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Lecture 18



Common Terms

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[Aal-e-Imran 3:64]



Deen vs. Shariah

- Many messengers came before Prophet Muhammad (SAW)
 - Nuh (AS)
 - Musa (AS)
 - Esa (AS)
 - Muhammad (SAW)
- Single message: ***Believe in One God, associate no partners with him and follow the Messenger.***
- Deen was always the same
- Shariah changed over time



Fiqh vs. Shariah

- **Shariah (Islamic Law)**
 - Divine law
 - Based upon the Qur'an & Sunnah
 - Does not change
 - General in nature
- **Fiqh (Jurisprudence)**
 - Application of Shariah in a specific circumstance
 - Can change based on new evidence or application
 - To deduce and interpret the laws (*ijtihad/qiyaas*)



History

- After the Prophet (SAW)
 1. Abu Bakr as-Siddique (RA)
 2. Umar ibn al-Khattab (RA)
 3. Uthman ibn Affaan (RA)
 4. Ali ibn Abi Talib (RA)
- Imams
 1. Abu Haneefa
 2. Malik
 3. Shafi'i
 4. Ahmad ibn Hanbal



Science of Hadith

- It is important to note that at this point in time, the Quran had been **completely compiled** i.e. during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet (SAW)
- And all the *Sahih Ahadith* had **not** been collected. Why?
- Because the Prophet (SAW) wanted to avoid his own words being mixed with the Quran, and thus he did not encourage ahadith to be compiled at the same time.
- So the great imams of the time, were working with whatever information they had available.
- Later on: Imam Bukhari, Muslim, Abu Dawood, Tirimizi etc.



The Imams

- Imams were outstanding scholars who made the following points very clear:
 1. They follow the *madhab* of the authentic Ahadith [the true way of the Prophet (SAW)]
 2. That do not write down their opinions if there is a difference or no consensus (unless there was unanimous *Ijmah*). For they may say one thing one day, and based on facts change it the next day.
 3. If their opinion contradicts with the Quran and sunnah, throw it against the wall. Reject it.
- “O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those charged with authority (or knowledge). If they differ in anything, refer it to Allah and His Messenger, if you believe in Allah and the Last Day: that is best, and most suitable for final determination.”
[An-Nesa 4:59]
- This is what all the Imams said: *If you find any of my fatwas against Allah and His Rasul, reject it.*



Sectarianism

- **[Al-Muminoon 23:53]** *“But they (men) have broken their religion among them into sects, each group rejoicing in what is with it (as its belief).”*
- **Hadith Bukhari:** *“Narrated Hudhaifa bin Al-Yaman (May Allah be pleased with him): The people used to ask Allah's Apostle about the good but I used to ask him about the evil lest I should be overtaken by them.*

He wanted to know who to follow if evil was spreading fast in the world...

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), *“Stick to the group of Muslims and their Imam (ruler).”* I said, *“If there is neither a group of Muslims nor an Imam (ruler)?”* He said, *“Then turn away from all those sects even if you were to bite the roots of a tree till death overtakes you while you are in that state.”*



Previous Messengers

- **[Shuara 42:13-14]** *“He (Allâh) has ordained for you the same religion which He ordained for Nûh, and that which We have revealed to you (O Muhammad SAW), and that which We ordained for Ibrahîm, Mûsa and 'Îsâ saying you should establish religion, and make no divisions (sects) in it. Intolerable for the Mushrikûn, is that to which you call them. Allâh chooses for Himself whom He wills, and guides unto Himself who turns to Him in repentance and in obedience.”*
- **[Aal-e-Imran 3:67]** *“Ibrâhim was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim and he was not of Al-Mushrikûn”*
- **[Aal-e-Imran 3:52]** *“Then when 'Îsâ came to know of their disbelief, he said: "Who will be my helpers in Allâh's Cause?" Al-Hawâriyyûn (the disciples) said: "We are the helpers of Allâh; we believe in Allâh, and bear witness that we are Muslims (i.e. we submit to Allâh).”*



Muslims

- **[Al-Hajj 22:78]** *“And strive hard in Allah's Cause as you ought to strive. He has chosen you, and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship, it is the religion of your father Ibrahim. It is He Who has named you **Muslims** both before and in this (revelation); that the Messenger (SAW) may be a witness over you and you be witness over mankind! So perform As-Salât, give Zakât and hold fast to Allâh. He is your Maula (your Lord), what an Excellent Maula and what an Excellent Helper!”*
- **[Fussilat 41:33]** *“And who is better in speech than one who invites (men) to Allâh, and does righteous deeds, and says: "I am one of the **Muslims**.”*
- **[Az-Zumar 39:11-12]** *“Say: Verily, I am commanded to serve Allah with sincere devotion; And I am commanded to be the first of those who are **Muslims** (bow to Allah).”*
- **[Aal-e-Imran 3:64]** *“Say: "O people of the Book! Come to common terms as between us and you: **that we worship none but Allah; that we associate no partners with Him; that we erect not from among ourselves Lords and patrons other than Allah.**" If then they turn back, Say: "Bear witness that we (at least) are **Muslims** (bowing to Allah's will).”*