

THE STAND POINT OF THE DECLINERS RESPECTING THE LIFE OF PURGATORY STATE

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ABSTRACT

God Almighty being benignant and merciful sent Muhammad (P.B.U.H) to a nation with His holy book (Quran) so that people may not go astray and follow the right path. All the commands of Allah Almighty refer to and allude to the holy traditions of prophet Muhammad & these traditions are flawless and perfect. In this way the Muslims adhering to these traditions, can never lose right path of rectitude and righteousness. It is pity that the Muslims today, have receded into oblivion the teachings of the holy Quran and traditions of the prophet. They rather seem to be more inclined and attracted towards the amassing of mundane wealth and riches and follow faithfully the footprints of satan. The Muslim seem/appear to be acting against the teachings of Quran and Sunnah. They rather have adopted the vicious ways of decliners of traditions and follow the Jews. The Muslim badly fail to distinguish between decliners of traditions and the followers. An attempt has been made in this research paper to prove and analyze that after the holy Quran, the holy traditions are the another genuine source to be referred to for the elucidation of the ordains of God. Beyond all doubts and criticisms, traditions are self-evident and manifest.

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From physical death up till the day of resurrection, this period is called "Purgatory State" a State in which souls after death is purified from venial sins. In this State of life man is rewarded or punished for doings in the first life. Right from the beginning, the Muslim believe firmly in the purgatory State of life, whereas the decliners seem to be fully against it.

Hafiz Aslam (1952) believes that purgatory State is a sheer death there is no life in it. It is beyond comprehension.

Perwaiz says that according to the Holy Quran death lacks reality. Grave is only a place to bury the dead person, so that the external atmosphere may not get unpurified and striking with odour. If the dead is not buried then the likelihood is there that the atmosphere might get polluted. Furthermore, he believes that the dead is not interrogated in the grave, because that dead is already lying lifeless (Al Ashari).

The decliners of holy traditions have given their own arguments respecting their belief about purgatory State.

RATIONALE

When the soul departs the human body, death occurs. After death, life ceases to exist. In such state nothing torments human body. If any one doubts this statement, dead body can be exhumed and it will be seen that the dead has been not tortured after death (Abu Hanifa)

DEBATE AND SUMMARY

Refusal of "Purgatory State" for the first time came to lime-light in the beginning of the first higr century and first of all Matazzla Roafz and Khawarij refused to accept and they propounded a rationale of their own. All those things, which are invisible, we cannot deny their existence (Aslam, 1934).

In this way we can deny the existence of spirits, because the genies / spirits are also invisible in similar fashion. The angels are also not seen. There are many things around us, which are not seen, but we believe in them and accept their entity. So far as the question of disinterment is concerned, it is likely that at that moment we may not be in position to witness the torment / punishment being awarded to the dead (Aslam, 1952). Imam Ghazali says that it is matter of common observation, if a sleeping man is