



Questions and Answers On the Raafidah Shi'ah Based upon Minhaaj us-Sunnah – Part 3

From "Taanatul-Muhtaaj Min Kitaab il-Minhaaj" compiled by Shareef bin `Alee ar-Raajihee

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All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds and may the prayers and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions. To proceed:

This is a serialisation of a small booklet compiled by Shareef bin `Alee ar-Raajihee which consists of extracts from Minhaaj as-Sunnah an-Nabawiyyah of Shaykh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah, and which presents the outstanding characteristics of the Raafidah in question and answer format. There are sixty-two questions in total.

This particular book of Shaykh ul-Islaam is one of the most important of the books of Ahl us-Sunnah in refutation of the madhaahib of the Raafidah Shi'ah, and they are also given other titles such as "Imaamiyyah", "Ja`fariyyah", "Ithnay `Ashariyyah" and they are all titles which point to the same reality, as the compiler has indicated.

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Shaykh ul-Islam (rahimahullaah) said, “And for this reason Allaah has commanded us to say in our prayer, “Guide us to the Straight Path, the path of those upon whom you bestowed your favour, not that of those upon whom is your anger, nor those who are astray”. The straying person is the one who does not know the truth, like the Christians. And the one upon whom is anger is al-Ghaawee, the one who knows the truth but acts in opposition to it, like the Jews... and the Straight Path comprises knowing the truth and acting by it, just as occurs in the reported supplication, “O Allaah, show me the truth as truth and grant me success in following it, and show me falsehood as falsehood, and grant me success in avoiding it...” (Minhaaj 1/19)

Question 21 **We wish for you to mention some characteristics that are specifically unique to their faction?**

The lying that is to be found with them, the rejection of the truth, excessive ignorance, believing in impossible things, little intellect, exaggeration in following desires, being attached to unknown affairs.

Minhaaj (3/435)

Question 22 **Why do they revile the Companions?**

The Raafidah revile the Companions and their narrations, but the inner reality of the matter is that they desire revilement of the Messengership (itself).

Minhaaj (3/463)

Question 23 **Who is the one who directs the Shee'ah**

The Shee'ah do not have any leaders who address them with speech, except for their Shaykhs who eat upon their wealth in falsehood, and who prevent them from the path of Allaah.

Minhaaj (3/488)

Question 24 **What do the Shaykhs of the Raafidah command them?**

They command them with Shirk with Allaah, and the worship of other than Allaah, and they prevent them from the path of Allaah, and so they exit from the reality of the testimony that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah (alone) and that Muhammad is Allaah's Messenger. For the reality of Tawheed is

that we worship Allaah alone, so that no one but He is called upon, and no one is held in awe except Him, and no one is feared with piety but Him, and no one is relied upon but Him, and the deen is for none other than Him, not to any of the creation, and that we do not take the Angels and the Prophets as Lords. So how then for their leaders and the Shaykhs, the Scholars and the Kings and others?

Minhaaj (3/490)

Question 25 What is their condition with respect to testification (witness)?

The Raafidah... if they give witness, then they give witness with what they do not know, or they give a false testimony which they know is a lie, for they are, as ash-Shaafi'ee (rahimahullaah) said, "I have not seen a people who give greater testimony in falsehood than the Raafidah.

Minhaaj (3/502)

Question 26 The Fundamentals of the Raafidah, did Ahl ul-Bayt place them?

They are opposers to 'Alee (radiallaahu anhu), and the leaders of Ahl ul-Bayt in all of their fundamentals in which they opposed Ahl us-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

Minhaaj (4/16)

Question 27 What is your saying concerning what the Raafidah ascribe to Ja'far as-Saadiq?

Abu Ja'far has been lied upon more than what has been lied upon those before him. The harm befell him on account of those who lied upon him, not from himself, and for this reason many types of lies were attributed to him.

Minhaaj (4/54)

Question 28 What is your view concerning the ascription of the Raafidah to Aal al-Bayt?

Amongst the calamities by which the son of al-Husayn was tested by was the ascription of the Raafidah to them.

Minhaaj (4/60)

Question 29 What do the Raafidah argue by in order to affirm their religion and their school of thought?

Overwhelmingly, the proofs of the Raafidah are merely slogans which are appropriate to their ignorance and their oppression, and many false narratives that are appropriate to their ignorance and oppression. And the fundamentals of the religion are not affirmed by way of these slogans, except (in the view of) the one who is not counted amongst the possessors of intelligence.

Minhaaj (4/66)

Question 30 Poetry has a role in aiding Islaam so would you establish something from it?

*When you wish to be pleased with a madh.hab for yourself
By which you will obtain nearness and safety from the Fire
Then make devotion with the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah
That has come from the Messenger of Allaah from the Narrations of the best
And leave alone the religion of ar-Rafd and al-Bida' (innovations)
Which leads its caller to the Fire and to destitution
But traverse behind the Companions of the Messenger
For they are stars of guidance by whose light the traveller guides himself
And depart from the path of ar-Rafd
For it is founded upon disbelief, upon an undermined cliff
There are only two paths, either guidance and happiness
Or wretchedness alongside the misguidance of the Kuffaar
So which of our two parties are more worthy of His safety
And more guided in the path when the Creator will judge
Is it the one who reviles the Companions, and opposes
The Book and does not care for the affirmation of narrations
Or the one who guides himself with the Revelation
Who traverses upon the manhaj of the Sahaabah
Along with the love of the purified near ones*

Minhaaj (4/128)