

Keeping s Lock of hair in Honour of a Saint

Q: Imaan-48: It is a custom in most places not to cut the hair of a child but to grow a lock of hair for a while until the child is taken in the company of fifty or sixty people to the tomb of a saint. It is then there that the hair is cut. What is the ruling concerning this?

Answer: This custom conflicts with the Shari'ah. [t opposes the practices of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah and is an act of Bid'ah. The Islaamic practice at this time is that the child's hair be cut off after the Aqeeqah and the equivalent weight in silver be given as Sadaqah. The act of growing the hair until it is shaved off at the tomb of a saint is a terrible act of Bid'ah and an act of Shirk. Even Moulana Ahmad Ridhaa Khan Saheb has written that it is an act of Bid'ah. He says that it is an act of Bid'ah when some ignorant women grow a lock of hair on their children in the name of a saint and then cut it off at the saint's tomb after a prescribed period of time.

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