

The Shia and the Sunni Refute the Wahhabis

As for the criticism, revilement, exaggeration and the accusation of disbelief that the Wahhabis raise against the Shia because they take the Prophet (S) and his progeny – the infallible Imams (as) – as means of intercession between them and Allah and they visit the shrines of these Imams and consider them as a source of blessing; this accusation is something new that neither the Shia nor the Sunni knew before. Muslims, since the time of the Prophet (S) until now, have kept and are keeping on visiting and seeking blessings from holy places and celebrating it in all the lands of Muslims. No one denied that, except for the Wahhabis who came up with their new doctrine in the fourteenth century of hijra.

It was very natural for the Wahhabis to contradict all Muslims in order to appear as reformers and as people of monotheism on the one hand and on the other hand, to justify their aversion and objection of Muslims to their heresies.¹

Indeed, Muslims have never been tried as they have been tried by the Wahhabis in this century.² It is so because of the following reasons:

Firstly, their mission is false, but they have dressed it in the garment of the truth. They prohibit the beseeching Allah by the means of the Prophet (S) and his progeny and punish for it, claiming that it is a kind of polytheism where Allah says:

Call not upon any one with Allah. (Qur'an, 72: 18)

And this is like the mission of the Kharijites who accused Imam Ali (as) of disbelief and said to him, “*The judgment is not yours, Ali, but to Allah.*” He said:

*This sentence is true but it is interpreted wrongly.*³

It means that the saying of the Kharijites “the judgment is but to Allah” was a word of truth, but the Kharijites intended falsehood by it when they said, “the judgment is not yours, O Ali.” It is certain that the judgment is for Allah alone and not for any human being, but Allah the Almighty made His judgment appear at the hand of His messenger who did not speak out of desire, and then at the hands of the Prophet’s successors whom the Prophet (S) defined and appointed to judge among people with the truth

that he had legislated to them.

Surely, the legislative authority is Allah's alone and does not belong to anyone else and the executive authority is to people alternating with one another. This is something natural that all reasonable people understand. Then, how was it unknown by the Prophet's companions to say, "The judgment is not yours, O Ali"?

Imam Ali (as) reveals to us that they knew the truth, but they wanted the untruth by raising this doubt.

Allah the Almighty says in His Book:

If you judge, judge between them with equity. (Qur'an, 5:42)

Surely, Allah commands you to give over trusts to their owners and that when you judge between people you judge with justice.... (Qur'an, 4:58)

Surely, We have revealed the Book to you with the truth that you may judge between people by means of that which Allah has taught you... (Qur'an, 4:105)

O Dawud! Surely, We have made you a ruler in the land; so judge between men with justice. (Qur'an, 38:26)

And that you should judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires. (Qur'an, 5:49)

But no! by your Lord! they do not believe (in reality) until they make you a judge of that which has become a matter of disagreement among them, and then do not find any straightness in their hearts as to what you have decided and they submit with entire submission. (Qur'an, 4:65)

Surely We revealed the Torah in which was guidance and light; with it the prophets ...judged. (Qur'an, 5:44)

After this and through these Qur'anic verses, it becomes clear to us that the mission of the Kharijites was of truth but they did not want it except through untruth and to raise sedition among naive people, who did not know the actual objective of the Sharia.

The same can be said about the mission of the Wahhabis. It is a mission of truth, but they do not want it except through untruth with which they deceive simple people, who do not know the actual objectives of the Sharia. They claim that they alone are the true monotheists and the others are polytheists because they call upon human beings with Allah.

It is true when they say, "Allah has said:

The mosques are Allah's; therefore, call not upon any one with Allah. (Qur'an, 72: 18)

Say: I only call upon my Lord, and I do not associate any one with Him. (Qur'an, 72: 20)

But they intend the untruth when they prohibit the supplicating to Allah with intercession of the Prophet and his immaculate progeny (peace be on them) and deceive people, claiming that this is a kind of polytheism.

It is clear that there is a difference between those who believe that there are partners to Allah who benefit and harm, where they make a god for everything – the god of goodness, the god of evil, the god of peace, the god of war, the god of love...etc., and those who believe that Allah is One and only with no partner, and that no one can repel His decree, and that He has given them the right to call upon Him through the means of His prophets and saints.

This is the difference between the two beliefs – polytheism and the supplicating through intercession. This is the similarity between the Kharijites and the Wahhabis. The Kharijites said, “There is no judgment but Allah’s” and the Wahhabis said, “There is no supplication except directly to Allah.” The Kharijites said, “The judgment is not yours, O Ali”, and the Wahhabis said, “The means is not yours, O Muhammad!”

In the two sayings there is untruth dressed up with truth. The judgment is to Allah alone, but He has legislated for it for His people to judge among themselves with truth and justice. The means to pray as well is to Allah alone, but He has determined it for His people to take His prophets and saints as a means to Him. This is clear in the Islamic religion and all the previous religions too, since all the divine religions are from one source. The religion near Allah is Islam.⁴

All the Qur'anic verses that the Wahhabis rely on in concluding their proofs do not have any sense of prohibiting the supplication to Allah through His loyal, righteous people. In fact, all these verses have been revealed to refute the polytheists from men and the jinn, who fabricated lies against Allah and worshipped many gods, thinking that those would bring them closer to Allah.

The saying of the Wahhabis is not applied to the Nation of Muhammad (S) that is called “the nation of monotheism” and “the nation of faith”, for this nation is free from polytheism. All Muslims recite day and night, the *surah* of monotheism and faith:

Say: He is Allah, the One. Allah is He on Whom all depend. He begets not, nor was He begotten. And none is like Him. (Qur'an 30: 1-4)

The Prophet (S) referred to this fact by saying:

I, by Allah, do not fear for you that you become polytheists after me, but I fear for you that you may compete with each other for worldly pleasures.⁵

This is irrefutable evidence that the Muslim nation is free from polytheism, and it is a clear evidence that the nation would compete for the worldly pleasures and authority. The nation would apostatize and judge

with other than that which had been revealed and that would lead to oppression, lack of faith, and atheism but would not lead to polytheism at all.

Allah the Almighty has fixed this fact in His Book when saying in the Surah al-Ma'idah:

Whoever did not judge by what Allah revealed, those are they that are the unbelievers. ...and whoever did not judge by what Allah revealed, those are they that are the unjust. (Qur'an, 5:44-45)

...and whoever did not judge by what Allah revealed, those are they that are the transgressors. (Qur'an, 5:47)

This is actually what has been happening in the Muslim nation after the death of the Prophet (S) until today. They inserted in the Sharia what was not from it; many positive rulings were added from personal opinion. Thus they changed the rules of Allah. However, Allah does not say that they are polytheists, but He says that they are unbelievers, unjust and transgressors.

All of us know well that the presidents and kings of the Arab and Muslim countries may rule with what is unlike the Book of Allah yet, we do not call them polytheists because they believe in Allah alone with no partner to Him and bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and messenger. In fact, we do not consider even the Jews and the Christians, who believe in the Torah and the Gospel, as polytheists when they believe in the oneness of Allah and do not ascribe to Him a child.

Allah the Almighty says:

How do they make you a judge and they have the Torah wherein is Allah's judgment? Yet they turn back after that, and these are not the believers. (Qur'an, 5:43)

And,

And the followers of the Gospel should have judged by what Allah revealed in it; and whoever did not judge by what Allah revealed, those are they that are the transgressors. (Qur'an, 5:47)

Thus, the matter has become clear with no need for more details.

Secondly, the Wahhabis have occupied the most sacred places for all Muslims of all colors, races and countries. The Holy Mecca has the Inviolable House of Allah to which Muslims from everywhere come to perform one of the pillars of Islam – the Hajj – every year, and they are very eager and full of incomparable longing to circumambulate the Kaaba, to stop at the *Inviolable Mish'ar*,⁶ run between the *Safa* and the *Marwa*, and stop at *Arafa*.

All these places live inside the consciousness of every Muslim who wishes to visit them even once throughout his life... and Medina where there is the Holy Mosque of the Prophet (S) and his holy tomb

inside it. Besides there are other monuments that all Muslims sanctify – the mihrab of the Prophet (S), his minbar, the pure yard (rawdhah), the tombs of Abu Bakr and Umar, the Baqee' Graveyard that includes the tombs of the Prophet's companions and wives, the holy tombs of the Ahlul Bayt (as) and the worth visiting places that are highly regarded by Muslims, like Uhud Mountain, the Martyrs Graveyard, the Two *Qiblas* Mosque and *Qabaa'* Mosque.

The Wahhabis trade on these rituals to the top, materially and morally. They propagate their new doctrine with all means through gifting or terrorizing, especially during the season of the Hajj when millions of Muslims gather together. They hold conferences and meetings, and their agents spare no effort in propagating Wahhabism by direct contact with different sects, groups and individuals. Add to that all kinds of the media, which are very effective on the Hajjis who give up arguments and disputes during the rituals of the Hajj and retire to worship Allah alone.

Thirdly, the vast wealth coming from petroleum, the mines of gold, and the continuous economic activities refreshed by the masses of pilgrims during the seasons of the Hajj, the minor Hajj and the rest of the year, have helped Wahhabism to spread everywhere in the world.

The Wahhabis spend great monies on the imams of mosques, who are incited by monies in all places in the world. They have built in every Arab and Muslim capital a mosque or several mosques working day and night to spread this new doctrine. They have established schools, colleges, and universities graduating missionaries to propagate Wahhabism throughout the world, sparing no effort in turning people to this new creed.

They have established many press and foundations of publication and distribution and financed more than one hundred daily, weekly, and monthly magazines and newspapers. They spend millions of dollars on mercenary writers to write for them what they like in assisting their beliefs and considering the others as unbelievers. They publish millions of copies of the Holy Qur'an and some books that assist their creed and distribute them freely as gifts everywhere.

After the Gulf War and because people hated them, they began distributing milk and dates among the visitors in Ramadan, and then gifting them at airport with big bottles of *Zamzam* water written on them "A gift from the servant of *Haramayn* – the two sanctums", whereas before, they prevented pilgrims from taking *Zamzam* water with them onto airplanes.

Fourthly, the international relations the Wahhabis have through their firm relation with the United States of America, which has direct and indirect influence on the Arab and Muslim countries, and in fact on the entire world after the decline of the Soviet Union

It is known to everyone that the welfare of the United States of America is assured and guarded in the east and the Gulf States by the Wahhabis especially after the fall of the Shah and the coming of the Islamic Republic in Iran – that threatened to attack all the American interests in the region.

It is known too to everyone of understanding that the Wahhabis are as much the right eye of the United State of America, as Israel is its left eye; however it (the United States) takes everything from the Wahhabis and gives everything to Israel.

It takes from the Wahhabis, because it spends great efforts in defending them and guarding their Royal throne (of the Saudi family) and has made its Intelligence Agency ready to reserve the Wahhabi regime and do away with all its opponents. It gives to Israel to assure the votes that are controlled by the Jewish Lobby inside the United States and Europe.

This is another subject that requires an individual book to be written about it, but what concerns us in this study is that the Wahhabis through their relation with the United States of America have come to be feared in the Arab and Muslim countries and all over the world. While mosques are closed after the prayers in some Arab and Muslim countries for fear that some groups may use them as centers for propagation of their beliefs and thoughts, we find that the mosques of the Wahhabis are open all the time for their propagandists to give lectures on what they like for spreading their thoughts.

Wahhabism has acquired this legality because of the great gifts, helps, and loans given to those countries. Therefore, those poor countries submit to the conditions of the Wahhabis in permitting them to spread their creed, and preventing the books and magazines that reveal their plots.

This has happened even in France, the strong modern country that claims it defends freedoms, human rights, and freedom of speech. It is France itself that defended Salman Rushdi and adopted his book, but at the same time, it prevented the book "*the History of Aal Sa'ud*" which reveals the reality of Wahhabism. The French government collected the copies of this book from libraries, because the Saudi Kingdom saved France from the economic collapse in 1984.

Then, Saudi Arabia gave to France seven hundred million dollars, and it has been said to be much more than that. After that, hundreds of mosques were built in Paris only to propagate Wahhabism there, whereas the Ahlul Bayt Center (a Shiite foundation) was closed under the pretense that it had adopted excess and terrorism. The French police began pursuing everyone following the line of the Ahlul Bayt (as), while Wahhabism and its followers flourished there.

Add to that the league of the Islamic world that has been established by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It includes the Arab and Muslim presidents and kings who have been under the Saudi influence.

This is just a small insight, but what is plotted behind the scenes is known by Allah alone. Therefore, I often say that Muslims have never seen a calamity worse than Wahhabism

1. The tombs of the imams and saints are still visited in all the lands of Muslims. In fact, new tombs were found during excavations that made even secular and atheist governments to keep them safe with no damage. An example is what happened to the regime in Iraq, when the government with its different machinery and equipment failed to remove those tombs after the happening of many miracles that forced the government to give up the project or change its place.

The same thing took place in Lebanon and other places in the Muslim countries in the world. In fact, when people see the miracle, they ascribe the tomb to a prophet, a saint, or a descendant of the Ahlul Bayt (as), until a group of scientist come and prove who the identity of the person is in the tomb.

We have never heard in any place that people worshipped the tomb. They honor those who have been buried in those tombs, because they are our role models and means to Allah, and honoring them is from the rites of Allah.

2. Wahhabism is ascribed to Muhammad ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab...ibn Wahhab at-Tamimi. He was born in 1111 A.H and died in 1207 A.H. In his early life, he studied at the hands of many ‘ulama of Mecca and Medina who were experts in deviation and misleading. His father often dispraised and warned people against him, and so did his brother Sulayman ibn Abdul Wahhab, who denied him and wrote a book refuting him.

He was fond of reading about false claimants of prophethood such as Musaylama the Liar, Sajah, al-Aswad al-Ansi, Tulayha al-Asadi, and others...! Refer to “The Emirs of the Inviolable Country” by Sheikh Ahmad ibn Zayni Dahlani, and “Kashful Irtiyab fi Ittibah’ Muhammad ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab” by Sayyid Muhsin al-Amin al-Aamili.

Thus, he grew up deviant, doubtful, and spiteful. He was just like Kemal Ataturk and many rulers of the Muslim countries who claim that they are Muslims; however, they are directed by Freemasonry and nursed by the world intelligence agencies.

Muhammad ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab was fed by the British agent in Iraq. Mr. Hanfer has mentioned this in his autobiography. He prepared and assisted him to achieve his ambition in prevailing over Hijaz. He and his likes are worse than their ancestors such as the Kharijites because the Kharijites had risen out of ambiguity. On the other hand these people are mercenaries working for the welfare of the enemies of Islam.

It is natural that his misleading mission did not incite any except the ignorant nomads, as it was with Musaylama – the Liar and his group opposite to the true mission of the Prophet (S) and his progeny and followers. Therefore, his mission of deviance did not spread through conviction, but through treason, deceit, invasion, oppression, suspicious treaties and breaking of covenants in order to get to his satanic desires.

3. Nahjul Balaghah saying no. 198

4. The origin of the suspicion of Wahhabis in their judgment that all Muslims are polytheists and that their blood and properties are to be violated – as they actually did in Mecca, Medina, Iraq and other places of the Muslim lands – is because they (Wahhabis) claim that those Muslims worship graves when honoring, kissing and circumambulating them besides building the domes and minarets over them and some things like that!

In fact, there are many Prophetic traditions narrated by the Shia and the Sunni about seeking the intercession of the Prophet (S) and other than the Prophet (S) in this worldly life and for worldly or afterlife needs.

Abdullah Ibn Abbas narrated that the Prophet (S) said, “If any Muslim dies and forty men who associate nothing with Allah stand over his prayer (they offer prayer over him), Allah will accept them as intercessors for him.” Refer to Sahih Muslim, vol.2, p. 654. Part on Funerals. For online version and more hadithes, visit: <https://sunnah.com/muslim/11> [1]

Sayyid Muhsin al-Amin (may Allah have mercy on him) comments (mockingly) on this tradition, saying, “The forty men must be from the nomads of Najd (Wahhabis) so that their intercession would be accepted!” (Najd now is Saudi Arabia). In Sahih Muslim, Ibid., it has been mentioned from Aa’isha that the Prophet (S) said, “If a company of Muslims numbering one hundred pray over a dead person, all of them interceding for him, their intercession for him will be accepted.” Visit: <https://sunnah.com/muslim/11> [1]

According to the thought of the Wahhabis, this must be a kind of polytheism, because, as they claim, it contradicts this saying of Allah –

...so invoke not any one along with Allah. (Qur'an 72:18)

We seek the protection of Allah from this great fabrication against His Holy Prophet (S)! There are many Prophet's traditions about intercession, and ulama say that there is no difference between a dead and alive person.

As-Samhudi Al-Shafi'i, the alim of Medina, says in his book *Wafa al-Wafa bi-Akhbar al-Mustafa*, vol. 2 p. 419, quoting al-Hakim that Umar ibn al-Khattab narrated that the Prophet (S) said, "When Adam committed the sin, he said, 'O my Lord, I ask You by the right of Muhammad that You forgive me.' Allah said, 'O Adam, how do you know Muhammad while I have not created him yet?' Adam said, 'O my Lord, when You created me and inspired in me from Your Spirit, I raised my head and saw on the posts of the Throne written 'There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah (S)'..." Allah the Almighty said, 'O Adam, you are right. Surely, he is the most beloved of all creation to Me. Since you asked Me by his right, I forgive you. Were it not for Muhammad, I would not create you.' He mentioned that this tradition was mentioned by at-Tabarani, and by al-Bayhaqi through true chain of narrators in his book *Dala'il an-Nubuwwah*.

In other traditions, it is mentioned that Adam and Noah supplicated to Allah by means of the Five of the Aba (Muhammad, Ali, Fatima, al-Hasan, and al-Husayn, peace be on them all).

About this matter, Imam Malik asked al-Mansur, "Why do you turn away from him (the Prophet) while he is your means and the means of your father Adam to Allah the Almighty?"

As-Samiri al-Hanbali, al-Kirmani al-Hanafi, and the Shafiite ulama believe in the supplication by the means of the Prophet (S) and believe in his intercession after his death. Imam Al-Shafi'i supplicated to Allah by means of the Ahlul Bayt (as) after their death. He supplicated to Allah by the means of Imam Abu Hanifa, and he approved the supplication of the people of Morocco by the means of Imam Malik after his death. Ahmed ibn Hanbal supplicated to Allah by the means of Al-Shafi'i and so on. These are the ulama and jurisprudents of Islam, then, who are the rude nomads?!

5. Sahih al-Bukhari, vol. 7 p. 207.

6. A place where one of the rituals of the hajj is performed.

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