



HOW SHOULD A SUNNEE DEAL WITH A RELATIVE WHO IS UPON BID'AH?¹

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[Q]: *Jazaakumullaahu khayran*. The brothers ask you as well, saying: If a Salafee has kinship with a person of *bid'ah* such that that person of *bid'ah* is a brother, an uncle, or a brother in law of his and whatever resembles this (in the way of family ties); so how should a Salafee deal with him in this circumstance? May Allaah accept from you, Aameen.

[A]: This is something that exists, without doubt. For verily, in many houses, you will find that there is only one *sunnee-salafee*; one man or one woman, and the rest of them are all people of *bid'ah*. That person has to have a good kind of *siyaasah* [i.e. a diplomatic or wise way of dealing with these people]. And he should show them love and affection, and win them over with kindness. Yes. And he should clarify the truth for them with a clarification of love, sincere affection and honesty. And he should not rise against them, the rising of a lion upon its prey; nor should he manifest to them that they are deviants and that he is the one who is upon the truth and right guidance.

Rather, it is upon him to follow or to seize the opportunity of kinship; to take advantage of this kinship, and that he clarifies (the truth) to them until Allaah *Azza wa Jalla* guides them. And it is upon him to exercise patience and sacrifice. He should not be hasty, as long as the *bid'ah* is *mufassiqah* [i.e. related to matters of disobedience that do not expel from the fold of Islaam]. So it is upon him to be patient and make sacrifice, and that he be serious and exert himself in this. As well, he should entrust his affairs to Allaah with supplication in seeking their guidance and their returning to the Sunnah. Yes...

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Questioner interjects: May Allaah bless you in your knowledge. Ameen...

Shaykh 'Ubayd continues: As far as our experience shows, people benefit from the use of wisdom and a good *siyaasah*, whether they are regular people or *'ulamaa* (scholars). As for the stubborn rejecter, then he should be dealt with according to ability and strength. Yes...

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