

To Summarise

It has been clearly proven that the senior of Deoband (Hadhrat Naanotwi RAH. Hadhrat Gangohi RAH.), Hadhrat Sahaaranpuri and Hadhrat THanwi RAH.) are absolutely innocent of the allegations that have been levelled against them and that they all subscribe to the beliefs of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah. This has been substantiated by the Ulema of the Haramain, Sheikhl Arab wal Ajam Hadhrat Haaji Imdaadullaah Muhaajir Makki RAH. Hadhrat Mufti Azeezur Rahmaan RAH. Sheikhl Hind Hadhrat Moulana Mahmoodul Hasan RAH. Allaama Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmeeri RAH. Moulana Sayyid Asghar Husayn Muhaddith Deoband RAH. Hadhrat Moulana Shabeer Ahmad Uthma ani RAH. and many others.

These men and all the Ulema of Deoband have always been staunch Hanafis, followers of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah and men who have combined the Shari'ah with Tareeqah. As far as their studies are concerned. they have always been linked to Hadhrat Shah Abdul Ghani Muhaddith Dehlawi Madani RAH. Hadhrat Shah Muhammad Is'haaq Dehlawi Makki RAH. Hadhrat Shah Abdul Azeez Muhaddith Dehlawi RAH. and Hadhrat Shah Waliullaah Muhaddith Dehlawi RAH. As far as Iraadah is concerned. they were linked to Qutubul Aalamhd Haaji Imdaadullaah Muhaajir Makki RAH. and as far as their beliefs were concerned, they followed those of the Ash'ari and Maatureedi schools. Thereafter, they followed Imaam Abu Haneefah RAH. in as far as the practical implementation of the injunctions of the Shari'ah are concerned.

These saints have taken the entire world into their lap of knowledge by establishing Daarul Uloom in Deoband, Sahaaranpur, Muraadabad, Delhi and so many other places. The services they rendered to the dissemination of the Qur'aan, the Ahadeeth and Fiqh through their lecturing and writing cannot at all be matched by the Riza Khan followers. There are millions of people both in and outside the Indian subcontinent who regard them as their leaders and role models in Deen. How can it ever be possible to refer to such eminent people as Kuffaar, Murtaad or irreligious?

Rasulullaah SAW. said that when someone labels another as a sinner or a Kaafir, the label will return to him if the other is really not so?1. Rasulullaah SAW. also said, "When someone calls another a Kaafir or an enemy of Allaah and the person is really not so, the accusation turns back on the speaker (making him a Kaafir or an enemy of Ailaah).

The Fuqahaa state that when there are ninety nine possibilities of interpreting something as (an act or word of) Kufr and only one possibility of interpreting it otherwise, the Mufti or Qaadhi should assume the one possibility and not issue a ruling of Kufr.

A Hadith states that when Hadhrat Usaama RADI. attacked a Kaafir on the battlefield, the man immediately recited the Kalimah ('Laa Ilaaha illallaah'). However, Hadhrat Usaama RADI. still killed him. When Rasulullaah SAW. was informed of this, he asked Hadhrat Usaama RADI. Why he killed the man even after he had recited the Kalimah. Hadhrat Usaama RADI. replied that the man had killed a particular Muslim and when he was attacked, he recited the Kalimah merely to save himself. Hadhrat Usaama RADI. therefore believed that the man did not recite the Kalimah with sincerity. "Did you cut open his heart (to see whether he was reciting with sincerity or out of fear)?" Rasulullaah SAW. asked. "What reply will you give," Rasulullaah SAW. asked, "When the Kalimah stands up in his defence on the Day of Qiyaamah?" Hadhrat Usaama RADI. then begged Rasulullaah SAW. to seek forgiveness on his behalf, but Rasulullaah SAW. Kept repeating these words. Hadhrat Usaama RADI. then said that he hoped he had Accepted Islaam only that day so that all his sins would be forgiven. (Bukhaari and Muslim)

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