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A Concerned Brother from Pakistan writes:

I would like to share my views and observations about the situation we are facing nowadays.

We all are aware that according to the Islamic teachings, two very major sins are Riba/interest and photo-making. It is indeed unfortunate that the door to these two sins has been opened partly due to the role of some of our Ulama-e-Haq. Here in Pakistan, when the so called Islamic banking was introduced, a large group of Ulama opposed it and declared it Haraam. That was indeed a commendable stance and Alhamdulillah I am sure that many people (like my sinful self) would have been saved from falling into this trap due to the timely action by Ulama. Of course, there are other people who actually fell into the trap of Islamic banking and think it is permissible because it is endorsed by some of the most renowned and respected Ulama. May Allah Ta'ala guide us all.

In my humble opinion, the issue of photography/videography is more serious in this current day and age. Around fifteen years ago, when fatwas of permissibility of digital photos and videos started coming up from within the Ulama-e-Haq, Alhamdulillah a large body of Ulama opposed it and issued fatwas declaring it Haraam. Sadly, the evil still spread and now we have reached a point that the overwhelming majority of the deen-daar class, who keep Sunnah beards and have contact with Ulama and Sufiya, are indulging in this sin of photography. I feel that this is a sin from which it is extremely hard to save oneself from, especially due to the fact that it is no longer considered a sin. In fact, if someone tells a person that this photography is a sin, they will

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reply that look at all these Ulama appearing on television and allowing themselves to be photographed, and that if it was haraam then these Ulama would not be doing it.

Another point which I must mention is that even those Ulama who consider these digital photos and video to be haraam and have written fatwas to this effect; have themselves (some of them, not all) adopted a very relaxed attitude in terms of practically acting upon this ruling of Islam. They attend Islamic functions which are video-recorded, hence themselves coming on video. And are not careful in this regard.

It is my Dua, and I request you, Maulana sahab, as well to make Dua to Allah Ta'ala that He grants Hidayat to the Ulama-e-Haqq (who are still respectable for my sinful self), who have 'legalized' both Riba and photography, and that they retract their fatwas of permissibility so that the Imaan and Amaal of the masses are saved. Ameen.

(End of letter)

COMMENT

Those who have halaalized such glaring evils as riba and pictography are not from the Ulama-e-Haqq. At one stage in their early lives, they passed off as 'Ulama-e-Haqq. However, by their misdeeds they have exposed the evil concealed within their hearts.

The ulama-e-soo will be on the increase with their haraam shenanigans. We are nearing Qiyaamah, hence ulama evils should be expected incrementally. The predictions of Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) have to materialize, and this is what we are observing by the day. There is no viler specimen of humanity than the facebook and television molvis and sheikhs.

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They are the most contemptible of the human race.

As for the Ulama who have adopted a lenient stance despite acknowledging that these evils are forbidden, are the victims of desensitization which is the effect of association and mingling with fussaag and fujjaar. When one socializes and fraternizes with fussaag and fujjaar, one will most assuredly be adversely tarnished and damaged by their fisq and fujoor. This is what is happening to even those Ulama who believe that riba and pictures are haraam. In the ultimate end, they will all be hemmed in by Allah's universal Athaab, regardless of their superficial piety and 'deendaar' appearance. About the desensitized ones, the Qur'aan Majeed says:

"Beware of such a fitnah (athaab) which will overtake not only the wrongdoers among you."

Even the 'deendaar' ones will be overtaken and destroyed by the universal chastisement of Allah Ta'ala for having abandoned Amr Bil ma'roof Nahy Anil Munkar, and fraternizing with the flagrant transgressors.

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