

Definition of fisq

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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to the definition of fisq, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ states:

And the linguistic meaning of fisq is: khurooj (to leave or emerge).

And by way of this (it is said) the fruit fasaqat (emerged) from its rind – meaning it emerged and came out from it.

And in its technical sense, (fisq means): performing a major sin or persisting upon a lesser sin... So fisq according to the Legislation is to perform a major sin or to persist upon a lesser sin.

If a person commits zinaa (fornication) he becomes a faasiq (person of fisq).

If he persists upon smoking then he becomes a faasiq.

If a person drinks an intoxicant only once he becomes a faasiq because this is a major sin.

(“Sharh of Safaariniyyah ”of Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), quoted in Mu’jam at Ta’reefaat p328)

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him