

Many people have inquired about the important issues circulating these days regarding, "The Faith of Abu Taalib, Status of Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah, Greatness of Hazrat Abu Bakr and the Love of Hazrat Alee (*Ridwaanul Laahi Alaiehim Ajma'een*)" from Hazrat Khateeb-e-Millat Allaamah Kaukab Noorani Okarvi (*May Allaah continue his grace*), since he is a prominent figure of Ahle Sunnat. We need a written standpoint from him even if it may only be a brief one. So, that there could be an end to dispersion among the general public. Thus, this is his brief reply.

Please pay Attention

"Janaab Abu Taalib is the paternal Uncle [father's brother] of my Beloved Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*). Is his appreciator and a poet of his praise. Apparently, he stayed as a supporter and a defender of my Beloved Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*). There is detail of his qualities and services. Is he a *Mu'min* or not? Instead of arguing about this we should be more concerned about our own *Iemaan*.

- Whoever consider's him a *Mu'min* there is no objection on him.
- Whoever does not consider him a *Mu'min* there is no insistence on him.
- Whoever stay's quiet regarding his *Iemaan*, he is in safety.
- If anyone says any negative thing about him, uses his tongue or pen to insult him then that is not bearable and accepted.

- The *Ieemaan* of Abu Taalib is not such an absolute and fundamental issue that by making it the basis, separate groups are formed or extremism is done.

★ Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) is a companion of the Holy Prophet. `And there is no conflict in this. His real sister Ummul Mu'mineen Saiyyidah Umme Habeebah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhaa*) is the wife of the Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*). Her real niece [Sister's daughter] Hazrat Lailaa Binte Murrah is the wife of the *Fakhr e Kaunaien* [The Pride of the Universe] Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Imaam Husaien (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) and is the mother of Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Alee Akbar (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*). The name of the mother of Hazrat Lailaa was Maiemoonah and she was the sister of Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*). The nephew of Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) is Abul Qaasim. His *Nikaah* was done with Ramlah Binte Muhammad the real grand-daughter of Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Ja'far e Taiyyaar (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*). And Saiyyidah Nafeesah is the daughter of Hazrat Zaied Bin Hasan, who is the grandson of *Maulaa e Kaainaat* Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Aliyyul Murtazaa (*Karramal Laahu Wajhahu*). Her *Nikaah* was done with Waleed Bin Abdul Malik, who is the nephew of Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*).

In the Qur'aanic verses, *وكلوا وعد الله الحسنى (الحدید: 10)* [And Allaah has promised to all the reward of the Paradise...] (*Chapter, Al Hadeed, verse# 10*). and *رضى الله عنهم ورضوا عنه (التوبه: 100)* [And Allaah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allaah], (*Chapter, At Taubah, verse# 100*) Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) is also included. Any *Ummatee* [follower] of the Prophet does not have capacity to use abusive language

for him. Saiyyidinaa Imaam Hasan (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) took his *Baie'at* [Allegiance] of Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*). A connection of the Hasanaien-e-Kareemaien (*Radiyal Laahu Anhuma*) did continue with him. He by himself is answerable for his every action and decision in the court of Almighty Allaah. Any *Ummatee* [follower] cannot impeach him in anyway or does not have any right to talk against him.

The position *Maulaa e Kaainaat* Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Aliyyul Murtazaa (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) has in status and station Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) does not have any comparison with it. Though the center of love and devotion is *Maulaa e Kaainaat* (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) but the respect of Hazrat Ameer Mu'aaviyah (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) is also compulsory. Undoubtedly disrespecting him is like doing mischief and a cause of harm to *Iemaan*.

★ All Holy Prophet's companions (*Ridwaanul Laahi Alaiehim Ajma'een*) are firm and true *Mu'min*. All of them are honourable. After the Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*) the complete greatness is attained by Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Abu Bakr As Siddeeq (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*). After the Prophets and the Messenger of Almighty Allaah, he is the *Afzalur Bashir* [the greatest Human]. We should keep the same stance for Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Abu Bakr Siddeeq (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) which *Maulaa e Kaainaat* Saiyyidinaa Aliyyul Murtazaa (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) had for Hazrat Saiyyidinaa Abu Bakr (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*). Whichever *Mu'min* amongst the sacred Prophet's Companions (*Ridwaanul Laahi Alaiehim Ajma'een*) loves Hazrat Aliyyul Murtazaa (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) more so there is nothing wrong with it, but to say any such thing for Hazrat *Maulaa e Kaainaat* Saiyyidinaa Alee (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) which is in reality "exaggeration" that will not be liked by

Maulaa Alee (*Radiyal Laahu Anhu*) by himself. And it will not be considered *Hubb-e-Alee* [The Love for Alee].

★ My beloved Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*) is the reason for the creation of the Universe. And is the First Prophet in Creation. Since when is He a Prophet? Since the time there was not even any creation who would say words like “when” and “then.” He is a Prophet since then. He is the *Khaatamun Nabiyyeen* [The Final/Last Prophet]. He is the Most Elevated and the Most Superior among all the respected Prophets (*Salutation on them*). It is my humble request to those who spend time in arguing about the Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*) being a Prophet since the time of the announcement of the Prophet-hood or was a *Nabee bil fi'el* or *Nabee bil quwwah*. ★ They should be kind to the *Ummah* [Nation] and spend their literary energies in making them strong in respecting and honouring the Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*). Also, strive to make them pure and sincere in the love of the Holy Prophet (*Sallal Laahu 'Alaiehi Wa Sallam*). This *Faqeer* [humble bondsman] a desirous of forgiveness from Almighty Allaah for my every mistake. If I have done any, anywhere in anyway, any mistake or neglect, then I repent in the court of Almighty Allaah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aalaa*.

Kaukab Noorani Okarvi *Ghufira Lahu*

★ Note: *Nabee bil fi'el* means that the authority of the Prophet becomes practical and manifest with his Prophet-hood. *Nabee bil Quwwah* means that the Prophet does possess all the qualities of Prophet-hood but he does not exercise his powers. T/N