

BID'AH البدعة

Bid'ah is another major sin. Muhammad ﷺ warned us about it on so many occasions.

Generally it means innovation. But in our religion Bid'ah means bringing something new into Islam thinking it's going to be rewarding from Allah subhanahu wata'la. People who do Bid'ah are not going to Jannah if they do not ask Allah's forgiveness before they die. There are many reports of Muhammad ﷺ telling the ummah to not get involved in Bid'ah. Bid'ah creates distance between us and our beloved Rasool Muhammad ﷺ. Even on the day of judgment Muhammad (s) will not do intercession for us. The Prophet ﷺ told us that: "Every innovation is going astray, and every going astray will be in the Fire." Narrated by Muslim (867) and An-Nasa'i (1578).

From this narration of hadith, we understand that the result of Bid'ah is not good at all. All islamic scholars unanimously agreed upon this statement that "all kinds of innovation in Deen are rejected". We have to only take what Allah SWT prescribed in His holy book Al-Quran and what His beloved messenger Muhammad ﷺ left for us. The tradition of Muhammad ﷺ is called Sunnah. We must follow the Sunnah of our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ to adhere to our Deen properly. Anyone can

explain anything the way they want, but Deen has to be explained the way Muhammad ﷺ explained to His sahaba (companions). For that reason, everyone must learn Deen from someone who has sanad (a kind of certificate of permission) from any islamic university. Where upon completing the degree, students receive the name lists of their teachers, reaching Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Learning Deen from a random person should be always avoided. The prominent islamic scholar Ibn Sireen rahimahullah says

إن هذا العلم دين فانظروا عمن تأخذون دينكم

Meaning: Indeed the knowledge of hadith and Quran is Deen. So check the person who you are taking knowledge from.

Having this concept in mind, we always have to look for a good teacher for ourselves. The teacher who got the sanad and good character, we will take knowledge from him. If he has no sanad, he has no right to teach Deen. People who have no sanad can share knowledge saying I read it like that in a particular book or I heard it from this sheikh or teacher.

Some people think a sheikh or a teacher would give answers on everything, and he would know everything. But that's not correct. Some sheikhs are expert in delivering speeches better than anything else, whereas his Deeni knowledge is limited to a certain level. Some sheikhs are pretty much expert in all subjects, including delivering speeches and naseeha. So to go for a teacher we must ask another mustanad person (the one who holds sanad). And to look for the

right teacher is necessary to avoid Bid'ah. Because through experiences, we have found that Bid'ah was promoted by those people who spread Deeni knowledge without sanad. Many a time we saw people started practising something thinking it's a part of Deen. Some examples are here

1- Making a special day on 12th rabiul awwal, arranging feast party on that day thinking it's virtuous.

2- Some cultural activities such as nowrooz etc thinking it's virtuous in Deen.

3- Reading durud/salawat on Rasool (s) in chorus thinking it's virtuous.

4- Some wicked and waggish movements of body while doing dhikr of Allah SWT or reading durud/salawat on Muhammad

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5- Making some gestures upon hearing our beloved Rasool Muhammad's (s) mubarak name.

These were just a few examples, we can find hundreds of Bid'ah if we search all over the world. Remember any innovation in Deen is Bid'ah whether it's for a good purpose or not. We have to always stay away from Bid'ah to be the loyal ummah of Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.