

Preface

In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Universe. And Allah's blessing and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad and his progeny.

We, the Shias, have been accustomed to meeting with accusations and have had to put up with them. The accusations against us started on the death of our Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him) and thus we were made the adversary in the history of Islam. As the adversary we have had to bear the persecution and torture of the ruling authorities and the accusations, annoyance, and hurt from people.

Throughout the ages, there was no difference in this state of affairs except in the severity of the attack. Sometimes, something would happen to make the accusation and persecution a little lighter, and then something else would be the cause for a strong assault or set an excuse for another attack.

What occurred in our time was that the Shia committed a great sin and made a serious mistake. According to a verdict issued by the leading religious authority, the Shia in Iran revolted against their shah. The West and the Jews became very angry with this, as were the rulers of many Muslim countries. They started their activities against the Shiite state. It was not long before the anger reached the books and the writers inimical to the Shia and a new attack arose against the Shiism. The old accusations of the Umayyad State were repeated in a new dress, looking for a new axe to grind.

What could be the aim of such writers and editors? Were these works done with good intentions, or is there a logical way to interpret them?

Anyone can analyze and arrive at the conclusion that our time is a peculiar time just as history has been a peculiar history with respect to the Shia! We have been fated to be always paying the price, to put up with the fabrications and lies that have accumulated against us, we must witness, in our time, the alliance between enemy and foreigner, and then we are told: Silence! Do not defend yourselves, if you want us to recognize your Islam, you have to disavow the Prophet's progeny whom he (s) ordered us to follow along with the Qur'an!

Anti Shia attacks had reached such a degree that writers among our Sunni brothers had to refute some of these accusations. They said; why do you slander and level accusations against a respected sect known for a long time in the history of Islam for their great love for the Prophet and his progeny?

Perhaps, the idiocy of the accusers and the weakness of their proofs made thousands of learned Muslims search for Shiism to find their long-sought goal, and declare the honour of belonging to it. But that did not take the responsibility away from the ulama. As a result, some of the Shiite ulama set out to answer the accusations. One of them was the great pious Sheikh Abu Talib at-Tabrizi, to whom we offered some of these accusations and he conceded to write these chapters.

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