

**The Ruling of the Dome Built upon the Grave
Of the
Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam**

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Introduction

Indeed all Praise belongs to Allaah, we praise Him, we seek His aid, and we seek His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Him from the evil of our selves, and the evil of our actions. Whom ever Allaah guides, there is none to misguide him, and who ever Allaah leaves astray then there is none that can guide him.

I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah Azza wa Jal, Alone without any partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.

<< O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person and from him He created his wife and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allaah through Whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allaah is Ever an All-Watcher over you>>¹

<< O you who believe! Fear Allaah as He should be feared and die not except in a state of Islaam (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allaah>>²

<< O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allaah and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allaah and His Messenger he has indeed achieved a great achievement >>³

O Allaah send prayers upon Muhammad, and upon the family of Muhammad, like You sent prayers upon Ibraheem and upon the family of Ibraheem, indeed You are One worthy of praise and the Majestic.

¹ An-Nisa': 1

² Aal-Imraan : 102

³ Al-Ahzaab : 70-71

O Allaah send Your blessings upon Muhammad, and upon the family of Muhammad, like You sent Your blessings upon Ibraheem and upon the family of Ibraheem, indeed You are One worthy of praise and the Majestic.⁴

Allaah sent the Messenger as a witness over the people, as a bringer of good news, a warner, and a protector for the unlettered. He Subhanahu wa Ta'ala named him al-mutawkil (the one who puts all his trust in Allaah), not harsh nor hard hearted, nor did he raise his voice in the market places.

He did not reciprocate evil with evil, but he forgave and pardoned. His -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam - life was not taken until Allaah rectified the distorted religion by sending the Messenger -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam.

The people said La ilah il Allaah (none is worthy of worship except Allaah). Thus Allaah (through the Messenger) opened the eyes of the blind, gave hearing to the deaf and gave life to the hearts.⁵

To proceed:

I came across a fatwa by a person, who some people think is from the people of knowledge. The question was asked: Is it permissible to build domes on graves?

The meaning of the answer of this mufti was that the ummah has agreed upon the continuation of the dome above the grave of the Messenger -sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam. He also mentioned some other statements that I cannot recollect now.

This issue has continued to concern me ever since I saw the fatwa, ten years ago. And now Allaah has facilitated me to write about it, and all praise and blessings are to Him.

Every student who graduated from the Islamic University was requested to present a research paper. The topic I chose was ' *The Ruling of the Dome Built upon the Grave of the Messenger of Allaah - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam* ' I hoped that Allaah would give me success in gathering the material for this research, to present the evidences which show the invalidity of this fatwa of this poor mufti. When I presented this subject to the Dean of the faculty, he agreed to the topic. He then requested Shaykh Hamad al-Ansaari – may Allaah have mercy on him - to be my supervisor. Since he was well acquainted with the reference books. Shaykh Hamad directed me to many reference books,

⁴ This format was narrated by Bukharee (v.7 p.22) in kitaab al-Anbiyaa

⁵ This is the meaning of the Athar of Abdullaah bin 'Amr bin al-'Aas -radiAllaah anhu, as is mentioned in Bukharee (v.10 p.207) also in al-Fath.

which I never knew of. He opened the way for me to accomplish what I thought, I was unable to but I was able to complete what was required, so may Allaah reward him with good, and may Islaam and the Muslims benefit from him.

I perceived that the introduction should consist of two sections:

1- The high esteem in which the Prophet - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam - was held by his Lord.

2- The dispraise of Ghuloo (extremism), since many people are caught by surprise by this topic, and they think that this is desecrating the honour of the Messenger - sallAllaahu alayhi wa sallam.

Perhaps many of the custodians of the graves, who think that there is no provision for them except by deceiving, evil plotting and trickery call out to the people. It is as if they do not believe in the saying of Allaah Ta'ala:

<< And no there is no living creature on the earth except its provision is due from Allaah >>⁶

And His saying:

<< And there are so many living creatures, that do not carry their own provision! Rather Allaah provides for them and for you>>⁷

And His saying:

<< Verily, Allaah is the All-Provider, Owner of Power, the Most Strong >>⁸

So it is obligatory to give dawa' to these types of people, and remind them about Allaah. If they return then that is good, and if they do not, then it is obligatory upon the people of knowledge to uncover their situation for the benefit of the people. So they do not become deceived by the ignorant ones who come in the guise of the people of knowledge.

All Praise belongs to Allaah, may His peace and blessings be upon our final Prophet Muhammad, his family, his Companions and all those who follow his guidance.

⁶ Hud: 6

⁷ Al-Ankaboot : 60

⁸ Ad-Dhariyaat : 58