

The Hatred that the People Aligned to Riza Khan bear for the Ulema of Deoband

Q: Imaan-57 : There is presently a conference of those aligned to Riza Khan being held here in Baruch. 'A number of their Molvis such as Molvi Hashmat Ali and others condemn the Ulema of Deoband and refer to them as Kuffaar and people who have left the fold of Islaam. Amongst many other things, they state that it is them and not the Ulema of Deoband who are the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah. Why are these people so antagonistic towards the Ulema of Deoband?

Answer: The people of falsehood and those who follow the dictates of their carnal passions have always made the vile effort to defame the people of truth and to turn people's hearts against them. Such people have slandered the Ambiyaa ALY. and have also claimed that the first three Khulafaa Raashideen were enemies of Rasulullaah SAW. family. Then there were also those who claimed that the fourth Khalifah Hadhrat Ali RADI. was a Kaafir and others who said that Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas RADI. tendered the wrong explanation of the Qur'aan.

There were some who stated that Imaam Abu Haneefah RADI. was astray, the enemy of the Ummah the Shaytaan of this Ummah and that killing him was better than seventy Jihaad expeditions. Then there were also those who claimed that Imaam Shaafi'ee RAH. was more harmful than Shaytaan.

Such people said about Hadhrat Sheikh Muhiyyud Deen Ibnul Arabi RAH. that his kufr was worse than the kufr of the Jews and the Christians. Another link in this chain are the people of Bid'ah, who have appeared in the 14 century of Islaam. These people label as Kuffaar those saints of Deoband who are the true propagators of Towheed and the Sunnah of Rasulullaah SAW. This they do merely to satisfy the desires of their passions and bellies May Allaah guide them aright.

The reason for their antagonism is nothing but the common practice of Shaytaan, which is jealousy and malice, as he displayed when Allaah commanded him to prostrate before Hadhrat Aadam ALY. Hadhrat Abu Haazim RAH. states about this that it is the common practice of such people to defame those superior to them so that people should start to hate them and thus stop patronising them.

When Hadhrat Yhya bin Ma'een RAH. was told that someone spoke ill of Imaam Abu Haneefah RAH. he would remark, "People harbour malice for him only because they can never match him in knowledge and practice This is just like the co-wives of a beautiful damsel. who all say that she is ugly The very same applies in the slander against the Ulema of Deoband By the grace of Allaah, the Ulema of Deoband were paragons of knowledge, practice, piety and purity and are "well noted for the sterling services rendered to the propagation of Deen and the services they rendered to the Qur'aan, the Ahadeeth and national politics. On the other hand, The opposing camp have none to match them and are at liberty to prove this fact otherwise Just look at all the following reference works completed by the Ulema of Deoband:

1. Faydhul Baari by Allaama Anwar Shah Kashnreeri RAH. which is a Arabic commentary of

Bukhaari

2. Fat'hul Mulhim by Allaama Shabier Ahmad Uthmaani RAH. Which an Arabic commentary of Muslim

3. Urfush Shadhi also by Allaama Anwar Shah RAH. which is an Arab commentary of Tirmidhi

4. Al Kowkabud Durri by Hadhrat Allaama Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi RAH. which is also an Arabic commentary of Tirmidhi

5. Badhlul Majhood by Allaama Khaleel Ahmad Ambetwi RAH. Which an Arabic commentary of Abu Dawood

6. At Ta'leequs Sabeeh by Hadhrat Moulana Muhammad Idrees Kandhelwi RAH. which is an Arabic commentary of Mishkaatul Masaabeeh

Apart from all of these, there are numerous commentaries and marginal notes written by the Ulema of Deoband in the fields of Ahadeeth and Fiqh, such as commentaries on classical works such as Hidaayah, Kanzud Daqaa'iq, Sharhul Wiquayah, Nurul Idhaa, Sharhun Niqaayah, Zaadul Faqeer. Etc, etc.

Unfortunately, the opposing Berelwi camp have been deprived of rendering such great services to the Deen. Arab and non-Arab Muslims throughout the world have benefited tremendously from these works. Infact in fact, Hadhrat Moulana Husayn Ahmad Madani RAH. another scion of Deoband taught Ahadeeth to the Arabs and others in the Masjidun Nabawi. right beside the tomb of Rasulullaah SAW. It is because they have been unable to attain such privileges that Berelwis now revile the Ulema of Deoband.

Their claim to be the true Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah is just like the claim that Abu Aamir made. Abu Aamir was a Arab who wanted to be a leader, but could not be so because the people of Madinah were following Rasulullaah SAW. He, however, spread the propaganda that he was in fact Upon the true Deen brought by Hadhrat Ibraheem ALY. and that Rasulullaah SAW. was not. The only people who followed him were some of the Munaafiqeen of Madinah. who then went on to build a Masjid in Quba as a base to further their evil intent. When Rasulullaah SAW. was informed of their evil intentions. he instructed that the Masjid be demolished. This Masjid was known as Masjid Diraar (the Masjid of harm) and is thus mentioned in the Qur'aan where Allaah says: "Those who built a Masjid to harm (islaam and the muslims) for (the promotion of) kufr, to create disunity between the Mu'amineen, and to prepare for him (Abu Aamir) who fought against Allaah and His Rasool SAW. before (in the battles that the Mushrikeen fought against the Muslims) . (When asked about the reason for erecting the building) They will most certainly swear (with vigour). "We only intended good." Allaah testifies (is a witness) that they are definitely liars.

It is with the same motive of causing disunity between the Muslims that the Ridha Khan devotees have tarted their movement to oppose the Ulema of deoband. There appears to be no other reason, but And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

In their principles and beliefs, the Ulema of Deoband follow the teachings of Hadlrrat Imaam Abul Hasan Ash'ari RAH. and Hadhrat Imaam Abu Mansoor Matureedi RAH. In fiqh. they follow the teachings of Imaam Abu Haneefah RAH. and are attached to the Chistiyyah, Qadiriyyah.

Naqshbandiyyah and Suhawardiyyah schools of Tasawwuf. The Ulema of Deoband all belong to the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah. as their writings and works will testify.

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