

MAZAARS – MONUMENTS OF SHIRK AND KUFR

Question: *The Barelwi bid'atis and Haqqani grave-worshippers claim that building tombs, plastering and elevating the graves of the Ambiya and the Auliya are not forbidden. In an article on this topic they have provided a range of arguments to justify these practices. Are any of their arguments valid? Please explain in detail for our understanding.*

Answer: The arguments of the grave-worshippers portray the *shirk* which pollutes their brains. There is no validity whatsoever for even one of their stupid and spurious contentions. Let us examine the stupidities of the grave-worshippers:

(1) They claim: *“The reason for building a Mazaar is to make the status of the Saint or Prophet apparent or distinct to mankind, for respect towards such great people is actually respect for Islam.”*

The status of a Nabi and Wali is apparent and distinct during their very lifetime and this is perpetuated after their demise by their Teachings. The elevated status of a Nabi is understood and observed by all Muslims. Such observation was never and is never reliant on elevated graves, plastering graves and erecting mausolea which are evil practices prohibited by Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) himself. The vast majority of the Ummah does not gain the opportunity of even visiting these abominable structures erected by grave-worshippers. Minus these haraam constructions, respect and honour for Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) are not diminished by even an iota. And, this is because the honour, love and respect Muslims have in their hearts for Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) were never reliant on the death and graves of these august Personalities of Islam, but were dependent on their teachings which they delivered to the Ummah from Allah Ta'ala.

The love for Rasulallah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) exudes from the Sunnah which is adopted by his devotees in practical life. Acts of grave-worship and other *shirki* stupidities enacted at the tombs of the Saints, far from honouring and respecting them, pains their souls and are in flagrant violation of the demand of Imaan. In the

Ta'leemaat

of the Ambiya and the Auliya there is absolutely no condonation for the avalanche of

shirk, fisq

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fujoor

MAUSOLEA HAUNTS OF SHIRK

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which are the salient features and practices prevailing at the mazaars of the grave-worshippers.

