

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَ سَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Lord<sup>-azwj</sup> of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad<sup>-saww</sup> and his<sup>-saww</sup> Purified Progeny<sup>-asws</sup>, and greetings with abundant greetings.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ وَالْعَنُ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

## Biddah (Heresy) eradicates a Noble Sunnah

### Summary:

Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> announced: Today I Perfected your Religion for you and Completed My Favour upon you (5:3), at the end of the last Hajj of the Holy Prophet<sup>-saww</sup>, when the Prophet<sup>-saww</sup> announced his successor at the place of Ghadeer e Khum. Since then, nothing can be added or omitted from Islam. Imam Ali says: No one has established any innovation (heresy) without abandoning (killing) an established noble Sunnah (tradition of Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup>).<sup>1</sup> See for example, Ahadith below:

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عِيسَى بْنِ عُبَيْدٍ عَنْ يُونُسَ عَنْ حَرْبِ بْنِ زُرَّارَةَ قَالَ: سَأَلْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ع- عَنِ الْحَلَالِ وَالْحَرَامِ فَقَالَ حَلَالٌ حَلَالٌ مُحَمَّدٍ حَلَالٌ أَبَدًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَ حَرَامُهُ حَرَامٌ أَبَدًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا يَكُونُ عَيْزُهُ وَ لَا يَجِيءُ عَيْزُهُ وَ قَالَ قَالَ عَلِيُّ ع مَا أَحَدٌ ابْتَدَعَ بِدْعَةً إِلَّا تَرَكَ بِهَا سُنَّةً.

Ali ibn Ibrahim has narrated from Muhammad ibn ‘Isa ibn ‘Ubayd from Yunus from Hariz from Zurara who has said the following:

‘Once I asked Imam Abu ‘Abd Allah<sup>-asws</sup>, recipient of divine supreme covenant, about lawful and unlawful matters and he said, **‘Whatever the Holy Prophet<sup>-saww</sup>, recipient of divine supreme covenant, has made lawful will remain lawful forever until the Day of Judgement and whatever he has made unlawful will remain unlawful forever until the Day of Judgement.** There will be no one other than him and there will come no one other than him.’ He said that Imam Ali<sup>-asws</sup> has said, **‘No one has established any innovation (heresy) without abandoning (killing) an established noble Sunnah (tradition of Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup>)**.<sup>2</sup>

ابن بابويه، قال: حدثنا علي بن أحمد بن محمد (رضي الله عنه)، قال: حدثنا محمد بن أبي عبد الله الكوفي، عن سهل بن زياد الأدمي، عن مبارك مولى الرضا (عليه السلام)، عن الرضا علي بن موسى (عليه السلام)، قال: «لا يكون المؤمن مؤمنا حتى يكون فيه ثلاث خصال: سنة من ربه، و سنة من نبيه، و سنة من وليه.

Ibn Babuwayh said, ‘Ali Bin Ahmad Bin Muhammad narrated to us, from Muhammad Bin Abu Abdullah Al Kufy, from Sahl Bin Ziyad Al Adamy, from Mubarak,

A (devout) slave of Al-Reza<sup>-asws</sup> (reports) from Al-Reza Ali<sup>-asws</sup> Bin Musa<sup>-asws</sup> having said: ‘A Believer cannot become a Believer until there are three characteristics in him (that he adheres

<sup>1</sup> A-Kafi, Vol. 1, H 175, Ch. 19, h19

<sup>2</sup> A-Kafi, Vol. 1, H 175, Ch. 19, h19

to) – A Sunnah from his Lord<sup>-azwj</sup>, and a Sunnah from his Prophet<sup>-saww</sup>, and a Sunnah from his Guardian<sup>-asws</sup>.

فأما السنة من ربه فكتمان السر، قال الله عز و جل: عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَى غَيْبِهِ أَحَدًا إِلَّا مَنِ ارْتَضَى مِنْ رَسُولٍ، و أما السنة من نبيه فمدارة الناس، فإن الله عز و جل أمر نبيه (صلى الله عليه و آله) بمدارة الناس، فقال: خَذِ الْعَفْوَ وَ أْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَ أَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ، و أما السنة من وليه فالصبر على البأساء و الضراء، يقول الله عز و جل: وَ الصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَ الضَّرَّاءِ وَ جِئِنَ الْبَأْسَ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ».

As for the Sunnah from his Lord<sup>-azwj</sup>, so it is the concealment of the secret. Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic [72:26] **The Knower of the unseen! So He does not Reveal His secrets to any, [72:27] Except to him whom He chooses from the Rasool.** And as for the Sunnah from his Prophet<sup>-saww</sup>, so it is the concealment from the people, for Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic Commanded His<sup>-azwj</sup> Prophet<sup>-saww</sup> for concealment from the people, so He<sup>-azwj</sup> Said [7:199] **Take to Forgiveness and enjoin good and turn aside from the ignorant.** And as for the Sunnah from his Guardian<sup>-asws</sup>, so it is the patience upon the evil and adversities. Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic Says [2:177] **and the patient in tribulation and adversity. Such are the people of truth, the pious'**<sup>3</sup>

معاني الأخبار: 1/184، عيون أخبار الرضا (عليه السلام) 1: 256 / 9<sup>3</sup>