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THE ICELANDIC VOLCANO

BOW, O MANKIND, BOW...
TO THE POWER OF ALLAH!

There they were...the strong and the mighty...the powerful and the potent...the Presidents of Superpowers and those belonging to exclusive nuclear clubs.

Filled with arrogance, brimming with pride, stuffed with self-conceit...the egotistical and the pompous, were reduced to a pathetic, pitiful, dismal and wretched state.

Their military was toothless, their armies impotent, their air force powerless, their supercomputers helpless, their billions and trillions of dollars useless, their brilliant scientists hopeless...the whole miserable lot of them simply had no answer to Allah Ta'ala's Spectacular Power.

One hundred thousand flights grounded, six million passengers stranded...All of mankind were running around like confused small children.

The Rabb of the heavens and the Earth and all that exists between it - instructed an icy mountain whose belly was filled with fire to roar and display His Qudrat to mankind.

It is He who "enters the night into the Day and the Day into the night. It is He who brings forth the dead from the living and the living from the dead." It is He who Muslims adore and Worship: Our Majestic, Super One Allah!

Bow, O weak and feeble Mankind, Bow unto One Allah.

Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng echoes Allaamah Zaahid Kowthari's warning:

Beware of the MPL!

I wish to draw your attention to something very important, which is that time-to-time amendments and drafting of new laws pertaining to *Nikaah*, *Talaaq* and other *Ahkaam* of the Shariah is not at all difficult for a person who has the following three traits:

1. Fear of Allah Ta'ala has exited from his heart,
2. He is ignorant of the level of intellectual powers of the *Aimma-e-Mujtahideen* and their *dalaail*,
3. He is captivated with the idea of inscribing his name on passing clouds out of self-esteem and pride.

But, through this amending and drafting neither can the Ummah scale the heights of success, nor can they come into possession of planes, vehicles, ships and submarines, and nor will they own chain-stores and factories. Distortion of the *Divine Ahkaam* is not what will set this Ummah on the path of progress. That [progress] in fact will be achieved by not lagging behind progressive nations; by unearthing the mysteries of creation, finding out about the minerals, vegetation, animal kingdom and other sources of energy which Allah Ta'ala has deposited [on earth] **and to utilize them to elevate the Word [Deen] of Allah, for the benefit of the Ummah and for defending Islam.** No one proscribes this kind of progress.

Yes, nothing can be achieved by distorting the *Ahkaam*, such as *Talaaq*, etc. [as the MPL lobby are doing]. It is therefore incumbent to leave the Limits [Ahkaam] of the Shariah as they are and to keep it far away from the schemes of one's vain desires. My final advice to Muslims all over the world is that when the leaders and rulers enact laws in violation of the Immutable Shariah of

Allah Ta'ala, then you should remain firm on the *Divine Shariah* to the best of your ability. Do not take your cases to the *Taaghoot* [the MPL Courts in which the Shariah of Allah is mutilated] no matter how many 'fatwas' you are given by [the MPL] muftis. When you are on the correct path [as in the present situation where the government does not interfere in your Deen] then the deviates [clamouring for legislation in regard to Muslim Marriages and MPL] can never harm you.

—Allaamah Zaahid Kowthari (*Rahmatullahi Alaih*) was the final Grand Mufti of the Ottoman Empire who took up permanent residence in Egypt after the *kaafir*, Mustafa Kamal seized power in Turkey, abolishing the Constitution of the Shariat and the Khilaafat and secularizing the country.

MPL SUBVERSION OF THE SHARIAH

It is not a trivial matter to confront and rebel against these categorical *Masaa-il* [as the MPL mob have been and are doing with their 'Bills' and 'Acts' of kufr] which the *Aimma* of the Math-habs had formulated from the *Kitaabullah* and the *Sunnah*.

Furthermore, it is not something trivial to draw support for this confrontation and rebellion from odd views of people who have erred on account of misunderstanding, or to depend on the opinions of such people who are unreliable in Deen and *diyaanat* [religiousness] and who are anarchists in

the land in view of Shaitaan making their evil doings seem appealing to them.

Owing to this acquiescence [with people of corrupt motives] many branches of the Law of Islam have been expunged from the courts at the hands of Islam's errant followers. The reason for this is not that the Law of Islam is not suitable for every age and every place thus necessitating the dismantling of its pillars or severing of its limbs. [The reason for this is nothing but to destroy Islam by digging at its foundations].

We see today such people among the modernists whose hearts are not at rest until they do not wipe out what remains of the Shariah in these courts. [The confounded anti-Shariah MPL Bill has been beaten down on three occasions in the recent past, yet its votaries pursuing sinister goals are still hell-bent on hoisting this un-Islamic and unconstitutional scrap 'bill' onto the Muslim Ummah. We register our complaint with Allah Ta'ala, the Lord of the universe.]

To pull the wool over the eyes of people this scheme is enacted in the Name of the Shariah. [This is precisely the end result of the so-called 'Muslim Personal Law' and 'Muslim Marriages Act'. Its ending is nothing but the total destruction of the Shariah—the Qur'aan and the Sunnah]. And the underlying motive behind this [insane drive to have Muslim marriages recognized by the government] is acquiescence with those afflicted with carnal desires and emulation of the modernists, the slaves of the west. (*Allaamah Zaahid Kowthari (Rahmatullahi Alaih)*)

THE WORLD CUP 2010

Hadhrat Moulana Yunus Patel Saheb



The hype and talk presently is the World Cup 2010. Soccer-mania has gripped the mind, the heart, the speech, the time and the money of many, many Muslims. And these many, many Muslims argue : “It’s ONCE IN A LIFETIME...We are the HOST country ...It’s the World Cup which cannot be missed at any cost...”

And we naively believe that these reasons give us the go-ahead to support, promote and participate. But there is one serious fact which makes us unsuitable and incompatible for what I would describe as an International “upsurge of sins” – and that reason is : We are Muslims. And we are very fortunate that we are Muslims. As such, there is no compatibility between a Muslim and sin. Let us discuss why we, as Muslims, cannot and should not align ourselves to the World Cup. Let us read with an open heart and mind.

Reasons why MUSLIMS should NOT ATTEND and NOT SUPPORT the World Cup:

1.) SALAAH It is a common observance, that many, many Muslims are totally neglectful of Salaah when it comes to International, National or local sporting events. Even those who have some link with the Masaajid, will choose to forego Salaah in Jamaat and even the Salaah itself, so as not to miss a moment in watching men run after a ball. Let us relate this to real life and the inevitable : How will this benefit us in this world and the hereafter ? Will any one of these sports players be able to intercede on our behalf, before Allah Ta’ala, when we have to account for our actions, for our indulgence in futile and even Haraam activities?

Our Nabi (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) said : “... Do not forgo Salaah intentionally, lest you should get out of the fold of Islam. Do not perpetrate disobedience to Allah, lest you deserve His Wrath...” Rasulullah (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) also said: “The dividing line between kufr and Imaan is Salaah.” And : “A person who has missed one Salaah is like one who has lost all his family and wealth.”

Just as we would be grief-stricken at the loss of all of our beloved family members and the loss of all of our wealth, properties, etc. similarly should we grieve over losing just ONE Salaah? Those few who do perform Salaah at the stadium or grounds, whilst the shouting, screaming, music, drink and other sins are being engaged in simultaneously, should think for themselves of what a display of hypocrisy they make.

2.) WASTAGE AND EXTRAVAGANCE

Allah Ta’ala states explicitly : “...And do not squander recklessly. Surely, squanderers are brothers to Shaytaan, and Shaytaan is very ungrateful to his Lord.” [Surah Bani Israeel 17 : 26/27]

Spending R800 or R1000, whether more or less, on one ticket – and we know many are spending much, much more, on many tickets - is money wasted, and wastage and squandering are categorized as sin in Islam – whether on that which is permissible or otherwise. Moreover, the sin is compounded when it is being spent to view something which is at a place hosting a combination of evils.

Besides the tickets for the various matches, much more money will be spent on travel and accommodation – with airfares and rates going through the roof. Consider how many loaves of bread, how many litres of milk or necessities of life, could have been provided for thousands that live below the bread line or thousands more that are in dire need of medical assistance ... How can we be so complacent when so many are without food, water, electricity, medicine and other such needs ? Doesn’t our Imaan and conscience trouble us in the least ? Moreover, wastage and extravagance are a cause of drought, high cost living and other forms of punishment.

3.) MUSIC

Almost every venue, event and occasion today seems to demand “music” as part of the entertainment. As Muslims, we know fully well, that music is not the “pleasure” of a true believer because Nabi (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) specifically mentioned that one of his objectives was to destroy musical instruments. Rasulullah (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) said : “My Rabb has commanded me to destroy all musical instruments...” and also : “Music causes hypocrisy to grow in the heart just as water causes crops to grow.”

According to another Hadith of Nabi (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam): ‘Music is from Shaytaan and accommodating it in any way is nifaaq (hypocrisy).’ Ibn Walih (RA) said : “Beware of music because music reduces shame, it increases lust and destroys one’s dignity and respect. Its effect is like the effect of alcohol.” Then, would it be morally correct for a MUSLIM to be present at such an event where Music is ‘a must have’ ?

4.) ALCOHOL

The Ahadith make mention : “Wine is the gatherer of sin.”, “Wine is the route to indecency and is one of the major sins.” Nabi (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) also said : “...and do not take to drinking, for that is the mother of all evils.” Every person that is associated to alcohol – be it the manufacturer, the one who transports, the one who sells, buys or serves comes under the curse of Allah Ta’ala. And those that keep company and incline towards the transgressors have to contend with the same consequences, for Allah Ta’ala warns us : “ Do not incline to the transgressors for then the fire will touch you.”

5.) ZINA (ADULTERY / FORNICATION)

Allah Ta’ala says : “AND COME NOT NEAR TO ZINA. VERILY IT IS A SHAMEFUL AND EVIL PATH” [SURAH AL- ISRA 17 : 32]

It is a very evident fact that these events promote Zina in abundance. Besides adultery of the eyes which is also categorized as zina (adultery) and which is very common at these types of venues with the indecent and revealing attire, there is actual zina that is being promoted and advertised. With the thousands of prostitutes that are visiting our country and the thousands more that are local – what else can be expected, except an escalation in adultery and fornication and a much higher risk of very severe punishment descending... (May Allah Ta’ala protect us from His punishment)

The summary and outline of Ahadith, is that plague, poverty, diseases which were unheard of previously, earthquakes, drought and destruction, birth of illegitimate children, and even escalation of deaths will follow in the wake of adultery and immorality. If a person commits adultery, then the priceless and invaluable commodity of Imaan leaves his body. Hazrat Anas (RA) narrated that Rasulullah (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) said : “Imaan is a garb with which Allah clothes whomsoever He wishes. If a person commits adultery, this garb is snatched away and if he repents, it is again returned.” Then what will be the condition of the person who dies whilst committing zina ?

6.) HERO-WORSHIPPING

Allah Ta’ala has mentioned in the Qur’aan Sharief, in Surah Munafiqoon: “BUT HONOUR BELONGS TO ALLAH, HIS MESSENGER AND THE BELIEVERS...” And in Surah An-Nisaa :

“...TO THOSE WHO TAKE FOR FRIENDS UNBELIEVERS RATHER THAN BELIEVERS : IS IT HONOUR THEY SEEK AMONG THEM ? NAY, - ALL HONOUR IS WITH ALLAH.”

To deal honestly and truthfully with disbelievers or to assist the poor and needy amongst them, are from

the teachings of Islam. However, to integrate with them in such a manner, that we lose our Islamic identity or give up on our Islamic culture is prohibited because it is inevitably extremely harmful to one’s Imaan.

‘O PEOPLE OF IMAAN! DO NOT TAKE MY ENEMIES AND YOUR ENEMIES AS FRIENDS, INCLINING TOWARDS THEM WITH LOVE. VERILY, THEY HAVE REJECTED THE TRUTH WHICH HAS COME TO YOU (FROM YOUR RABB)...’

[SURAH MUMTAHINA 60 : 1]

Many have given up Imaan and Islam due to very close friendship and relationship with those who do not believe in Allah Ta’ala, His Final Messenger (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) and the Day of Judgement. ...So we find people going crazy and wild over soccer players, cricket players and their likes. And one wonders, what is all the clamour and fuss about ?... when their “outstanding” achievement in life seems to be, kicking, throwing or hitting a ball...? Does this call for hero-worship? Is this our SHALLOW understanding of success as Muslims?

Do we not know that the most successful of all people are the Ambiyaa (Prophets) and their followers ? Are we even aware of the tremendous successes of the Sahabah ? They were MEN. And Brave Men. Their history, their feats, their conquests drown out the thousands of insignificant goals scored by soccer players. We should reflect over our obsession, veneration and craze of film stars, sport-stars and others who are presently the enemies of Allah Ta’ala. ...A warning has been sounded, directing us to make sincere taubah. Allah Ta’ala states in the Qur’aan Sharief : ‘O PEOPLE OF IMAAN! DO NOT TAKE MY ENEMIES AND YOUR ENEMIES AS FRIENDS, INCLINING TOWARDS THEM WITH LOVE. VERILY, THEY HAVE REJECTED THE TRUTH WHICH HAS COME TO YOU (FROM YOUR RABB)...’ [SURAH MUMTAHINA 60 : 1]

We seem to forget that we are Muslims and all Muslims have dangerous enemies: So whilst our enemies shrewdly convince us to spend thousands of Rands, waste our energy and time on useless, futile sports such as the World Cup, they gleefully bomb, kill, rape, oppress and harass our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world ... but we are so intoxicated with World Cups that we don’t even know our enemies have deceived us.

Have we not witnessed enough enmity in Occupied Palestine, in Pakistan, Kashmir, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia and other parts of the world? Those who were considered friends and companions were the first to assault, kill, maim and even rape our Muslim brothers and sisters, for no other reason than that they are Believers in Allah Ta’ala. ...Have we not taken any lesson ? Have we not witnessed blood of the Muslims flowing in Bosnia, like rivers ? When we claim to have love for Allah Ta’ala, how then can we love these types of sporting events ?

Allah Ta’ala advises us : “O YOU WHO BELIEVE! TAKE NOT FOR FRIENDS UNBELIEVERS RATHER THAN BELIEVERS : DO YOU WISH TO OFFER ALLAH AN OPEN PROOF AGAINST YOURSELVES?” ...In other words, we should not make them bosom pals. Once again, it does not mean that we should not treat them with kindness, deal honestly and assist when there is need. ...However : Will participation and support in the World Cup attract them towards Islam ?

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The Path to Allah Ta`aala, Most High

The Obstacles: The Sin of Zina... A True story

Zina (adultery) "And do not even draw near to Zina, It is a shameless act and an evil path indeed." (c17; v 32)

It was where Abdullah worked that Shaytaan spread his net in order to snare him. Abdullah was punctual with his Salaah. He dressed according to the Sunnah and was a happily married man with four beautiful children.

Shaytaan, as we all know, can never stand the sight of a happy couple. Allah Ta`ala had warned us: "And Shaytaan indeed is an open enemy unto mankind." Shaytaan spread his net in order to destroy the rather complacent Abdullah.

She was a new employee at the firm. An aura of innocence and piety surrounded her. A tightly worn scarf would not display even a single strand of hair. She worked on the same floor as Abdullah.

It started off with a single sweet simple "Assalamu-Alaykum".

Poor Abdullah never sat in the company of righteous Ulama. Many a times he heard ladies making Salaam in an enchanting manner on Radio stations. Well, it must be fine to reply, he thought. After all, Islam teaches us not to be rude.

Islam teaches us good character. What harm could there be in replying? And so he smiled and replied, "Wa-alay-kumus-Salaam".

Shaytaan jumped for joy. The bait had been taken. Now it was just a matter of time. "What harm can there be to share one's lunch with your Muslim sister?" whispered Shaytaan. From sweet salutations, the relationship progressed to sharing lunch. From sharing lunch, it progressed to sharing one another's experiences in life. They shared their past experiences of grief, they shared their joys, they shared their hopes for the future. They shared gossip. They shared jokes. They shared and they shared and they shared. And Shaytaan laughed and laughed and laughed. The time had come to reel in the fish.

The sms's started. First innocent simple messages. Abdullah was slowly but surely affected by her wit and her charm. What a magnetic personality. So caring. So considerate. So affectionate. So warm. So vibrant. In her company he felt ten years younger. Shaytaan applauded and celebrated their relationship. He urged them on until the day came when they "could not help their feelings" and they committed Zina!

Abdullah's wife sensed a difference in him. When she broached the subject, he brushed it off. But a woman knows, she just somehow knows when her husband is messing around. Her knowing was not merely the product of suspicion. Her knowing was based on all the tale-tell signs: coming home late, indifference to her, getting angry without reason, taking extra care with his appearance, jealously guarding his cell phone etc., dropping the phone when she unexpectedly entered the room. So she realized that her worst nightmare, nay in fact, the worst nightmare of any Muslim woman was coming true.

And then came the day when Abdullah committed the ultimate mistake: he forgot his cell phone at home. The truth is that he never "forgot" it. Allah Ta`ala made him forget it. For Allah Ta`ala has Shame and Haya. And Abdullah was shamelessly cheating on his loyal wife who bore him four beautiful children. And Abdullah was shamelessly sharing his lunch which his wife prepared so caringly for him. Allah Ta`ala has Shame, and so Abdullah, the shameless, heartless, scoundrel was made to forget his cell phone.

An hour later he rushed into the house. "My cell phone, my cell phone!" he screamed like a possessed person. He ran into the bedroom. He rushed to the pedestal where he used to keep his cell phone. His heart flipped for a moment — the cell phone was not there!

And then he saw her. Her looks resembled the look of an innocent stricken wounded bird flying through a violent storm. She was sitting on the bed, crying with torrents of tears streaming down her face. And why not, she had in her hands all the evidence in the world of her husband's treachery...his cell phone!

At first, Abdullah sought to defend himself. "You have no right to look into my cell phone. It is Haraam for you to do so," he raged. She spoke not a word.

Then Abdullah tried to justify himself. "It was nothing serious" She spoke not a word. Then he became violent: "You drove me to it". She spoke not a word.

Then he pleaded for one more chance. "I promise I will not contact her anymore." She spoke not a word. She just remained silent, crying and crying. Crying for herself...crying for her aged parents...and above all, crying for her children.

Abdullah had to return to work. Aaah! Shaytaan whispered to him. "A box of chocolates with a bunch of roses will do the trick."

Poor Abdullah! Did he really imagine that Allah's Shame and the shame of Allah's Creation could be traded off with a box of chocolates and a bunch of roses? Poor Abdullah, did he really imagine that the severe, bitter, sour, evil, wicked, revolting and disgusting sin of Zina could be obliterated with chocolates and roses. But Abdullah could not think straight anymore. Shaytaan had him by his forelocks. And so Abdullah listened to Shaytaan. He bought the chocolates and the roses. His spirits were high. Everything was going to be all right.

That night when Abdullah returned, he found the house to be deadily silent. No laughter of children greeted him, no fragrance of fresh hot rotis awaited him. The house lights were off. The house was like a Christian graveyard - beautiful outside, full of invisible pain inside. For the sin of Zina he had committed, Abdullah's Jahannam was about to start in the world!

O friend, stop immediately and think. Are you an "Abdullah?" Make Taubah before Allah exposes you. Do not take the path of Shaytaan. He will surely abandon you as he abandoned Abdullah. (To be continued, Insha-Allah)

The Destination: Jannah...

"Most certainly, those who have Imaan and who carry out good deeds shall have Gardens beneath which rivers flow. This is the supreme success." (c85;v11)

He was a Saudi official checking in passengers at the Jeddah airport. He was suited in his uniform. Upon his forehead the signs of years of Sujood left a mark which surely was the envy of the angels in the sky. He was a living manifestation of the Qur'aanic verse: "Their hallmark is on their faces because of the effect of Sujood." Here was a true companion of Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. A full fisted flowing beard added to the glitter of his radiant face. Whilst attending to the formalities, he suddenly looked up. The smile was replaced with grief and worry. In an emotionally filled quivering voice, he said: "Make Du'aa. Please make Du'aa for me. I need your Du'aas. I have one big worry!"

The thought crossed the mind that perhaps someone near and dear was seriously unwell. Or perhaps he was going to lose his job. Or perhaps he was in trouble with the law. He was asked: "What do you want Du'aa to be made for?"

"Make Du'aa..." he said with panic and distress, "that Allah grant me the success of Jannah. I want to desperately go to Jannah. Please make Du'aa for me!"

Such an Imaani heart, such desperate yearning, such firm Yaqeen — May Allah Ta`aala make the acquisition of Jannah our ultimate ambition, our ultimate goal and the very reason for our living. (Ameen)

The Vehicle: 'Ilm (Knowledge)...

"Knowledge is incumbent on every Muslim (male and female)" (Hadith)

The benefits of becoming an Aalim are too many to mention. A few are hereunder recorded:

1) *Allah Ta'aala has mentioned Himself, the Angels and the Ulama in one Aayat. "Allah bears witness that there is no Lord besides Him, and the Angels and the Ulama bear witness..."*

2) *Allah Ta'aala has promised high stages for the Aalim: "And the Ulama will have high stages."*

3) *Allah Ta'aala has praised them by saying "Verily, the Ulama are the ones who fear Allah..."*

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam has said:

1) *"The Ulama of my Ummah are like the Ambiyaa of the Bani Israaeel."*

2) *"The Ulama are the inheritors of the Prophets."*

3) *"A single Faqeeh is more severe upon Shaytaan than a thousand worshippers."*

A teacher educates the brain... An Aalim enlightens the soul.

A surgeon prolongs life, an Aalim makes that life worth living.

The Path calls for Sacrifices...

"O you who have Imaan, fear Allah, seek a means towards Him and strive in His Way so that you may be successful." (c5;v 35)

Alhamdulillah, the article, "The Path to Allah" in the previous issue of "The Shariah", has elicited widespread joy from not only South African Muslims, but from abroad as well.

And why not...for at the end of the day what matters most is how each one of us need to reach out to Allah Ta'ala.

Only that person is successful in reaching his destination who knows the road and its perils, who takes along the necessary provisions and is fully equipped.

In proportion to how desperate a person is in order to reach his destination, so much courage, guts, gumption and verve he will display.

It is such mettle that has allowed men, to crest dizzying mountain peaks and brave the deepest of oceans. And in his quest, he forgot and sacrificed all his joys and comforts.

And in his pursuit, nothing mattered, not the warmth of his family, not the comfort of his home, nor the danger to his soul. So desperate, so full of purpose he was, that nothing and nothing could stop him from achieving his goal.

And when he reached his goal, he alone knows the almost painful joy of the conqueror, the victor who had overcome cynicism and skepticism, who had stumbled across obstacles and who had negotiated perils and dangers and who above all had overcome his own fears.

It is this spirit to which Allah Ta'ala invites all of mankind. "He who crawls towards Me, I walk towards him, he who walks towards Me, I run towards him, he who runs towards Me I place him in My Lap!"

So walk the Path of Allah! Take that first unstable step. Start that first Salaah. Commence that first Sunnah. Abstain from that one sin. Obtain that one extra Thawaab. Let the heart throb just a little more when we hear the word "Jannah". Let a frown appear on the forehead when the word "Jahannam" is said. Let the Imaan grow and blossom. Let the Imaan Pump. Walk the path of Allah who said:

"He who strives towards Us, We surely will show him the Way."

CHRISTIANS HAVE A 'NEW TESTMENT' - HOW THEY LOST THEIR DEEN!

Allah's Rasul (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam) cursed the Yahud and the Nasaara for adopting their Ulama as deities. The Jews and Christians set aside the Shariah and followed the instructions, orders and commands of their Rabbis, Priests and Popes.

Never did they dare question, nor venture to probe the decisions of the learned elite though it blatantly contravened the Holy Scriptures. They placed affinity and kinship, respect and reverence above their Shariah. They were awe-struck, mesmerized and influenced by rulers and seniors to the extent that they became intellectually dysfunctional and morally paralysed.

As a result of their silence, their religion became mutilated beyond recognition.

Forbidden acts were viewed with favour and encouraged; customs were transformed into Deen and the Deen itself was subjected to the whims and fancies of the Priests, Popes and Rabbis. Changing, chopping, slicing, amending and altering the Deen became their daily pre-occupation. Lamenting this sad state of affairs, Allah Subhanahu Wata'aala states: "Those who made their Deen into play and amusement and whom the worldly life deceived..."

Slowly but surely, the sanctimonious Shariah was dismantled brick by brick. By the demands of the populous, bits by bits of it were discarded.

Eventually, a time dawned that Ibaadat and Taqwa were transplanted with rites and rituals. So astray were they that the Ummah of Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam beseech Allah Ta'aala daily in each Rak'aat of Salaah not to lead them on "the road of those who are astray."

Take the example of legalising cinema in Saudi Arabia.

Can anyone seriously doubt the Hurmat (prohibition) of music in Islam? Did Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam not close his Mubaarak ears when passing by a shepherd who was playing his flute? Did Rasulullah Sallallahu alayhi Wasallam not say that I have been sent to destroy musical instruments? Are the films not loaded with music from the beginning to the end? Similarly, did the Holy Qur'an not instruct men to lower their gazes?

Did Allah's Rasul not turn away the face of a Saahabi who was staring at a woman? Did Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam not instruct his wives to absent themselves from the company of a blind Saahabi? Do we not have an example in Allah's Rasul Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam?

Yet, differences of opinion amongst Ulama are cited for legalizing the Haraam. If we allow the present trend to be left unchallenged, our children would be saddled with a "New Shariah".

Already some aspects of the original Shariah appear to be strange and old fashioned. Thus, we need to exercise great vigilance in order to protect The Shariah and Islam from being modified and distorted.

SMOKING & MUSIC PART OF ISLAM...?!?

Islam is not against music, smoking or women's emancipation...The blame for radicalization should be shared by ignorant Muslim preachers (Bashy Qureishy, Chair Advisory Council, Denmark. Newsweek April 20, 2009)

In Malawi

Malawi move to ban polygamy angers Muslims

Muslims in Malawi have been angered by government plans to ban polygamy.

A spokesman for the Muslim Association of Malawi told the BBC the proposed law would discriminate against the country's Muslim minority.

Should the ban come into affect, those already in polygamous marriages would not be affected, but those who flout it could face imprisonment.

SOLUTIONS TO THE HALAAL PROBLEM!

The Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng understands the need for a unified Halaal certifying body. This body should operate on the following principles:

- 1) No money should be extorted from any businessman, Muslim or non-Muslim. Just as we sponsor our own Masaajids, Darul-Uloms, Yateem Khanas, and scores of other Islamic activities, so should this Halaal certifying body be supported financially by sponsorships and the Muslim public. Allah Ta'aala has promised His Divine Assistance from the unseen to all those who assist His Cause.
- 2) This body should immediately request the authorities for exemption from stunning the animals. The authorities are bound to accede to the request. The Jews have been exempted from stunning animals, so why should Muslims not be exempted? This measure will bring a great deal of relief and unity within our ranks. Following a contentious Fatwa, fans the flames of disunity and confusion.
- 3) This body should be absolutely transparent and genuinely allow unfettered inspections. Each province should have an independent committee comprising of both Ulama and non-Ulama. Security clearance cards should be handed to the committees to inspect any abattoir at any time.
- 4) It is impossible to deftly slaughter the mind boggling 40 chickens per minute. Muslims should contribute to the employment of additional slaughterers.
- 5) There should be no confusion in the certification process. Sanha's preposterous "Halaal, Halaal cautioned, Halaal certified, no comment" etc. simply has no place in the Divine and the Sacred Halaal institution of Islam.
- 6) No non-Muslim outlet should be certified under any circumstances, irrespective of how much guarantees they give that the products they serve will be Halaal.
- 7) Muslim businesses should be actively canvassed to start their own poultry farms and abattoirs so that

we become independent from non-Muslim companies such as Rainbow, Early Bird and Rocklands chickens. Islam cannot allow non-Muslims to have a say in matters of Halaal. Many are the plants in which labour and the procurement of slaughterers is outsourced to non-Muslim companies. This is a fact which Sanha cannot deny. Muslims refuse to accept that their Institutions bow to the whims and fancies of non-Muslim capitalist companies who are driven by greed for profits.

8) Not a single Israeli product should be certified. This is of paramount importance. Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam instructed that all trade with the Makkan Quraish be boycotted. The least that we Muslims can do is to stand by our brutalised Palestinian brothers and not to turn the daggers thrust into their hearts by certifying the product of the enemies that have usurped their land.

The above ideas, though not perhaps entirely perfect or exhaustive, are merely guidelines which the community could debate upon further.

One Day we will all stand in front of our Creator. We did not become Ulama in order to obtain certificates. We did not become Ulama to obtain name and fame. We did not become Ulama to become the beloved of the creation. We became Ulama, with the Fadl of Allah to recognize our Rabb and to save our souls. We became Ulama in order to guide the Ummah towards Allah and His Rasul Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. We became Ulama in order to protect The Shariah from all types of interpolations and distortions. Allah Ta'aala took a pledge from the Ulama of the Yahud and Nasaara: "Do not fear people, fear ME." A much greater pledge was taken from the souls of the Ulama of the Best of Ummats!

May Allah Ta'aala endow us with His Khauf.

Was-Salaam

HOW THE KZN JAMIAT WAS STABBED IN THE BACK! THE KZN JAMIAT'S LETTER:

Assalaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuh

We are members of UUCSA however we were not informed of any meeting between members of UUCSA and the Minister (of Justice).

We are rather astonished and disturbed that we had to learn of such meeting via your good self and the media.

The Jamiat (KZN) had strongly opposed the decision made by the other members of UUCSA to proceed with the Bill.

Insha Allah we will be taking up this matter with UUCSA immediately.

Shukran
Was Salaam

Who will police the Bill? Example one! Radio "Islam"

To claim that the Ulama will police the Bill is nothing but wishful thinking. We have the precedent of Radio Islam. When Radio Islam commenced with the noblest of intentions, they operated within the ambit of the Shariah. However, when BCC demanded that they bring

women on air, they abandoned the Shariah and caved in to the pressure under the pretext of "holy overseas Ulama say it is permissible for women to broadcast their voices." In an attempt to comply to the above Fatwa, Radio Islam brought on elderly women with gruff voices. When the community made a mockery of this, Radio Islam again surrendered. We now have the lamentable Haraam situation of young women operating under pet names and daily broadcasting news, weather, the gold price etc. in alluring and enchanting tones...in the name of Islam!

Who will police the Bill? Example two: Sanha...

Sanha started with a noble intention. How far the organization has drifted is clear from the following. Responding to a question on their propaganda station as to how the public could trust Sanha's products when they cannot even get their labeling right, Navlakhi replied:

"These are labelling problems that occur from time to time. They have occurred in the past, they have occurred now again, (with the pork labels), and THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT IT (LABELS WITH PORK) WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. One err, err you know, you know not to underplay this whole err err err problem that has been occurring or that has occurred err there are sufficient controls that are put in place err err you know in saying this with sufficient err err but we are improving the systems all the time as well err err ..." (Interview on Radio 'Islam' on 12th March)

Sanha operates with the blessings of The Fordsburg Jamiat who is a founding member of Uuca.

Sanha has certified non-Muslim restaurants on guarantees of a Kaafir. Israeli products are certified as Halaal even as the Yahud brutalize Muslims. "Halaal, Halaal cautioned, Halaal certified, no comment on whether it is Halaal or Haraam, not Halaal certified but not Haraam, not Haraam until certified as Halaal," — Today it is the above. Tomorrow it could be "Nikaah certified, Nikaah certified though under investigation, Nikaah certified precautionary, Nikaah certified until Talaaq is certified." The Halaal industry has caused havoc amongst ordinary Muslims (mineral water of Casinos are also certified as Halaal!). The danger of the MPL Bill is much more severe. Non-Muslim judges will rule Muslim couples to be divorced, women will re-marry although they have not obtained Talaaq from their Muslim husbands. When these women "remarry", children will be born out of wedlock. It must now be clear to even the most ardent supporter of MPL that everything, from inheritance to guardianship will be thrown into a tumultuous confusion by the MPL Bill. Moreover, it should be noted that women "judges" would be appointed to serve in the MPL Courts as well as modernist university graduates.

The solution to the many problems confronting Muslim women can easily be solved by establishing our own Islamic courts.

Pictures, Photography—Photographic, Digital— All Flagrantly Haraam The Consensus of the Ulama

9. Hazrat Mufti Sayyid Abdur Raheem Saheb Lajpuri (Rahmatullahi Alaihi)

“In the absence of necessity and legal compulsion—a valid Shar’i reason—it is not permissible to take photos and nor to have one’s photo taken. It is sinful. If one has taken a photo it should be destroyed and *taubah*, *istighfaar* should be made. Seek forgiveness from Allah Ta’ala.

There is no Shar’i concession to take photos for the purpose of remembrance or to send home or to show the prospective bride and bridegroom. If someone needs to see [the bride] he should go and see. Besides the sin of pictures in this [sending photos for marriage purposes] there are other evils attached to it.”
(Fataawa Raheemiyah, 6/271)

10. Hazrat Mufti Kifaayatullah Saheb (Rahmatullahi Alaihi)

After a visit to Egypt by the *Jamiatul Ulama* of India in connection with the plight of the oppressed Palestinians, when preparing to leave, a number of Egyptian Ulama and dignitaries came to greet the delegation of *Jamiatul Ulama Al-Hind*. The dignitaries requested for a photo to be taken, but Mufti Kifaayatullah Saheb emphatically refused and declared it *haraam*. In view of certain Egyptian scholars having issued a fatwa of permissibility of photography, a discussion ensued. A brief recording of the discussion appears in *Biography of Mufti Kifaayatullah* as follows:

“Ulama-e-Misr: The impermissibility only applies to those pictures which are made by the work of the human hand. In photography, no such thing is needed. It is simply a reflection of the picture.

Hadhrat Mufti Saheb: So how does this ‘reflection’ become transferred from the lens to the paper?

Ulama-e-Misr: It requires much [i.e. technical] work.

Hadhrat Mufti Saheb: What is the difference between “human handiwork” and “much work”?

Ulama-e-Misr: Yes, they are the same thing.

Hadhrat Mufti Saheb: Hence, their ruling is the same [i.e. photography is just as *haraam* as drawing pictures with the hand].”

The response of Hadhrat Mufti Kifaayatullah Saheb left the Egyptian Ulama present speechless and very impressed.

11. Shaikhul Islam Hazrat Moulana Husain Ahmad Madani (Rahmatullahi Alaihi)

“I never ever had my photo taken knowingly and voluntarily. That takes place when I am unaware, and I do not consider it permissible. Those who do that [i.e. take other peoples’ pictures] are responsible for their actions. (Ma’arif wa Haqaiq, 380)

In certain websites photos of the Madani family and the *Jamiatul Ulama Al-Hind* are screened in an attempt to mislead the unwary public into believing that our Ulama view photography to be permissible. The vehement stance of our Akaabir (senior) Ulama as is evident from Hazrat Moulana Madani’s and Hazrat Mufti Kifaayatullah’s statements reproduced above suffices to convince even a layman that the founders and stalwarts of *Jamiatul Ulama Al-Hind* were absolutely against the evil abomination of photography. And why should they not be when Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) warned of dire consequences for those who make and take pictures?

12. Mufti Shuaib Aalam (Jamiah Uloom-e-Islaamiyyah, Allaamah Binnoori Town, Karachi), Hafithahullah

“Our investigation concludes that images formed through digital technology [digital pictures] should be called pictures. The reasons are mentioned hereunder:

The objective of the Shariah is to ban the preservation of pictures of animate objects. This is the basis and rationale [of the prohibition]. The long history of mankind tells us that this [making pictures] spawns *fitnah*. In the digital system the abomination of preserving a picture is found.

The essence of picture-making is to copy and display the original. In the history of mankind various ways have been used to achieve this purpose. Of those methods the digital system is the most advanced and superior method. The methodology has progressed. The tools have taken different forms. The pattern has changed. But the basic reality and central aim is the same, viz. ‘production of a portrait of the original’.

The difference between the olden method and the modern method is confined to the medium of preservation. The essence and reality of picture-making are common to both. When our seniors declared images made via olden methods to be pictures, then images produced through modern methods will also be declared to be pictures. The reason for this is that the reality is jointly found in both. Thus both will share the same ruling [of prohibition]. (Bayyinaat, Ramadhaan/Shawwaal 1429H)

The venerable Mufti Saheb gives a further seven reasons for the prohibition of digital pictures. The fatwa of Mufti Shuaib Aalam Saheb is endorsed by leading Ulama and Muftis of Pakistan. A detailed treatise on the subject has also been prepared. But what is quite significant is that the fatwa emanates from *Jamiah Uloom-e-Islaamiyyah of Newtown, Karachi*—the institution where many of our local “Ulama” who are feverishly campaigning and actively indulging in photography have their roots in. These “learned men” who have fallen prostrate into shaitaan’s deception should take

lesson from those Ulama who repented for their grievous error of indulgence in photography. Moulana Abdul Kalaam Aazad (Rahmatullahi Alaihi) who published his newspaper *Al-Hilaal* for years with pictures was guided to the Haq and confessing his error stated unambiguously:

“It is not permissible to have photos taken nor keeping photos and publishing photos. It was a grave error on my part to have my photos taken and to publish *Al-Hilaal* with photos. I have repented from that error. My former errors should be concealed [i.e. his photos should not be publicized. In fact, they should be destroyed]. They should not be given fresh publication.”

The above candid confession of Moulana Abdul Kalaam Aazad Saheb is recorded in Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi Saheb’s treatise *At-Tasweer li Ahkaamit Tasweer*. This detailed treatise and Hazrat Mufti Shafi Saheb’s other treatise on the subject titled *Kashfus Sijaaf an Wajhi Photograph* have to be incumbently studied by our Ulama so as to educate themselves on the nature and gravity of photography, thus saving themselves and the Ummah from the Wrath of Allah Azza wa Jall.

The Asaatizah and Akaabir of our local Ulama have categorically declared the institution of photography—digital and what not—to be *haraam*. The argument is thus sealed. And our duty is simply to deliver the clear message.

ISRAELI GUARD TEARS QUR’AN

Tearing of Islam’s holy book of Quran by Israeli prison guards has sparked new outrage across Palestine against Tel Aviv regime’s religious bigotry.

A detainees’ society reported the sacrilegious measure, asserting that an Israeli prison guard in Ashkelon jail seized a prisoner’s Quran during a cell search and tore it into pieces.

Palestinian Authority Chief Justice Sheikh Tayseer al-Tamimi issued a statement on the incident on Monday and strongly condemned recurring insults on Islamic sanctities by Israeli forces. The move reveals the extent of “extremism, religious hatred and racism in Israel,” he said.

The sheikh said it was not the first occasion during which “Israeli forces have disrespected the Noble Quran, having done so in the al-Arroub refugee camp and in Megiddo prison.”

Tamimi stressed that religious books, including the Quran, should be respected by followers of all religions. “But Israeli guards do not do so,” he regretted, saying he held the Israeli regime and Israeli Prison Service responsible for the insult.

Last month, assailants who looked like Israeli settlers broke into the Bilal Ben-Rabah Mosque in the village of Hawara, near Nablus. They sprayed graffiti, including a Jewish Star of David, on the walls of the mosque alongside the name of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) in Hebrew and set fire to two cars outside the building.

Extremist settlers also vandalized a mosque in the West Bank village of Yasuf in December. The vandals attacked the holy site overnight and burned prayer mats and a book stand with sacrosanct, Islamic texts. They also sprayed threatening messages on the mosque walls reading, “Get ready to pay the price” and “We will burn all of you.” www.aljazeera.com

THE ABOVE IS JUST A TIP OF THE ISRAELI OPPRESSIVE ICEBERG!

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Rajioon!

The Fuel: Halaal Food...

“O Prophets, eat from the Pure things and do good acts” (c23;v51)

Fueling the body with Haraam makes it impossible to tread the Path to Allah, Most High. Haraam food leads a person to the path of Shaytaan. Eating pure inclines the heart towards good acts. Eating Haraam inclines the heart towards committing evil acts.

We respectfully submit to the public that we hear them when they say that they are tired of the Halaal/Haraam issue. “Why can’t we move on?” is the often lamented cry. We assure the public that we also wish to move on. However, no vehicle can move on without the correct fuel. The Auliya have stated that Halaal is ninety percent of Ibaadah. Neither is the Salaah nor the Du’aas accepted of the one whose body is nourished by haraam.

Part and parcel of the Ulama’s responsibilities is to keep the public informed of important issues with regards to Halaal/ Haraam. In the light of this serious and sacred duty, we humbly present to the public the Pronutro cereals affair.

After repeatedly requesting Bokomo foods to supply a list of their products etc. a Taqwa-conscious doctor received the following reply:

From: Brown, Carol
Sent: 07 April 2010 03:53 PM
Subject: FW: Bokomo Foods Enquiry .FURTHER INQUIRY

Dear XXX,

Thank you, once again for your inquiry. According to the feedback received from our research and development and quality assurance departments: We are using a flavour in the ProNutro base which gives it the ‘typical’ ProNutro flavour. Unfortunately, this flavour is not Halaal certified. We have conducted trials, in which we endeavoured to find a replacement for this flavour, but they were unfortunately not successful. We thank you for your valued support and feedback and hope to restore your faith and trust in our products and service.

Kind regards Carol Brown [Customer Services , Bokomo Foods Fax: +27 21 8075118—A division of Pioneer Foods (Pty) Ltd. Tel: +27 21 9707300]

Why would SANHA ever certify **pure water** for a HARAAM CASINO if they are not motivated by making money?



EXCERPT OF LIST SUPPLIED BY BOKOMO FOODS {Note: This list below was forwarded to the doctor by Bokomo themselves. The details of the products, ingredients, kosher and halaal status are clearly defined by Bokomo. Bokomo's **Halaal** status clearly indicate that **ALL** their Pronutro flavours are **NOT Halaal**. This admission is in addition to the above letter wherein they informed the doctor that the **flavouring used in ALL Pronutro products are not halaal-certified.**}

PRODUCT	INGREDIENTS	KOSHER	HALAAL
Pronutro Original	Maize, Soya, Sugar, Chicory (Source of fructo-oligo saccharides), Minerals (Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Tricalcium phosphate, Reduced Iron, Zinc Oxide, Magnesium Oxide), Salt, Nature identical flavours, Amino acids (Lysine & Methionine), Vitamins, and Beta Carotene (E160A)	Yes (Milchik)	No
Pronutro Whole-wheat Original	Wheat flour (Gluten), Soya, Wheat bran (Gluten), Sugar, Chicory (Source of Fructo-oligo Saccharides), Minerals (Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Tricalcium Phosphate, Electrolytic Iron, Zinc Oxide, Magnesium Oxide), Salt, Amino Acids (Lysine & Methionine), Vitamins and Beta Carotene (E160a)	Yes (Milchik)	No
Pronutro Banana	Maize, Soya, Sugar, Chicory (Source of fructo-oligo saccharides), Minerals (Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Tricalcium phosphate, Reduced Iron, Zinc Oxide, Magnesium Oxide), Salt, Nature identical flavours, Amino acids (Lysine & Methionine), Vitamins, and Beta Carotene (E160a)	Yes (Milchik)	No
Pronutro Strawberry	Maize, Soya, Sugar, Milk solids, Chicory (Source of fructo-oligo saccharides), Minerals (Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Tricalcium phosphate, Reduced Iron, Zinc Oxide, Magnesium Oxide), Salt, Nature identical flavours(E1200, E122, E551), Acidifying agents (Citric acid - E330), Amino acids (Lysine & Methionine), Vitamins, Beta carotene (E160a), and Colourants (E122,E160a)	Yes (Milchik)	No
Pronutro Chocolate	Maize, Soya, Sugar, Milk solids, Cocoa Powder, Chicory (Source of fructo-oligo saccharides), Minerals (Potassium Iodide, Sodium Selenite, Tricalcium phosphate, Reduced Iron, Zinc Oxide, Magnesium Oxide), Salt, Nature identical flavour (E1518),Amino acids (Lysine and Methionine), Vitamins, and Beta Carotene (E160a)	Yes (Milchik)	No

From the above correspondence which the Doctor forwarded to the Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng, the following is abundantly clear:

1) Bokomo distinctly admits that (a) their flavouring is **not Halaal certified** and that (b) **ALL** their Pronutro products are **NOT Halaal**.

2) Bokomo furthermore unambiguously informs Muslims that it is conducting trials to find a replacement for the “non Halaal” flavouring it was using

3) Under the status of “Halaal”, the list forwarded by Bokomo emphatically lists ALL Pronutro products under the **“NO”** category.

4) Bokomo frankly informed all the Muslims that they have been **UNSUCCESSFUL** in finding a replacement for the “not certified Halaal” flavouring.

5) Sanha, by their own public admission was engaged in discussions with Bokomo for the past fifteen years. And yet they NEVER informed the Muslim Public regarding Pronutro not being Halaal!

6) In June 2009, Sanha informed the public that ALL Bokomo cereals are certified as Halaal by them. To date, Bokomo insists that they are not certified by anyone and also that their Pronutros are NOT Halaal!

Excerpt from Sanha’s website. E-Bulletin, No.45, June 2009/ Jamaadul Ukhraa 1430 -

Go to: <http://www.sanha.org.za/ebull/ebull145.htm>



Questions & Answers

Q: I would like to find out if bokomos strawberry cereal pops are Halaal suitable.
A: Kindly note that all Bokomo cereals are certified Halaal by SANHA.

We humbly request the public to place themselves in our shoes for a minute.

Here we have an intelligent Taqwa conscious Doctor approaching us with irrefutable documented evidence, evidence which amounts to a damning confession — that a product which is daily consumed by tens of thousands of Muslims, is Haraam. Tens of thousands of Muslims start their day with a

Pronutro bowl of Haraam nourishment.

It was now our moral and Imaani responsibility to inform the public without fearing any one, except Allah, the Only One Worth Fearing. Allah’s Pleasure called and with His Taufeeq, we responded. An Ummati called and we decided, with the Fadl of Allah, to fulfill the Amaanah of the Doctor and the Ummah. We did so because our Imaan, our Islam teaches us that no one can travel the path towards Allah if he consumes Haraam.

Only after the Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng alerted the public, has Sanha now, after fifteen years of having discussions with Bokomo, conceded that some Pronutro cereals are under investigation. “Why not before?” is a question which Sanha must answer! Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam categorized Halaal/Haraam as follows:: “The Halaal is clear, the Haraam is clear and whatever is in between is Mushtabah (doubtful). Abstain from the doubtful”.

Sanha, on the other hand, has the following categories:

“Halaal, Halaal caution. Halaal certified, no comment if it is Halaal or Haraam, Halaal until certified as Haraam, not Haraam until investigations are concluded whether it is Halaal.”

What a mockery of Islam!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS...

Q. Is there any basis for reciting *Astaghfirullah* when yawning?

A. The Hadith states: “Yawning is from *Shaitaan*. Therefore, if any of you yawns he should ward it off as best as he can.” In other words, he should stop the yawn by closing his mouth. If he is unsuccessful in keeping the mouth closed then he should cover his mouth with the back of the left hand. This much is reported. However, reciting *Astaghfirullah* at the time of yawning is not proven from the Hadith.

Q. In the *Tafseer* of the Aayat: “Verily you (O Muhammad) have a sublime character,” it is reported that Hazrat Aishah Siddeeqah (Radhiyallahu anha) said: “Rasoolullah’s practice on the Qur’aan was natural.” It is a principle in the *Shariah* however that rendering *Ibaadat* in opposition to one’s nature is more meritorious than rendering *Ibaadat* when it has become a natural practice to one. Hence in the *Kitaab on Aqaaid, Sharhul Aqaaid An-Nasafi* it is stated that man is superior to the *Malaaiakah* in view of the *Ibaadat* of the *Malaaiakah* being their natural disposition. The question that follows is that, Na’oothu Billah, is Rasoolullah’s *Ibaadat* of an inferior category in view of what Hazrat Aishah (Radhiyallahu anha) said?

A. The words of the Hadeeth read: “His character was the Qur’aan.” Character signifies a trait that has become deep-rooted and which is acquired and is the fruits of diligence. It becomes second-nature, not nature itself. Your question is as a result of understanding second-nature to be a natural disposition. Something becoming second-nature is the product of undergoing voluntary difficulty. This is the yardstick. Hence Allah Ta’ala tells His Nabi: “Once you have completed (your task for the day, i.e. *tableegh* of Islam) then exert yourself (in the *Ibaadat* of your Rabb).” Similarly, there are other Aayaat and Ahadeeth which speak of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) undergoing difficulty in *Ibaadat*. Thus, *Ibaadat* was not a non-volitional propensity in him as it is with the *Malaaiakah*. The *Ibaadat* rendered by Rasoolullah was therefore of sublime standard and he will receive the greatest reward for his *mujaahadah* [self-discipline].

Q. It is said that Shaikh Abu Bakr Ibnul Arabi believes in the extension of Nubuwwat. The Qadianis cite such statements for their baatil beliefs. Is there any truth in what is ascribed to Shaikh Ibnul Arabi?

A. Shaikh Ibnul Arabi’s writings are beyond the comprehension of even many Ulama. Misunderstanding the terminology which Shaikh Ibnul Arabi uses in his writings on *Tasawwuf* has led to many unacquainted people to level all sorts of accusations against the great Shaikh. It is for this reason that Hazrat Moulana Thanwi stated: “The *kutub* of the *Mutaqaddimeen* [former *Mashaaiikh*] are for the *Mutaqaddimeen*. Now, my *kutub* should be studied.” For us non-entities who lack knowledge of even basic *masaail* on Deen the *kutub* of our recent Akaabir—Hazrat Moulana Thanwi, Hazrat Moulana Maseehullah, Hazrat Mufti Mahmood Saheb and others who had gained, directly or indirectly, from the fountain of Hazrat Thanwi’s *ma’rifat*, should be studied. Suffice to say that Shaikh Ibnul Arabi (Rahmatullahi alaihi) never believed and never wrote that a new Nabi with a new *Shariat* is possible after Nabi Muhammad (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam). Such an averment is pure calumny against the Shaikh; the product of *jahaalat* and bad comprehension of the illustrious Shaikh’s writings.

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7.) DRESS

Islam has gifted us with a dress code, which identifies us as Muslims – which makes us flagbearers of Islam, representatives of Nabi (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam), Inviters to Islam. We have been expressly forbidden from adopting any semblance with the cultural or religious dressing style of people of other faiths. By wearing soccer t-shirts, caps, bags with the 2010 football logos clearly indicates our love for the event and the culture. Nabi (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam) said: “The one who imitates others is not of us.” And: “Whoever imitates a nation is of them.”

We are the nation of Islam, and should be rightly proud of our beautiful culture and dress because it is the culture and dress of the greatest after Allah, Rasulullah (Sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa-Sallam)...Is it not the height of foolishness to exchange diamonds for stones ?

8.) MIXED GATHERINGS

The disbelievers have no concept of segregation. They advocate mixed gatherings because it facilitates more sins and immorality. It works in their favour because there is easy gratification of sensual desires and sinful pleasures. The *Shariah* instructs us : ‘IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE TO BE PRESENT IN A GATHERING WHERE ALLAH TA’ALA IS BEING DISOBEYED.’

THE PURPOSE OF CREATION & OBJECTIVE OF LIFE

“We created not the heavens, the earth and all between them, merely in (idle) sport.” [Surah

Dukhaan :38] “Do you then think that We created you in jest and that you would not be brought back to Us (for an account)?” (Surah Mu`minoos 23 :115)

9 Tips to Treat Colds and Flu the 'Natural' Way

No. 1: Blow Your Nose Often -- and the Right Way

It's important to blow your nose regularly when you have a cold rather than sniffing mucus back into your head. But when you blow hard, pressure can cause an earache. The best way to blow your nose: Press a finger over one nostril while you blow *gently* to clear the other. Wash your hands after blowing your nose.

No. 2: Stay Rested

Resting when you first come down with a cold or the flu helps your body direct its energy toward the immune battle. This battle taxes the body. So give it a little help by lying down under a blanket.

No. 3: Gargle

Gargling can moisten a sore throat and bring temporary relief. Try a teaspoon of salt, tsp of vinegar and a pinch of tumeric dissolved in 3/4 cup of warm water, four times daily. To reduce the tickle in your throat, try an astringent gargle -- such as tea that contains tannin -- to tighten the membranes. Or use a thick, viscous gargle made with honey. Steep one tablespoon of raspberry leaves or lemon juice in two cups of hot water; mix with one teaspoon of honey. Let the mixture cool to room temperature before gargling.

No. 4: Drink Hot Liquids

Hot liquids relieve nasal congestion, help prevent dehydration, and can soothe the uncomfortably inflamed membranes that line your nose and throat.

No. 5: Take a Steamy Shower

Steamy showers moisturize your nasal passages and relax you. If you're dizzy from the flu, run a steamy shower while you sit on a chair nearby and take a sponge bath.

No. 6: Use a Salve Under Your Nose

A small dab of mentholated salve under your nose can open breathing passages and help soothe the irritated skin at the base of the nose. Menthol, eucalyptus and camphor all have mild numbing ingredients that may help relieve the pain of a nose rubbed raw.

No. 7: Apply Hot or Cold Packs Around Your Congested Sinuses

Either temperature may help you feel more comfortable. You can buy reusable hot or cold packs at a pharmacy. Or make your own. Take a damp washcloth and heat it for 55 seconds in a microwave (test the temperature first to make sure it's right for you.) Or take a small bag of frozen peas to use as a cold pack.

No. 8: Sleep With an Extra Pillow Under Your Head

This will help with the drainage of nasal passages. If the angle is too awkward, try placing the pillows between the mattress and the box springs to create a more gradual slope.

No. 9: Don't Fly Unless Necessary

There's no point adding stress to your already stressed-out upper respiratory system, and that's what the change in air pressure will do. Flying with cold or flu congestion can hurt your eardrums as a result of pressure changes during takeoff and landing. If you must fly, use a decongestant and carry a nasal spray with you to use just before takeoff and landing. Swallowing frequently can also help relieve pressure.

Remember, serious conditions can masquerade as the common cold and a mild infection can evolve into something more serious. If you have severe symptoms or are feeling sicker with each passing day, see a doctor.

www.webmd.com

APPEAL TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng makes a humble appeal to all Muslims to write to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development objecting to the MPL/MMA Bill. Your letter should be firm yet courteous. Write to:

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development

Mr. J. T. Radebe

Private Bag X276

Pretoria

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Fax: 012 315 1749

Email: ministry@justice.gov.za

Kindly forward us a copy of your letter of objection.

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We intend keeping the Muslim Ummah updated on relevant and latest issues. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, send an email to:

admin@thejamiat.co.za

Sanha had publicly accused the Ameer of The Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng of numerous false allegations. There appears to be no reason for such a despicable act, other than to destroy the confidence and credibility which the Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng increasingly enjoys in the eyes of true Muslims. The affidavit below conclusively dispels all the rumours circulated by Sanha.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Hassim Mohamed, holder of South African Identity Document No : hereby state under oath:

1. I have never orchestrated or disrupted any Musjid program anywhere in South Africa or abroad. I firmly belief in treating the House of Allah Ta'aala with the greatest respect and honour.
2. I have never gate crashed the home of any Radio staffer. I believe firmly that the home of every human being and especially every Muslim is worthy of being treated with dignity and reverence.
3. I, like scores of other Muslims fully support the Scholars of The Truth in the case which they have initiated against Sanha. To this end I have leased a portion of the premises situated at Plot 285 De Deur to the Scholars of The Truth which operates totally independently.
4. I have not provided Mufti Elias or Moulana Olgar with any evidence of any nature against Sanha when I issued my challenge to Sanha. In fact, I have not contacted them in any manner or discussed my challenge with them in any way. My challenge was a complete independent one issued in the interest of the confused Muslim community.
5. I have never claimed that any Aalim is a Murtad. (Apostate)
6. Despite differences, I consider it a boon and a blessing when any Aalim visits me and have never been rude to any such visitor.
7. I have not invalidated any person's Nikaah in the challenge which I made to Sanha.
8. I categorically deny with disgust and revulsion Sanha's email, which alleges that I have fed pork polony to students at our Institution. I do not even consider such polony worthy to be fed to a dog, in accordance to the teachings of Islam.
9. I have never dealt with the pork polony manufacturing company, Cooling Farms, P. O. Box 217, Dalton. In fact, I have never ever heard of them.
10. I have never expelled anyone out of the fold of Islam in my entire life.
11. I have not instigated any slaughterers to be present at the Sanha Mayfair Musjid program which ended in chaos. To the contrary, I attempted to convince them not to attend the meeting. The slaughterers were adamant to present their case to the public which would confirm Sanha's chickens to be Haraam. Sanha denied them this opportunity.
12. I have never paid any money to any slaughterer to give testimony and evidence against Sanha. I belief in acting with integrity, honesty and truth.

I under stand the above to be true.

Signed:

Ek getuieer dat hierin dokument is waer aldreks 'n wêreld is vandat oorspronklike uit my persoonlik besittings en dat volgens my waarnemings die oorspronklike nie op enige wysie is nie

I certify that this document is a true representation / copy of the original which was examined by me and that from my observations, the original is a true copy and in no way manner

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WHAT THE JAMIATUL-ULAMA GAUTENG STANDS FOR...

The Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng was established not as an opposition to any other Jamiat, but as an alternative source for the spiritual and Deeni requirements of the Muslim masses. The need for The Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng is even more appreciated today when numerous Imaani and other grave challenges are facing the Ummah. At a time when there is a determined effort to undermine the Deen in its pristine form and much disinformation propagated, we find it necessary to make our stance clear on certain important issues:

- 1) YES, to Islamic Schools. NO to the violations of The Shariah occurring at the schools.
- 2) YES, to a Halaal monitoring body. NO, to money making ventures and rackets.
- 3) YES, to Islamic Radio Stations. No, to females airing programs in enchanting and sweet voices.
- 4) YES, to the establishment of our own Shar'i courts. No, to making Islam subservient to the verdicts of non-Muslim judges.
- 5) YES, to freedom of Speech. NO, to the publication of blasphemous articles against Allah and His Beloved Rasul Salallahu Alayhi Wasallam.
- 6) YES, to respecting non-Muslims. NO, to submitting to their culture.
- 7) YES, to Da'wah and Tableegh. NO, to the Inter-faith movement which entails listening to the virtues of Kufr and Shirk.
- 8) YES, to respecting Government and love for our country. NO, to the World Cup which is filled with vice and sin.
- 9) YES, to respecting all Muslims and especially Ulama. NO, to those who make a mockery of Deen and who deliberately mislead the innocent Ummah.
- 10) YES, to genuine respect of the Muslim woman. NO, to making her an object of show and display.

MPL IN EGYPT

Egypt is a typical example of how MPL works insidiously to alienate the adherents of Islam from the Shariah thus eroding the morals of Muslims. Alerting Muslims to the perfidious approach of MPL Allaamah Zaahid Kowthari (Rahmatullahi alaih) states:

"I bring to your notice a typical case of the conspiratorial operations of the enemies of Islam. A year ago an orientalist teacher of Azhar gave three lectures on the History of Islamic Jurisprudence. Concluding his talks he said:

'There is one other relationship between the Shariah of Islam and the present constitution which is entirely in conflict with the past history of the Shariah. This relationship is found in the last era of the history of the Shariah. That relationship is the era of the evolution [read: subversion and interpolation] of the Shariah. As a reference it suffices to cite the amendments made to the Islamic constitution of Egypt in 1920 by passing the Personal Law [MPL] Bill.'

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If you are able to distribute "The Shariah" in your area or business, then do write to us requesting a small bulk supply. When you write, kindly supply your name, postal address and area you wish to distribute in. Also, state the quantity you will easily be able to distribute. Shukran

IMPORTANT NOTICE...

The Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng offers a heartfelt apology for the delay in answering the many Fatwas forwarded to it.

The amount of correspondences received makes it difficult to respond to each and every one, timeously.

The Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng has a firm policy of not responding to anonymous letters. This policy is self-explanatory.

We humbly appeal equally to both our critics and supporters to remember us in their Du'aas that Allah Ta'aala inspires us with Ikhlas and Istiqamat. (Ameen).

ONE OF THE MOST AUTHENTIC AHAADITH ON THE VIRTUE OF JUMUAH

Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wsallam) said that the person who takes a bath, hastens early towards the Musjid for Jumuah Salaat, walking and not by conveyance, and (when he reaches the Musjid) draws close to the Imaam and does not speak during the Khutbah, but listens attentively, will receive the reward of ONE YEAR's fasting AND standing in Tahajjud, in lieu of EVERY STEP that he takes. [Abu Dawood]

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