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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on: **"The Beliefs of the Shiites."**

Every year, during the month of Muharram, many Muslims mourn the death of Imam Hussein (ra). Many anti-Islamic things are organized and practiced during the first ten days of Muharram.

(1) Especially on the *Darga* issue. During the Muharram, the *Darga* trade works very well. People foolishly throw their money and waste their time in the *Dargas* and thus fall into the greatest sin, that is, the *Shirk*. They come to pray in front of five fingers cut from a plain iron sheet and they place all that in front of them and they also lit an earthen lamp. Do Muslims pray earthen lamps? So where has their faith gone? They bring sugar, and also kill a black cock and come to leave all that in the *Darga*. All these practices do not form part of Islam. All this is non-existent in Islam. There are people who make promises during the Muharram to give a red and green cloths in the *Darga*, if they succeed in their intended projects / works / promises (especially for childless parents who make such promises).

(2) The '*Ghoon*' issue. This practice does not have its place in Islam. It is absolutely forbidden for one to participate in such practices in whatever form it may be. For example, give money, raise flags, collect money, beat *Marfa* (i.e. the drums – a sort of music), raise/ pull the '*Ghoon*' etc., or give money when the participants of the '*Ghoon*' are going from door to door. This is what is called (in Mauritius) : "*Ramasse Pavillion*" (lit. meaning collect flags, in other words money).

By indulging in such practices , they have forgotten the true aim of the sacrifice of Imam Hussein (ra); they altogether forgot the purpose for which he sacrificed himself as well as his family (in the way of Allah)! Did Imam Hussein (ra) ever fight for power? Imam Hussein (ra) was never thirsty for power. In the Islamic world today, there are states/ countries which are still being ruled by monarchies (for example, Saudi Arabia etc.). In some of these states, the king buy the silence of his people with money so that they do not denounce any injustice, corruption, torture etc. which are being done in those countries.

But among these nations, there are some who submit (i.e. turn a blind eye to all injustices and so on) but many also rise and expose their lives and die while fighting against injustices and corruption. This was the case for Imam Hussein (ra). Despite their few number (i.e. he and his group/ family), Imam Hussein (ra) and his companions and family fought so as to re-establish the good principles of Islam, and to make the people comply to them completely. It is with this aim in mind that Imam Hussein (ra) fought and sacrificed himself and his family (the *Ahle Bait*) – [in the way of Allah].

The true Muslim should never take such events in history as an ordinary occurrence and he should never manifest happiness at such tragedy. Each of us should learn a lesson in the sacrifice of Imam Hussein (ra).

There are in some places, in great *Majlis* (meetings, councils, programmes), many talks are delivered [especially on the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (ra) etc.] and while some of the speeches are based on truths, many also are invented also – their sources are unknown, so much so that one does not know which and which to believe. And after the *Majlis*, the congregation only affirms that they were deeply touched and sad by what they heard and that is all! Is that only the aim of listening to the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (ra)? To feel sad [and do nothing else which is Islamic]? Or to distribute *Malida* (a cake preparation) or take water from

the dead (i.e. in the *Dargas*/ tombs or special '*Ghoon Darga*')? The important lesson which we need to take from the life of Imam Hussein (ra) is that whenever injustice or corruption or evil appear in society, we need to rebel against it, even if we are few in number! Allah is with the one who fight to restore His established Laws. Therefore, you need to do it because Allah is with the one who struggle/ fight to establish His Law on earth. Imam Hussein (ra) is a striking example (and model) for us all.

While talking about the life of Imam Hussein (ra), it would be an error on our part to not talk about the Shiites (*Shias*) and their beliefs. The Shiites believe that after the death of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and this till the end of the world, Allah has nominated twelve Imams. According to them, those twelve Imams had been nominated by Allah through Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The first Imam according to them is Ali (ra), the second one, his son, Imam Hassan, the third one Imam Hussein and the rest of the nine Imams being found in their bloodline.

From the first Imam (i.e. Ali) till the eleventh Imam (Hassan Askari), all died a natural death like the rest of mankind. As for the twelfth Imam, the son of Hassan Askari, he mysteriously disappeared in this youth and went into hiding in a cave. Now till the end of the world, according to the Shiites, he alone has the exclusive right to reign upon the world. The belief in *Imamat* is obligatory (*Farz*) for a Shiite and the one who does not believe in it shall see himself being rewarded hell as resting place. In one of their books, *Al-Kafila* there is the mention that if the earth (i.e. the world) remain without an Imam, it shall sink. Still according to this book, the (Shiites) Imams are selected by Allah just like Allah chose the prophets.

THE ORIGIN OF THE SHIITE SECTE

Shia in itself is itself is not a religion; it is a sect in Islam. After the martyrdom of Hazrat Umar (ra) and during the caliphate of Hazrat Uthman (ra), Islam propagated in several countries outside Arabia, such as Persia, etc. Many people accepted Islam at that time. Many entered the fold of Islam sincerely while many others entered therein hypocritically. Among the hypocrites there was one Jewish theologian from Yemen whose named was Abdullah bin Saba. He accepted Islam during the caliphate of Hazrat Uthman (ra). But his true objective upon embracing Islam was to cause division and havoc within. He came to Medina to execute his plans but failed because of the great extent of intelligent people there. He tried

his luck in Basra and thereafter Syria but yet again failed in his attempts. At last it was in Egypt that he succeeded in beguiling the people and convinced them to listen to him. What did he do? He began to exaggeratedly extol the grandeur and status of Hazrat Ali (ra). He told the people there that it was Ali (ra) who should have been nominated as the successor of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) after his demise. According to him, [being previously a Jew], it has been mentioned in the Torah that it was Ali (ra) who should have been nominated as the successor of the Prophet of Allah (pbuh), but Abu Bakr (ra), Umar (ra), and Uthman (ra) stole the rights of Ali (ra).

Therefore, being the traitor that he is, he raised masses to counterattack Hazrat Uthman (ra). He prepared and raised an army of malefactors and vagabonds under his leadership to march towards Medina and they succeeded in assassinating Hazrat Uthman (ra). After Uthman (ra), it was Hazrat Ali (ra) who was elected Caliph. During the caliphate of Hazrat Ali (ra), there were the battles of Jamal and Siffin, where the group of Ibn Saba joined the ranks of Ali (ra). Ibn Saba grabbed this opportunity to put great blames on Hazrat Ali (ra). Whilst being in the army of Hazrat Ali (ra), he spread false notions on his account (i.e. on Hazrat Ali) and moreover, he stated that the archangel Gabriel (Jibril) – *God Forbid* – made an error when he came to give the divine revelations. According to Ibn Saba, it was Ali (ra) who should have been made prophet, and not Muhammad (pbuh). *God Forbid*.

Therefore, without any doubt, it is Abdullah bin Saba who began the sect of the *Shias*. Despite the fact that some Shiite “scholars/ theologians/ savants” deny the role played by Abdullah bin Saba, but their negation or denial do not stand because the name of Saba has been mentioned in a Shiite book by the name of ‘*Asma-ur-Rijal*’ under the sub title ‘*Riyal-e-Kashishi*’ and it has been mentioned therein that according to Imam Jafar Sadiq that Ibn Saba believed in the divinity of Ali (ra).

According to the Shiites, they believe in the advent of the twelfth Imam. Who is the Imam Mahdi according to them? When the eleventh Imam, Hassan Askari died, he was childless, and this was confirmed by his brother Jafar bin Ali, and according to them, the role of Imam should go only to the son of the previous Imam (i.e. only the son of an Imam can become Imam).

This became a problem when Imam Hassan Askari died. He was sonless. Therefore, according to the Shiites, four or five years before the death of Imam Hassan Askari, a son was born to him from a slave girl and the child was kept hidden so that nobody sees him. Ten days before the death of Hassan Askari, that child disappeared and took with him the Quran (the complete and original version) written by Ali (ra), and all sacred books such as the Torah, Psalm of David, the Gospels and a leather bag containing the miracles of all the prophets, as well as the rod of Moses (as), the shirt of Adam (as), the ring of Solomon (as) etc. The child went into hiding in a cave called *Surra Man Ra'a*.

According to the Shiites, that child was the last Imam, but as the world cannot exist without an Imam, therefore, that last Imam shall live (remain alive) till the Day of Judgement and he shall remain into hiding till the appointed day when he will come out and he shall rule the world. According to a Shiite “scholar” by the name of Allam Majlisi, he has mentioned in his book *Haqqul Yaqin* (Iranian edition) on page 527 that when Imam Mahdi shall come, he shall destroy the *Sunnis*; he shall begin with their *Ulamas* and afterwards shall destroy the disbelievers (*Kafireen*).

Two persons absolutely hated by the *Shias* are Abu Bakr (ra) and Umar (ra). They gave these two caliphs as well as the members of their families all sorts of bad names. In his book *Kitabur Rauza*, Kalini reported Imam Baqar as saying: “*May the curse of Allah, of the angels and of the whole mankind be, therefore, on those two (i.e. Abu Bakr et Umar).*” (Page 115) – *God Forbid*.

The hatred of the Shiites for the caliph Hazrat Umar (ra) is so great that they called the assassin of Umar (ra), Abu Lulu’ah Al-Majoosi as ‘*Baba Shujaa-’ud-Dinsa’* (The brave of the *Deen* - religion).

Ali bin Mathahir, a *Shia*, reported that Ahmed bin Ishaq Al-Qummi Al-Ahwas, a Sheikh of the Shiites had said: “*The day that Umar was murdered is an Eid, a day of pride [rejoice] and honour, a day of purification and a day of blessing and consolation.*”

Whenever Mullah Baqar Majlisi – a renowned author and *Mujtahid* of the Shiites – mentioned the name of Umar Faruq (ra) in his books, he added “*Alaihil-lanat wal Azaab*” (upon him be the curse and punishment of Allah). *God Forbid*.

But whenever the Shiites mentions the name of the murderer of Hazrat Umar (ra), Abu Lulu'ah, they say "*Rahimullah [Alayh]*" (May Allah have mercy on him). They send great felicitations and prayers on a *Zaalim* (a wrongdoer) who killed a great companion of Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and Caliph of Islam.

According to the Shiites, Karbala is superior to the Ka'aba. In his book *Haqqul Yaqin* on page 360, Allama Baqar Majlisi cite a narration by Imam Jafar Sadiq, wherein Allah has ordained the Ka'aba to keep silence and not to declare itself superior to Karbala. According to that narration Allah has described the exceptional qualities of Karbala over the Ka'aba. *God Forbid*.

THE BELIEFS OF THE SHIITES ON **MUT'A**

First of all, let me explain what is meant by "*Mut'a*". *Mut'a* is the temporary sexual agreement made by a man to a woman. In order to satisfy his sexual needs, a man approaches a woman and offers her a sum of money, or wheat, or dates and defines the time limit during which they shall live together, a day or two, as per the agreement. Therefore, in *Mut'a*, there are two things involved: *Ajal* (time limit) et *Ajr* (reward).

Mut'a is a practice which existed in the times of ignorance (*Jahiliya*) by the Arabs. Like the consumption of wine (alcoholic drinks) did not stop instantly, likewise, the issue of *Mut'a* needed to be addressed. The transition from the time of ignorance to Islam was a difficult one. Islam found its place amidst the Arabs step by step. At the beginning of Islam, the practice of *Mut'a* continued especially in the times of war when a soldier could approach any woman and propose to stay with her for a limited time and to give her, her reward, and after securing the agreement, the man satisfied his sexual needs. In this way, in Islam *Mut'a* took the form of temporary marriage and later on was completely annulled, exterminated and condemned by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) after he received the divine instruction to put a stop to this practice completely. (Bukhari, Muslim).

Now let us see what the Shias say about the practice of *Mut'a*. According to them, this practice is licit (*Halal*) and highly recommended. According one of their fabricated tradition which is found in *Manhaj-us-Sadiqin*, the Prophet of Islam

(pbuh) said : *“He who does Mut’a once will reach the station of Imam Hussein, he who does it twice will reach the station of Imam Hassan, and he who does it thrice will reach the station of Hazrat Ali and the person doing it four times will be equal to me in rank.”* This is completely false. The prophet (pbuh) never said that.

Allama Majlisi cited another tradition, which according to him, the prophet of Allah has said (which of course is utterly false): *“Whoever performs Mut’a once in his life is from the people of Jannah. When a man who makes intention to perform Mut’a and the woman who gets ready to perform Mut’a, when both of them meet, an angel comes down and protects them until both of them come out of their house. The conversation that both of them make is equal to making Tasbih. When both of them grab the hands of each other, their sins are cooked through their fingers. When both of them kiss each other, Allah gives them the reward of Hajj and Umrah for each kiss. The time until they are busy in sexual intercourse, Allah gives them reward equal to a mountain for each every lust. When they get finished and perform Ghusl, while they know and believe that their God is Allah and to perform Mut’a is accepted Sunnah, then Allah says to the angels: ‘See both of my men who have stood up to perform Ghusl with this faith that I am their God, you bear witness that I have forgiven all of their sins’. No water drops from a hair of their body that ten rewards are written for them for each hair and ten of their sins are forgiven and they are exalted to ten top levels... When they finish and perform Ghusl, then for each drop of water Allah produces angels who perform Tasbih and its reward will reach them until the Day of Judgement.”*

Allama Majlisi cited another (false) tradition that the Prophet (pbuh) said (God knows where he got that!): *“Mut’a with believing women is like 70 times journey to Ka’aba.”* And in another place, still according to Allama Majlisi, the Prophet (pbuh) said: *“He who will have done this virtuous deed (Mut’a) a large number of times God will elevate his rank. Such people will cross the Pul Sirat like a flash of lightning. They will be accompanied by seventy rows of angels. Those seeing them will wonder whether they were angels, close to God, or Prophets or Messengers. The angels will tell them: ‘These are the people who followed the practice of the Prophet (by doing Mut’a) and they will enter Paradise without any accounting...”*

I should like to highlight here that these traditions (on Mut’a) is absolutely false. They are fabrications made by those Shiite *“savants/ theologians”*. They don’t have any affinity with Islam (They do not originate from Islam).

We all know how authentic the two collections of Hadiths are, i.e. the Sahih al Bukhari and Sahih Muslim, after the Quran. But the Shiites reject these two main Hadiths compilations. They do not have any regard, they do not believe in these two Imams, i.e. Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim.

To conclude this subject for today, it is extremely serious the amount of falsehoods which the Shiites have invented and thrown on the Prophet (pbuh). The fabricated Hadiths by their so-called theologians are what they are: false, completely false. The Prophet of Allah (pbuh) never said such stupid things.

The Prophet of Allah (pbuh) warned about the one who lies on his account. Hazrat Ali (ra) narrated that the Prophet (pbuh) said: ***“Do not tell a lie against me for whoever tells a lie against me (intentionally) then he will surely enter the Hell-fire.”*** (Bukhari).

Salama narrated that the Prophet of Allah (pbuh) said: ***“Whoever (intentionally) ascribes to me what I have not said then (surely) let him occupy his seat in Hell-fire.”*** (Bukhari).

May Allah help each one of us against all these kinds of lies and practices and preserve and maintain us always on the right path and give us courage to explain them (i.e. the *Shias* and others) the true teachings of Islam. *Insha-Allah. Ameen.*