

The Aversion the Sahabah RADI. had for Acts of Bid'ah

1. When Hadhrat Umaarah bin Ruwaybah RADI. saw Bishr bin Marwaan raise his hands in du'aa as he delivered a sermon, he made du'aa that Allaah destroy Bishr's hands because he never saw Rasulullaah SAW. raise his hands in that manner during the sermon.
2. When the son of Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mughaffal RADI. Recited Bismillaah loudly in salaah before Surah Faatiha, his father said. "Dear son! That is an act of Bid'ah. Abstain from acts of Bid'ah. I have not seen anything more detestable to the Sahabah RADI. Of Rasulullaah SAW. than acts of Bid'ah. I have performed salaah behind Hadhrat Abu Bakr RADI. Hadhrat Umar RADI. and Hadhrat Uthmaan RADI. and have never heard any of the them recite it (loudly). so do not do so."
3. Hadhrat Abu Maalik Ashja'ee RADI. reports that he once asked his father Hadhrat Taariq RADI. "You have performed salaah behind Rasulullaah SAW. Hadhrat Abu Bakr RADI. Hadhrat Umar RADI. Hadhrat Uthmaan RADI. and now for five years here in Kufa behind Hadhrat Ali RADI. Did they always recite the Qunoot?" "Dear son!" he replied, "That is a Bid'ah."
4. Hadhrat Naafi RAH. reports that Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. once heard a person sneeze and say, "Alhamdulillah was Salaamu alaa Rasulillaah" . To this, Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. remarked, "Although I also say " Alhamdulillah was Salaamu alaa Rasulillaah" (on other occasions as separate phrases). Rasulullaah SAW. did not teach us this (to recite this when sneezing). What Rasulullaah SAW. did teach us was to recite "Alhamdulillah alaa Kulli Haal".
5. Although the Ahadeeth prove that Chaast salaah (Salaatut Duha) should be performed, there is no need to gather in the Masjid to do so or to make announcements to the effect. In fact, doing so is an act of Bid'ah, as stated by Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI.
6. Hadhrat Umar RDI had sent Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. to Kufa to teach the Qur'aan and Ahadeeth to the people and as a Mufti. It was during this period that when the people waited for the Fajr salaah, they started the practice of sitting in groups with many stones before them. Someone would then tell them to recite Allaahu Akbar a hundred times and they would all do so. He would then tell them to recite Laa Ilaaha Illallaah a hundred times and they would do it. In this manner, they would recite various Adhkaar. When Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. heard about this, he approached them and asked what they were doing. "We are only counting the Tasbeehaat with these stones," they replied. Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. said to them, "You had rather count your sins on them. There is no need to count the Tosbeehaat because I can assure you that Allaah does not waste a single good deed."

Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. then said in remorse. ?O Ummah of Muhammad SAW. It is so sad to see how fast you are heading for destruction! The companions of Rasulullaah SAW. Are still amongst you, Rasulullaah SAW. clothing is still with you and has not yet become old and even his utensils are present without being broken (yet you have already started going astray). I swear by the Being Who controls my Life that you people are either following a way that is more rightly guided than the way of Rasulullaah SAW. (which is impossible) or you have opened the doors to deviation."

"But we have only intended to do good," the people pleaded' "There are many people who say that they only intend good," Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. said, "however, they are never blessed with any good at all. Rasulullaah SAW. told us that there will be people who will recite the Qur'aan without the Qur'aan going higher than their collarbones (will not be accepted) because their recitation will be done as they want to do it and not as Allaah and His Rasool SAW. want it." Hadhrat Abdutlaah bin Mas'ood SAW. then went away in anger. The narrator of the incident says, "We observed that these people later affiliated with the Khawaarij because they were fighting against us when we waged war against the Khawaarij."

7. Another narration states that Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. once heard about some people who sat in groups after the Maghrib salaah. One of them would then tell the others to recite Subhaanallaah a certain number of times, Alhamdulillaah a certain number of times and Allaahu Akbar a certain number of times. The people would then do as bidden. When Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mas'ood RADI. heard about this and saw what they were doing, he remarked, "I swear by Allaah that you people are either involved in a very dark Bid'ah or you have more knowledge than the sahabah RADI. of Rasulullaah SAW. He then had them removed from the Masjid.

8. When Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. saw people raising their hands above their chests while making du'aa, he said, "Your raising your hands like that is a Bid'ah because Rasulullaah SAW. never raised his hands above his chest."

9. Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Zubayr RADI. once saw a person raise his hands in du'aa (during Qa'dah) before completing the salaah. He therefore told the man that Rasulullaah SAW. never raised his hands in du'aa until he had completed the salaah.

10. A person once arrived at the place of performing the Eid salaah on the day of Eid and was about to start performing salaah when Hadhrat Ali RADI. stopped him. "O Ameerul Mu'mineen!", the man said, "I know well that Allaah will not punish me for performing salaah (why are you then stopping me?) . " Hadhrat Ali RADI replied, "I know well that Allaah will not reward you for something unless Rasulullaah SAW. did it or encouraged it. (Since Rasulullaah SAW. did not perform any salaah before the Eid salaah) I fear that you act will be futile and (when it comes to worship) futile acts are Haraam. I therefore fear that Allaah may even punish you for it.

11. When someone was stopped from performing two Rakaahs salaah after the Asr salaah, he approached Hadhrat Sa'eed bin Musayyib RAH. and asked, "Will Allaah punish me for performing salaah?" Hadhrat Sa'eed RAH replied, What He will punish you for is for opposing the Sunnah. It is also for opposing the Sunnah that a person may be punished for calling out the Adhaan by the graveside.

12. Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. was once performing Tawaaf with Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. When Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. kissed all four corners of the Kabah, Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RDI told him that Rasulullaah SAW. kissed only the Rukn yamaani and the Hajar Aswad. "But no part of this Kabah deserves to be left out," Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. remarked. To this, Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. recited the verse ,There is indeed a sterling example for, you in Rasulullaah SAW. Hadhrat Mu'aawiya RADI. agreed that he was right..

13. When Hadhrat Abu Sa'eed Khudri RADI. saw the Khalifah Marwaan delivering the Khutbah before the Eid salaah, he stopped him. saying that it opposed the Sunnah.

14. Hadhrat Ka'b bin Ujah RADI. once entered the Masjid when Abdur Rahmaan bin Ummul Hakam was sitting and delivering the Khutbah. "Look at that wretch!" Hadhrat Ka'b RADI. remarked, "He is sitting while delivering the Khutbah when Allaah says, "When they see trade or futility (the carsuan and its welcoming procession), they hurry to it and leave you (o Rasulullash SAW.) standing (where you are in the process of delivering the Friday Khutbah)." When the Sahabah RADI. were so opposed to conflicting with the Sunnah and even cautioned the rulers of their times against this, how can calling out the Adhaan by the graveside be allowed when Rasulullaah SAW. never did it?

15. When he heard the Mu'adhin in Makkah announced the Tathweeb (announcing the salaah after the Adhaan), Hadhrat Umar RADI. cautioned him saying, "Are the words of the Adhaan not sufficient?"

16. When Hadhrat Ali RADI. saw a Mu'adhin announcing the Tathweeb, became angry and said, "Remove this perpetrator of Bid'ah from the Masjid."

17. Hadhrat Mujaahid RAH. reports that they were with Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. in a Masjid when after the Zuhr Adhaan, the Mu'adhin called out "As Salaah! As Salaah!" Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Umar RADI. exclaimed, "Take me away from this person who practises Bid'ah." He then left and performed his salaah elsewhere When these Sahabah RADI. could not tolerate words being added after the Adhaan, how could anyone allow calling out the Adhaan by the graveside?

18. Hadhrat Hasan RAH. reports that when someone invited Hadhrat Uthmaan bin Abul Aas RADI. to a circumcision ceremony, he refused the offer saying, "Neither did we invite people for a circumcision ceremony during the time of Rasulullaah SAW. nor did we attend any."

There was no group of the Ummah more opposed to acts of bidat than the Sahabah RADI. were. The Sahabi Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Mughaffal RADI. testifies: "I have never seen any of the Sahabah RADI. Detest anything as much as acts of Bid'ah."

In one of his poems, Sheikh Sa'di RAH. says "strive in acts of piety and truth, but never strive to outdo Rasulullaah SAW. The one who takes a road other than that of Rasulullaah SAW. will never reach the destination. O wayfarer! I fear that you shall never reach the Kabah because the road you are taking leads to Turkey."

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