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PUBLISHER'S WORD

All praise and glory belong to Allah, the Creator, the Lord of the worlds. May His blessings and peace be with the Prophet Muhammad al-Mustafa, whom He sent as a Mercy to the worlds, conveying to us His Message and His Guidance.

We are grateful to have been given the opportunity to publish this translation of *Al-Khutoot Al-Areedah*; we hope that it will serve to inform those who have been, through no real fault of their own, ignorant of the beliefs and practices of the Shi'ites, our ostensible co-religionists, for they have taken to promoting themselves as guardians of the straight path of Islam, and they aspire to the leadership of the Muslim *ummah*.

Make no mistake; this is *not* a political work. It is neither defending, nor attacking a particular regime. Since it was written, in the '50's, many governments have changed in the Muslim world, but the relevance of this book to Muslims is unchanged. This book is about **religion**; specifically, it is about Islam and a particular corruption of Islam, that have been **ideologically** and doctrinally opposed for several hundred years, and must continue to be opposed, as truth must ever oppose falsehood. At the risk of drawing the reader's conclusions for him, we aver that this work amply demonstrates that Shi'ism is not an acceptable variant of Islam, but rather an unacceptable distortion of it.

Finally, a word about the translation itself: The translator and editors of this work, forced to choose between a more or less literal *translation* that remained strictly faithful to the original in wording and organization, and an *interpretation*, that eliminated peculiarities of Arabic discourse and diction, opted for the latter, to produce a work that is accessible to the reader of English yet which remains faithful to the intent and contents of the Arabic original.

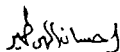
FOREWORD

Praise be to Allah and may peace be upon the Seal of the Infallible Prophets. It was pleasing to me to hear that the M.A.P. Society is in the process of translating and publishing Islamic books, and that *Al-Khutoot Al-'Areedah*, by Muhibbudeen Al-Khateeb has been translated into English. Although it is a small volume, the benefit to be derived from it is great. Its publication is a blessed enterprise and one that will be widely appreciated, *insha-Allah*, May Allah give those involved in this work the best reward.

I view the dissemination of such works as essential, that Muslims may come to know those who are the enemies of the Companions of the Prophet (s.a.a.w.s.), and the enemies of the Islamic teachings which have reached us through them. The Companions were indeed the reservoirs and conduits of the Divine Revelation received by the Prophet (s.a.a.w.s.), and it is thanks to their noble efforts that we Muslims have found and continue to find refreshment in the pure un-sullied stream of Revealed Truth.

The enemies of Islam would like to sow seeds of doubt in the minds of Muslims, concerning the noble Companions of the Prophet (s.a.a.w.s.). It is their aim by so doing to cast doubt upon Islamic law, and even, by implication, upon the very sources of our law, the Glorious Qur'an and the Authentic Traditions of the life of the Holy Messenger of Allah, Al-Mustafa Muhammad (s.a.a.w.s.). *Al-Khutoot Al-'Areedah* uncovers the faces of our enemies, and exposes their secret tenets and hidden beliefs.

No doubt many people have benefitted from the Arabic and Urdu editions of this work. May Allah grant the English-speaking readers like benefit as they examine its disclosures.



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INTRODUCTION

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

All praise is due to the Almighty God, Allah. We praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Allah from the evils of our own selves and from our wicked deeds. Whosoever has been guided by Allah, there is none to misguide him. And whosoever has been misguided by Allah, none can guide him. And I bear witness that there is no other god except Allah, alone, without partner or associate. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger. May Allah the Exalted bestow His peace and blessings on the Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family as well as upon all of the noble Companions and upon those who followed them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

It is intended through this translation of *Al-Khutoot Al-'Areedah* to present to readers of English, both Muslims and non-Muslims, accurate information about the faith and tenets of the Shi'ite sect known as the Twelve Imams or Ja'faris.

It is essential for the Sunni Muslim to know the fact of the Shi'ite deviation from the straight path of Islam taught by the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.a.w.s.) and his noble Companions (r.a.a.). *Al-Khutoot Al-'Areedah* clearly and briefly presents the actual teachings of the Shi'ites in general, and the Twelve Imams in particular. The reader will derive from the text an unequivocal understanding of the Shi'ite sect and will distance himself from them and their beliefs. He will realize that there can be no reconciliation nor reunification of the Sunnis and the schismatic Shi'ites until and unless the latter renounce their perverse tenets. They must return to the pure unadulterated teachings of Islam held and maintained by *Ahlu-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah* (the Sunnis).

Unfortunately, it is a common view in the West that the Irani Shi'ites and their so-called "Islamic" revolution with all its attendant turmoil, injustice and barbarism, are representatives of Islam. It is hoped that the non-Muslim reader of this work will come to perceive the abyss which separates the Shi'ites from the Muslim majority, and that he will no longer condemn all Muslims for the activities of one deviant sect.

THE PREDETERMINED FACT OF SECTARIANISM

The existence of numerous sects, the majority of which are deviant, is a predetermined fact referred to in the Glorious Qur'an:

And if your Lord [Allah] had so willed, He could have made mankind a single unified community, but they will not cease to dispute and differ; except those upon whom your Lord has bestowed His mercy. And for this did He create them; and the word of your Lord will be fulfilled: I will fill Hell with jinns and men altogether. (11:118, 119)

Furthermore, Allah's Prophet (s.a.a.w.s.) had said: "Verily this nation [of Muslims] will divide into seventy-three sects", and in another narration: "All of them [these sects] will be in the Fire except one." When asked which it was, the Prophet replied: "The one which adheres to my *sunnah* (way of life) and the *sunnah* of my Companions."¹

Thus, it was incumbent upon us to bring to light the stark differences among the sects so that it may be perfectly clear what each sect believes in and adheres to, that Allah's proof against His slaves may be established:

But that Allah might accomplish a matter already ordained [in His knowledge]; so that those who were destroyed [by rejecting faith] might be destroyed after a clear sign [had been given] and those who live [i.e. believers] might live after a clear sign [had been given]. And surely Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower. (8:42)

Shi'ism originated in the first century of Islam as an exaggerated affection for and partisanship of *Ahlul-Bait* (the family and descendants of the Prophet Muhammad [s.a.a.w.s.]). Later on, it developed into a set of misbeliefs and erroneous concepts which ultimately constituted a new religion; a religion other than that which was taught by the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.a.w.s.), and by his Companions after him.

The Shi'ites claim to have a Qur'an other than the one which is unanimously recognized by all Muslims throughout the history of Islam. Furthermore, they reject the authentic compilations of the sacred traditions, such as those of the two great *imams* Al-Bukhari and Muslim. They consider all but a few of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad to be apostates, while they elevate their *Imams* to a position comparable to that of the gods of ancient mythology.

Unfortunately, some naive or simple-minded Muslims are inclined to believe that the Shi'ites of today have abandoned their deviant tenets and have reverted to the right path. Grounds for such a belief are yet to be found.

A detailed exposition of the Shi'ite distortions and misconceptions will follow in this treatise, but at this point I will briefly touch on some of the views of the contemporary Shi'ite religious elite; the *ayatullahs* and *mullahs* whose commands are obeyed and slavishly adhered to by the ordinary Shi'ites.

In a treatise entitled *Tuhfatul-Awaam Maqbool*, published recently, there appeared an invocation² endorsed by six of the most respected contemporary Shi'ite *imams* including Khomeini and Shariat-Madari. In that invocation, Abu Bakr and 'Umar, may Allah be pleased with them, are accused of altering the Qur'an. Those two illustrious caliphs, along with their two daughters, who were the noble and pure wives of the Prophet (s.a.a.w.s.) were cursed and reviled by the Shi'ites of today.

Khomeini, in his book *Al-Hukoomatul-Islamiyyah* (the Islamic government), claims that the Twelve Imams are infallible, and he raises them to a level above the heavenly angels and the commissioned prophets of Allah; he stresses: "Certainly, the *Imam* commands a noble station and lofty position; a creative vicegerency to whose rule and power submit the very atoms of all creation[!] And an essential tenet of our Shi'ite sect is that the *Imams* have a position which is reached neither by the angels [in the highest heaven] nor by any commissioned messenger of God³." He further stated: "The teachings and directives of the *Imams* are just like those of the Qur'an, it is compulsory on one to follow them and carry them out."

In short, Khomeini and his fellow clergymen adhere to all of the perverse tenets of the Shi'ite faith as laid out in detail in *Al-Kaafi*. Khomeini clearly admits this in his book *Al-Hukoomatul-Islamiyyah*: "Do you think that it is enough for us, with respect to our religion, to collect its rulings and directives in *Al-Kaafi*, then put it on a shelf and neglect it?"⁴

Al-Khutoot Al-'Areedah, provides some details from *Al-Kaafi*, a foundation stone of the Shi'ite religion, so that the naive good-hearted Muslims may have a second thought before cherishing the idea that the Shi'ites of today are different from those of the past.