, we do not lie upon the Major Scholars and claim they are ones who are deriving, devising, imposing and managing these affairs, as this will set them up to be criticised and attacked when the harmful, destructive and unscientific nature of these controversial measures becomes apparent, and indeed, it now has.

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The Major Scholars did not derive or argue for these unscientific measures, and those who misled Muslims into this false idea, from their unchecked zeal and exaggeration, must take it back and clarify it, as it brings harm and disrepute upon the scholars, something I had warned against since early 2020, in order to shield and protect the scholars. The scholars simply said, in regard to these affairs, that we should obey the ruler and his authorities in keeping with the Sunnah, and this was always the right way to present this matter as I had repeatedly advised since early 2020.