

THE 'SEERAH' BID'AH IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MEELAAD BID'AH OF THE QABAR PUJAARIS

*RASULULLAH (SALLALLAHU ALAYHI WASALLAM) SAID:*

***“Whatever is innovated into this Deen Of ours, verily, it is mardood (accursed and rejected).”***

***“The vilest of things are their innovations. Every bid’ah is dhalaalah (deviation Leading to jahannum).”***

***“Verily, allah deprives every person of bid’ah from taubah.”***

Hadhrat Maulana Ashraf Ali Thanvi (rahmatullah alayh) said: ***“Bid’ah is not confined to moulood and urs. There are acts of bid’ah among our people (Ahl-e-Deoband) as well.”***

The popular meaning of Bid’ah as understood by most of the anti-Bid’ah people refers to innovations such as moulood/meelaad, urs, salaami and the hotch potch of baseless rituals innovated by the Qabar Pujaari sect. The Qabar Pujaaris are the grave-worshippers who bow

(make ruku'), circumambulate (make tawaaf) and prostrate (make sajdah) to the graves of the Auliya. Shirk pulsates in the blood in their veins, hence Shah Waliyullah Muhaddith Dehlawi (rahmatullah alayh) labelled them *Qabar Pujaaris*, and that is precisely what they are.

Maulood or Meelaad is merrymaking parties and functions which the Qabar Pujaaris organize primarily during the month of Rabiul Awwal ostensibly and deceptively to celebrate the birthday of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) despite birthday-celebration being a purely kuffaar custom. In recent years, liberal Molvis ostensibly belonging to the Deobandi School of Thought have fallen by the wayside having missed the Straight Road of the Sunnah. Wandering aimlessly in search for publicity and aggrandizement, these wayward Molvis deemed it proper to follow in the footsteps of the Qabar Pujaari sect by emulating their meelaad bid'ah. Thus, we find that they too are organizing meelaad functions. However, to pretend that they are different from the Qabar Pujaaris in the art of innovation, they have dubbed their bid'ah "*Seerah*". Seerah and Meelaad are birds of a feather. Both are bid'ah – evil innovations manifested as ibaadat by their respective adherents.

The common factor uniting the Seerah and the Qabar Pujaari deviates is the month of Rabiul Awwal. Just as the meelaad gang has ascribed by custom the status of *wujoob (compulsion)* to their meelaad merrymaking bid'ah ritual, so too is this attribute of *wujoob*

being gradually conferred to the seerah bid'ah. The seerah bid'ah being comparatively new in the field of innovated 'ibaadat', has as yet not become a hard-core, entrenched bid'ah, rejection of which will become tantamount to kufr as is the case with meelaad of the Grave Worshipers. Those who reject meelaad are branded 'kaafir' by the Qabar Pujaari sect. This attitude will, in time to come, be acquired by the seerah crowd as well. This consequence is a foregone conclusion.

The growing up generations of children seeing their elders, including molvis and sheikhs, indulging rigidly and devotedly in this new-fangled merrymaking seerah function, will necessarily gain the impression that these seerah jalsahs are integral rituals of Islam. With the passage of time, the seerah jalsah programme will attain the status of a Sunnah ritual. It will be regarded as an act of Masnoon ibaadat just as the Qabar Pujaaris consider their bid'ah of meelaad. The emphasis on the month of Rabiul Awwal for organizing 'seerah' programmes is the barometer by which the disease of bid'ah can be measured and understood.

Intelligent Muslims, by applying their minds constructively, in the quest for understanding the Haqq (Truth) will not fail to be guided to the Truth. During the *Khairul Quroon* era (the ages of the Sahaabah, Taabi-een and Tab-e-Taabi-een), there did not exist these customs of meelaad

and seerah. These practices were innovated into the Deen about six centuries after Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Who had greater love and devotion for Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)? The Qabar Pujaaris or the votaries of the new-fangled Seerah functions? Answering this question, Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), himself said:

*“Honour my Sahaabah, for verily, they are the noblest among you; then those who come after them (i.e. the Taabieen); then those who come after them (i.e. Tab-e-Taabieen). Thereafter falsehood will become prevalent.”*

If there had been a need to display love and devotion for Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) by mans of the kuffaar practice of birthday celebration, merrymaking, lectures and other stupid programmes associated with these bid'ah affairs, the Sahaabah would have been the very first to initiate such practices. But the Sahaabah's love and devotion for Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and the Deen were illustrated in the simple acts of Ibaadat in solitude and seclusion, taught to them by Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). No one had greater aversion for bid'ah than the Sahaabah. In these belated ages in close proximity to Qiyaamah, no one had greater aversion for bid'ah than our Akaabir (Senior) Ulama of our glorious Institution of Deoband. But, today, the very Ulama who have emerged from the Portals of that once great and glorious Institution have fallen into the same pit of bid'ah in which the Qabar Pujaaris are grovelling like sewer rats feasting on najaasat.

In the Hadith, the people of bid'ah are labelled ***KILAABUN NAAR – THE DOGS OF THE FIRE OF JAHANNUM.***

The 'birthday' of Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) has to be celebrated compulsorily every day of the year – every moment of life – in the way taught to us by Rasulallah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and the Sahaabah, and that way is stringent adherence to the Shariah and meticulous implementation of the Sunnah.

MEELAAD AND SEERAH PROGRAMMES AND FUNCTIONS ARE HARAAM BID'AH. IT IS WAAJIB TO ABSTAIN FROM PARTICIPATION IN THESE BID'AH SAYYIAH (EVIL INNOVATION) PROGRAMMES. EVERY DIVERGENCE FROM THE ORIGINAL PRISTINE SUNNAH OF THE SAHAABAH IS DHALAALAH (MANIFEST DEVIATION) WHICH LEADS TO JAHANNAM.

## SEERAH & MEELAAD BID'AH

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Today, Islam has become an empty vessel – a dead body devoid of its soul. Said Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam): *“There will dawn a time over the people when nothing will remain of Islam but its name. Nothing will remain of the Qur’aan but its text. The Musaaqid will be beautifully adorned structures, but bereft of guidance. The worst of the people under the canopy of the sky will be their ulama. From them (these Scholars for Dollars) will emerge fitnah, and the fitnah will rebound on them.”*

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