



The Judeo-Shi'ite Connection

[An examination of the similarities in the 'aqeedah of the
Raafidah Shee'ah with the Jews and the Christians]

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The praise is for Allaah alone, and may peace and salutations be upon the one after whom there is no Prophet. To proceed:

So these are brief issues concerning the 'aqeedah (belief) of the *Raafidah*² and their resemblance to the Jews and the Christians, along with the statements of the people of knowledge who are well-acquainted with their condition.

LYING IS FROM THE RELIGION OF THE RAAFIDAH SHEE'AH:

So from 'Aasim Ibn Bahdalah who said: I said to al-Hasan Ibn 'Alee, "The *Shee'ah* claim that 'Alee will return." He said, "Those liars have lied. If we had known that, his women would not have married and we would not have divided up his inheritance."³

Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah (d.728H) - *rahimahullaah* - said, "Indeed, the people with knowledge concerning the texts, narration and *isnaad* (chain of narrators) have agreed that

¹ The following is a translation of the essay, '*Aqeedatur-Raafidah*, of Jamaal Ibn Furayhaan al-Haaritheer.

² **Raafidah:** The *Raafidah* (the rejecters) are an extreme sect of the *Shee'ah* who rejected Zayd Ibn 'Alee Ibnul-Husayn due to his refusal to condemn Aboo Bakr and 'Umar (*radiyallaahu 'anhumaa*). They rapidly deteriorated in 'aqeedah, morals and Religion - until the present day where their beliefs are those represented by the *Ithnaa 'Ashariyyah Shee'ah* of 'Iraan. From their false beliefs are: declaring all but three or five of the Companions to be disbelievers, the belief that their imaams have knowledge of the Unseen past, present and future, considering the *imaamah* to be one of the main pillars of *eemaan* (faith) and the incompleteness of the *Qur'aan*. Refer to: *Maqaalaatul-Islaamiyyeen* (1/65), *al-Farq Baynal-Firaq* (no.21) of 'AbdulQaadir al-Baghdaadee and *Talbees Iblees* (p. 94-100) of Ibnul-Jawzee.

³ **Jayyid:** Related by al-Haythamee in *Majma'uz-Zawaa'id* (2/10).

the *Raafidah* are the most cunning liars out of all the groups. And lying is an old affair amongst them. Due to this, the Imaams of Islaam came to know their distinction by their constant lying.

Aboo Haatim ar-Raazee (d.277H) said, "I heard Yoonus Ibn 'Abdul-A'laa saying: Ashhab Ibn 'Abdul'Azeez said: Maalik (d.179H) was asked about the *Raafidah*, so he said, "Do not speak to them and do not narrate from them, since they lie. And Aboo Haatim said, "Harmalah related to us saying: I heard ash-Shaafi'ee (d.204H) saying, "I have not seen anyone testifying for more evil than the *Raafidah*."

And Mu'mal Ibn Ihaab said: I heard Yazeed Ibn Haaron (d.206H) saying, "The narrations of every person of innovation can be written as long as he is not a caller to that, except for the *Raafidah*, since they are liars."⁴

And Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah also stated, "And as for the *Raafidah*, then their innovation originated from heresy and apostasy and reliance upon lying is abundant amongst them. And they themselves affirm this when they say: Our religion is *attaqiyyah*. And that is when one of them says something with his tongue that is contradictory to what is in his heart. This is lying and hypocrisy. And they claim, along with this, that they are the believers in exclusion to other than them from the people of the Religion. And they describe the Companions with apostasy and hypocrisy. So due to that, they are as is said: She accused me of her own disease and slipped away.

Therefore, there is nothing in the outward comportment of Islaam closer to hypocrisy and apostasy than them. And there is no group within which a larger number of apostates and hypocrites are found than them. And this is after taking into consideration the extremists from the *Nusayriyyah* and the apostates from the *Ismaa'eeliyyah* and their likes."⁵

And Ibn Taymiyyah also said, "There has never been observed from the groups of the people of innovation and misguidance a group that is more insolent than the *Raafidah* with regards to lying upon the Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) and attributing to him that which he did not say. And they are excessively impudent in lying. And if there are from amongst them those who do not know that it is a lie, then he is suffering from excessive ignorance, as is said,

'So if you did not know, then is a calamity,
And if you knew, then the calamity is greater.'⁶

Imaam ash-Shaafi'ee (d.204H) said, "I have not seen amongst the desires a people who testify for more evil than the *Raafidah*."⁷

⁴ Refer to *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (1/59-62) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

⁵ Refer to *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (1/69) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

⁶ Refer to *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (8/304) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

⁷ Refer to *Sharh Usoolul-I'tiqaad* (8/1457) of al-Laalikaa'ee.

And Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah said, "And as for the claims of *at-taqiyyah* and compulsion, then these are the distinguishing marks of the *madhhab* according to them – meaning the *Raafidah*."⁸

THE PROPHET'S DESCRIPTION OF THIS GROUP:

From Ibn 'Abbaas (*radiyallaahu 'anh*) who said, 'I was with the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) and 'Alee was with him. So the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, 'O 'Alee! There will be in my *Ummah* a people who will go beyond bounds in love for my family. They will have an insulting name, they will be named the *Raafidah*. Fight them, since they are polytheists."⁹

Ahmad Ibn Yoonus said, "Indeed, we do not eat the sacrifice of a *Raafidee* man, since he is an apostate according to me."¹⁰

WHY THEY WERE CALLED THE RAAFIDAH:

Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah said, "They were named *Raafidah* (rejecters) and they became *Raafidah* (rejecters) when they went out against Zayd Ibn 'Alee Ibnul-Husayn at al-Koofah during the caliphate of Hishaam. So the *Shee'ah* asked him about Abee Bakr and 'Umar. So they respected the two of them, but a group from amongst them rejected that. So he said, "You have rejected me, you have rejected me!" So they were named *Raafidah*."¹¹

CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE WICKEDNESS OF THE RAAFIDAH AND THEIR ENMITY AGAINST THE BEST ALLIES OF ALLAAH AND THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE DISBELIEVERS FROM THE JEWS AND CHRISTIANS:

In his auspicious book, *Minhaajus-Sunnah fee Naqd Kalaamish-Shee'ah wal-Qadariyyah*, Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah (d.728H) – *rahimahullaah* – said, "There occurs in *Saheeh Muslim* from 'Aa'ishah (*radiyallaahu 'anhaa*) that when the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) used to stand to pray at night, he used to say, "O Allaah! Lord of Jibreel, Makaa'eel and Israafeel, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Knower of the Unseen and the testimony! You judge between your servants concerning that which they differ about. Guide me, with Your permission, to that which is the truth from what they differ about. Indeed, You guide whomsoever You will to the Straight Path."¹² So whoever deviates from the Straight Path will become a follower of his own opinion and whatever his soul desires.

⁸ Refer to *Dar'ut-Ta'aarudil-'Aql wan-Naql* (7/28) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

⁹ **Hasan:** Related by al-Haythamee in *Majma'uz-Zawaa'id* (10/22). Refer to *Dhilaalul-Jannah fee Takhreejis-Sunnah* (2/462) of al-Albaanee.

¹⁰ Refer to *Sharh Usoolul-I'tiqaad* (8/1459) of al-Laalikaa'ee.

¹¹ Refer to *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (2/96) and *Daqaa'iqut-Tafseer* (2/64) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

¹² Related by Muslim (no. 1289).

And who is more misguided than the one who follows his desires without guidance from Allaah? Indeed, Allaah does not guide a people who are transgressors. And this is the condition of the people of innovation who oppose the Book and the *Sunnah*. Since, they do not follow anything but speculation and whatever their souls desire.

So they possess ignorance and transgression, not to mention the *Raafidah*. Since, they are the greatest possessors of desires, ignorance and transgression. They have enmity for the best allies of Allaah the Exalted after the Prophets, from the early predecessors from the emigrants (*muhaajireen*) and the helpers (*ansaar*) and all those who followed them in goodness – may Allaah be pleased with them and they be pleased with Him. And they form alliances with the disbelievers and the hypocrites from the Jews and the Christians and the polytheists and the groups of atheists like the *Nusayriyyah* and the *Ismaa'eeliyyah* and other than them from the misguided ones.

So you will find that whenever two adversaries from the Believers and the disbelievers have conflict concerning their Lord, and the people differ concerning that which the Prophets have come with, such that there are from amongst them those who believe and there are from amongst them those who disbelieve, regardless of whether the disagreement is concerning statement or action, such as the wars which occurred between the Muslims and the People of the Book and the polytheists, then you will find them (the *Raafidah*) or many from amongst them aiding the polytheists and the People of the Book against the Muslims, the People of the *Qur'aan*.

Likewise, the people have experienced from them on more than one occasion, such as when they helped the Turks and other than them against the people of Islaam in Khurasaan, al'Iraaq, the Arab peninsula, ash-Shaam and other than that. And they aided the Christians against the Muslims in ash-Shaam, Egypt and other than that in numerous encounters. Two of the greatest of such incidents were those that occurred four hundred and seven hundred years after the coming of Islaam. So when the disbelieving Turks arrived at the lands of Islaam and killed a number of Muslims that only the Lord of mankind can enumerate, they (the *Raafidah*) were the greatest of the people in enmity towards the Muslims and support for the disbelievers. Likewise, their aid for the Jews is a well-known affair, up until the people have begun to consider them donkeys for the Jews.”¹³

HOW THE RAAFIDAH RESEMBLE THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS:

Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah goes onto say, “Due to this, there are between them (*Raafidah*) and the Jews similarities in wickedness, following desires and other than that from the manners of the Jews. And there are between them (*Raafidah*) and the Christians similarities in extremism, ignorance and other than that from the manners of the

¹³ Refer to *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (1/3-4) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

Christians. They resemble the Jews from an angle and they resemble the Christians from an angle and the people have not ceased to describe them with that.

And from the most well-informed of people about them is ash-Sha'bee (d.103H) and his likes from the Scholars of al-Koofah. Indeed, it has been confirmed from ash-Sha'bee that he said, "I have not seen anyone more idiotic than the *Shee'ah*. If they were from the birds, they would be vultures, and if they were from the cattle, they would be donkeys. By Allaah, if I requested from them that they fill up this house for me with gold so that I may lie upon 'Alee, then they would give it to me. By Allaah, I will never lie upon him.

And Aboo Hafs Ibn Shaaheen narrated in a priceless book about the *Sunnah*, from Maalik Ibn Maghool who said, 'Ash-Sha'bee said to me, 'I warn you against these misguided ones and the most evil of them are the *Raafidah*. They do not enter into Islaam out of hope and fear. Rather, they do so out of hatred and transgression against the people of Islaam. Indeed, 'Alee (*radiyallaahu 'anhu*) burned them with fire and banished them to various lands. From them was 'Abdullaah Ibn Saba', a Jew from amongst the Jews, who are banished to an archway and 'Abdullaah Ibn Yasaar who was banished to the Caspian Sea.

And the indication of this is that the trial for the *Raafidah* is the same trial for the Jews. The Jews say that the leader cannot be from anyone except the family of Daawood (*'alayhis-salaam*), and the *Raafidah* say that the Imaamate is not correct, except if it is from the progeny of 'Alee (*radiyallaahu 'anhu*). And the Jews say that there is no *Jihaad* in the path of Allaah up until the Anti-Christ comes out and a sword descends from the heavens, and the *Raafidah* say that there is no *Jihaad* in the path of Allaah up until the *Mahdee* comes out and a caller calls out from the heavens. And the Jews delay the Prayer up until the stars become visible. Likewise, the *Raafidah* delay *Maghrib* up until the stars become visible. And there occurs in a *hadeeth* from the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) that he said, "My *Ummah* will not cease to be upon the *fitrah* (natural inclination) as long as they do not delay *Maghrib* up until the stars become visible."¹⁴

And the Jews move a bit away from the *Qiblah* and so do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews sway back and forth in the Prayer and so do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews let their clothes hang down to the ground in Prayer and so do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews do not hold that the women have an '*iddah*,¹⁵ as do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews distort the Torah, just as the *Raafidah* distort the *Qur'aan*. And the Jews say that Allaah has obligated fifty Prayers upon us and so do the Jews. And the Jews are not sincere in greeting the Believers, they only say, '*As-saamu 'alaykum*' (may *saam* be upon you) and *assaam* is death. And the *Raafidah* do likewise.

¹⁴ **Saheeh:** Related by Ahmad (no. 15159) and Ibn Maajah (no. 681), it was authenticated by al-Albaanee in *SaheehulJaami'* (no. 7285).

¹⁵ **Translator's Note:** A legally prescribed period of waiting during which a woman may not re-marry after being widowed or divorced.

And the Jews do not eat catfish...and neither do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews do not hold the view of wiping over the *khuffayn* (leather socks) and neither do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews declare all of the people's wealth lawful and so do the *Raafidah*. Indeed, Allaah has informed us about them in the *Qur'aan* when He says,

“They say, “There is no blame upon us concerning the unlearned.” And they speak untruth about Allaah whilst they know it.” [Soorah Aali-Imraan 3:75]

And the *Raafidah* do the same. And the Jews prostrate upon the tops of their heads in Prayer and so do the *Raafidah*. And the Jews do not prostrate up until they have swayed their heads back and forth many times, resembling the *rukoo'* (bowing), and the *Raafidah* do likewise. And the Jews hate Jibreel (*'alayhis-salaam*) and they say, 'He is our enemy from amongst the Angels.' Likewise, the *Raafidah* say that Jibreel acted treacherously in delivering the revelation to Muhammad (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*).

The *Raafidah* agree with the Christians in a characteristic that is specific to the Christians: their women have no marriage contract, they only marry them temporarily for gratification and so do the *Raafidah*; they marry with the *mut'ah* (temporary marriage) and declare the *mut'ah* lawful.

And the Jews and Christians are better than the *Raafidah* from an angle: When the Jews are asked: Who are the best of the people of your religion? They answer: The companions of Moosaa (*'alayhis-salaam*). And when the Christians are asked: Who are the best of the people of your religion? They say: The disciples of 'Eesaa (*'alayhis-salaam*). And when the *Raafidah* are asked: Who are the most evil of the people of your religion? They say: The Companions of Muhammad (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*).

They were commanded to seek forgiveness for them, but they cursed them. So the sword is drawn against them until the Day of Judgement. No banner is raised for them, the footing is not made firm for them, the word is not united for them and their call is not to be answered. Their call is unjustified, their word is in mutual disagreement and their gathering is split up. Every time they ignite a fire for war, it is extinguished by Allaah.

And Aboo 'Aasim Khasheesh Ibn Asram narrated in his book, and Aboo 'Amr at-Talamankee narrated from his path in his book about the *usool* (basic principles) that Aboo 'Aasim said: Ahmad Ibn Muhammad and 'Abdul-Waarith Ibn Ibraaheem informed us: as-Sindee Ibn Sulaymaan al-Faarisee informed us: 'Abdullaah Ibn Ja'far ar-Raqee informed me: from 'Abdur-Rahmaan Ibn Maalik Ibn Maghool, from his father who said: I said to 'Aamir ash-Sha'bee (d.103H), "What is your refutation upon those people, since you used to be a leader amongst them?" He said: I have seen that they reverse the conditions to make up for a deficiency."¹⁶

¹⁶ Refer to *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (1/15-34) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

SHIRK ACCORDING TO THE RAAFIDAH RESEMBLES THE SHIRK OF THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS:

Ibn Taymiyyah – *rahimahullaah* – said, “And Islaam is built upon two basic principles: [i] that we do not worship anyone besides Allaah; [ii] and we worship Him with whatever He has legislated, we do not worship Him with innovations.

So the Christians abandoned these two basic principles and so did the innovators from this *Ummah*, such as the *Raafidah* and other than them. Also, the Christians allege that the disciples who followed the Messiah are better than Ibraaheem and Moosaa (*'alayhimas-salaam*) and other than the two of them from the Prophets and Messengers and they claim that the disciples are messengers whom Allaah has allowed to speak because they say that the Messiah is Allaah and they also say that the Messiah is the son of Allaah.

And the *Raafidah* make the twelve imaams better than the early predecessors from the *Muhaajireen* (emigrants) and the *Ansaar* (helpers). And the majority of the *Raafidah* say that they (the twelve imaams) are better than the Prophets, because they believe that the twelve imaams have divinity (*ilaahiyyah*). Likewise, the Christians believe that concerning the Messiah.

And the Christians say that the Religion must be sanctioned by the priests and the monks. So whatever they consider lawful is lawful and whatever they consider unlawful is unlawful and the religion is whatever they legislate. And the *Raafidah* claim that the Religion must be sanctioned by the imaams. So whatever they consider lawful is lawful and the Religion is whatever they legislate.

As for those who enter into the extremist views of the *Shee'ah*, such as the *Ismaa'eeliyyah*, those who say that the ruler and his likes from the imaams are divine, and they say that Muhammad Ibn Ismaa'eel abrogated the *Sharee'ah* of Muhammad Ibn 'Abdullaah, and other than that from extremist statements from amongst the *Raafidah*, then those ones are more evil than the majority of the disbelievers from the Jews, the Christians and the polytheists. And they ascribe themselves to the *Shee'ah* and feign adherence to their *madhhab*.”¹⁷

EXTREMISM OF THE SHEE'AH CONCERNING THE PROPHET'S FAMILY:

Shaykhul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah – *rahimahullaah* – said, “So the *Raafidah* claim that there are twelve who are infallible from any type of error and sin. And they hold this to be from the foundations (*usool*) of the Religion. And the extremist scholars from amongst them say that the *walee* (ally of Allaah) is safeguarded and the Prophet is infallible. And even if many of them do not say that with their tongues, their condition is like the one who holds

¹⁷ Refer to *Daqaa'iqut-Tafseer* (2/151-152) and *Minhaajus-Sunnah* (1/481-482) of Ibn Taymiyyah.

that the scholar and the *walee* are flawless. Indeed, they have gone to such extremes concerning the two groups (the scholars and the *awliyyaa'* – allies of Allaah) that some of them have given them the status of the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) and better than him. And if the affair were to go any further, they would give them a type of divinity (*ilaahiyyah*).

And all of this is from the misguidance of *jaahiliyyah* (pre-Islaamic times of ignorance), which resembles the misguidance of the Christians. Since, the Christians go to extremes with regards to the Messiah, the priests and the monks. Allaah has rebuked them severely for it in the *Qur'aan* and made that a lesson for us, so that we do not traverse their path. Due to this, the leader of the sons of Aadam (*'alayhis-salaam*) said, "Do not praise me as the Christians praise 'Eesaa Ibn Maryam (*'alayhis-salaam*). So I am only a servant, so say: the servant of Allaah and His Messenger."¹⁸ End of Ibn Taymiyyah's words.¹⁹

This is a concise summary from the source book, which will be released shortly - if Allaah so wills - reaching approximately fifty pages in length.

And may the peace and salutations of Allaah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, upon his Family and all of his Companions.

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¹⁸ Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 3189), Ahmad (no. 159) and ad-Daarimee (no. 2665).

¹⁹ Refer to *Daqaa'iqut-Tafseer* (2/223) and *Majmoo'ul-Fataawaa* (11/67) of Ibn Taymiyyah.