

**THE GHANDI WALK IS KUFRI!**

***“And, do not incline to the transgressors, for then the Fire (of Jahannam) will overtake you, and you shall have no friends (to aid you) against Allah nor shall you be aided (in any way).”***  
***(Surah Hood, aayat 113)***

***Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: “Whoever emulates a people, is of them.”***

In India there was a pious Aalim. Once on the Hindu festival known as *Holi*, the Aalim was walking in the street. On the occasion of *Holi*, Hindus squirt colouring on all and sundry. Whomever and whatever they bump into, is squirted with coloured water, leaving the victim looking like a rainbow. This Aalim who was eating *paan* (beetle leaf) which produces intensely red saliva, passed by a forlorn donkey. In a moment of *ghaflat* (carelessness), and in jocular mood, the Aalim said to the donkey:  
***“Everyone is happy today and squirting colour on one another, but on you. Nevermind, I shall squirt colour on you.”***  
So saying, he spat his reddened saliva on the donkey.

After the Aalim's demise, a Buzroog (Saint) saw him in a dream in Jahannam. Perplexed, he asked the Aalim to explain why he had landed in the Fire. The Aalim very sadly explained that since he had emulated the Hindus by spitting red saliva on the donkey on the day of *Holi*, he was undergoing punishment.

This is the punishment mentioned by the Qur'aan Majeed in the above aayat. The Punishment of the Fire awaits those who emulate and adopt the practices, ways, customs and mannerisms of the kuffaar.

Muslims who participate in the kufr Gandhi Walk, have indeed lost their Imaani bearings and their Imaani intelligence. What resemblance is there between Islam/Muslims and the kufr Gandhi Walk organized annually in commemoration of the idolater, Gandhi? There is no relationship between the People of Imaan and the idolaters and mushrikeen.

Besides the 'walk' being silly, stupid and a waste of time and money, and other haraam acts, its worst facet is the kufr dimension. Participation in this drivel 'walk', is emulation of the kuffaar, indulgence in stupidity, and worst of all, honouring an idolater. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said that honouring a person of bid'ah is to aid in digging up the foundations of Islam. In the Gandhi Walk, it is worse, since a dead mushrik is being honoured.

These haraam practices are no longer viewed with the gravity and abhorrence which the Qur'aan and Sunnah expect of Muslims. Mingling and association with the kuffaar, fussaaq and fujaar - men and women inter-mixed - have desensitized the Imaani inhibitions of Muslims. While Muslims nowadays have become adept in the act of bootlicking the kuffaar, the Qur'aanic aayat warns that there shall be no one to help Muslims when Allah's Punishment strikes. This punishment is not restricted to the Aakhirah. It will befall Muslims right here on earth, and its source of emanation will be the very people who are being bootlicked.

**PARTICIPATION IN THE GHANDI WALK IS HARAAM. IT DOES NOT BEHOVE THE UPHOLDERS OF TAUHEED TO DEBASE THEMSELVES WITH PARTICIPATION IN THE STUPID AND WASTEFUL ACTIVITIES OF THE KUFFAAR. ALLAH TA'ALA REPEATEDLY CALLS ON US IN THE QUR'AAN TO UTILIZE THE BOUNTY OF AQL WHICH HE HAS BESTOWED TO US.**

When Allah's Athaab settles on the community, no amount of supplication will avail. The signs of such Divine Chastisement are all around us. We ignore the danger signals at the peril of our own destruction.

***“And no one derives lesson except those with intelligence.”***

***(Qur'aan)***

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