

Words of Wisdom

Qur'aan:

"Do they not see how many of the generations We have destroyed before them? Verily, they will not return to them.."

[Soorah Ya-Sin 36:31]

Sunnah:

The Messenger (salAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) said: "A nation that appoints a woman as its ruler shall never prosper"

[Bukhaaree]

Salaf:

Al-Barbahaaree said:

"It is neither permissible to fight the ruler or to rebel against him, even if he oppresses. This is due to the saying of the Messenger of Allah to Abu Dharr al-Ghifaaree, "Have patience, even if he is an Abyssinian Slave."... ..There is no fighting against the ruler in the Sunnah. It causes destruction of the religion and the worldly affairs."

[Sharhus-Sunnah of Imaam al-Barbahaaree]

الحمد لله , والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله , و بعد:

Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith UK and Democratic Elections

Before continuing our series of proofs showing the errors of "Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith UK" we would like to remind you, dear reader, that the issue of contention between ourselves and the Jamiat is **not mere "difference of opinions"** but of the Fundamentals of the Deen. And we have been preceded by many scholars in refuting the false Methodology of this Jamiat.

Though we do not deny that some of the scholars have allowed the usage of elections as a 'lesser of all evils'. This organisation has gone beyond all limits in this affair.

Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e Hadith UK holds **voting and taking part in democratic elections is supported by the Sharee'ah. This is not the opinion of any**

Salafi Scholar. They hold voting in the UK to be compulsory and we could be held accountable by Allaah if we do not. This position of their's is also not supported by any Salafi scholar.

This was tied in with the Markazi Jamiat putting leaflets in their masjid encouraging people to vote for a **female candidate** belonging to a **socialist party** (The Respect Party) and **inviting her to their Masjid to deliver talks** explaining why they should vote for her. Further this female candidate promotes and supports suicide bombings in Iraq and Palestine – None of this being supported by any of the Salafi scholars.

This is not something hidden rather they, the heads of the

Jamiat, appear in photos and articles in newspapers and even on the homepage of the 'Respect Party', promoting this false way.

Their False Claim That They Know Better

Recently the 'Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith' claimed that they know better the affairs of this land and that they are fully capable of giving fatawa and passing judgements: "Muslim youth living in the West still claim.. that in the UK there is no such Muslim Scholar or Islamic organisation that can be seen in the position of Ifta and Ijtihad." (The Straight Path, May 2006). Regardless whether there are such organisations or not, one thing is for sure, the Jamiat is in opposition to the way of our Scholars and their fatwas!

The Scholars of Sunnah on Democratic Elections

Shaykh Allaamah 'Abdullaah al-Ghudayaan (hafidhahullah) of the Committee of Major Scholars and the Permanent Committee for Fatwa and Research in Saudi Arabia, was asked a question:

Q: *"Shaykh, the same question about mosques here which ascribe themselves to the Sunnah, however we have found from them some matters which are contrary to what our Shaykhs are upon; from them, O our Shaykh, is that they encourage the people to enter into democratic elections; knowing that they encourage the worshippers to vote for a Muslim woman who is a member of a Socialist party. O Shaykh, what is your advice for the people here in*

Britain?"

A: "By Allaah, Look, O my brother, you know that the Muslim must have an Islamic personality. He should not have a personality such that he just follows the people. What is required is that when the Muslim acts.. his actions.. the people will say: 'This action is from Islaam'; **and my advice is for the Muslims not to enter into these affairs ever!** This is from one aspect.

And from another aspect; the Hadeeth: **"Never will a people prosper who place a woman in charge of their affair."**

So the suggestion that she should, for example, be like this, no! She should not enter into this, **and you should not**

enter into this, ever. Not at all! This is from another aspect.

And the Shaykh, the Allaamah Ubaid al-Jaabiree was informed of the question of the Shaykh, the Allaamah Abdullaah al-Ghudayaan (hafidhahumallaah), so he said: **"That is my position also, without any difference"**.

Also, the Islaamic stance was well explained by Shaykh Yahyah Al-Hajooree when he answered a question on elections, as follows: "...It is from the democratic systems that seek to wipe away Allaah's true Laws. It is also an imitation of the disbelievers, and it is not permissible to imitate them. **There are many dangers**

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“...It also tears apart the unity of the Muslims and instead places enmity, hatred, partisanship and fanaticism between them, not to mention fraud, deception, trickery, dishonesty, wastage of time and wealth, the elimination of women’s chastity....”

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that can be found in elections and not one single benefit or advantage for the Muslims.

From the most significant of its dangers is that it makes an equal balance between the truth and falsehood as well as the truthful one and the false one, all in accordance to what the majority holds. It also neglects loyalty and disloyalty (for the sake of Allaah). **It also tears apart the unity of the Muslims** and instead places enmity, hatred, partisanship and fanaticism between them, not to mention fraud, deception, trickery, dishonesty, wastage of time and wealth, **the elimination of women’s chastity**, and an unstable trust in the Islamic sciences and its people..” [Al-Mabaadee al-Mufeedah fit-Tawheedi wal-Fiqhi wal-‘Aqeedah Point 47 By Shaikh Yahyaa bin ‘Alee Al-Hajooree Al-IBAANAH Book Publishing.]

And from the Scholars who spoke in detail in this subject is Ash-Shaykh Al-Allaamah Al-Muhaddith Muqbil Bin Haadee

Al-Waadi’ee (rahimahullaah) who condemned taking part in political democratic elections. The Shaykh was asked whether democratic elections from the affairs of ijtihaad for which there is no textual proof? And is the one who calls to Democratic Elections regarded as being astray or being sinful? To which the Shaykh begins by stating that **the one who calls to entering into elections is regarded as astray and sinful.** [Original Arabic fatwa available]

Finally, we would like to clarify a doubt. Our rebuttal of the “Markazi Jamiat Ahl-e-Hadith UK” in no way means that we say anyone or everyone who attends the gatherings organised by them is to be labeled as "innovators" or with "hizbiyyah" or the likes of these weighty labels. It is well-known from the scholars that they do not make tabdee' or attribute hizbiyyah for these reasons.

And the making of tabdee' of

the people is for the Scholars upon clear evidences.

Golden Advice and Rulings from the Scholars

Q: “Does the correctness of a person’s methodology determine Paradise or Hellfire for him?”

A: “Yes. When a person’s methodology is correct he becomes one of the inhabitants of Paradise. So when he is upon the methodology of the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wasallam) and the methodology of the Salaf us-Salih, he becomes one of the people of Paradise by the permission of Allaah. But when he traverses upon the methodology of those who are astray, he has been threatened with Hellfire.” - Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan

[Al-Ajwibah al-Mufidah, compiled by Jamal bin Farihan al-Harithi]

Q: “And the speech of some of them: Indeed it is not possible for the Da’wah to become strong except that it is under a group (hizb)?”

A: “We say: that this is not correct; rather the Da’wah will indeed be strengthened whenever the individual binds himself to the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah His Messenger (salAllaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam), following the narrations of the Prophet (salAllaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) and his Rightly-Guided Successors.” -Shaykh Muhammad bin Saalih al-Uthaymeen

[Fatwa Fadheelatush-Shaykh Muhammad bin Saaleh al-Uthaymeen rahimahullah]

