

## Meaning of the [Term] Raafidah And a Brief Acquaintance with Their Idiotic [or Ridiculous] Behaviour

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy

The Raafidah: They are those who rejected Zaid Bin Ali [rahimahullaah]. They asked him about AbuBakr and Umar [radiyallaahu-anhumaa], so he invoked Allaah's mercy for both of them; they said, 'Then, we have rejected you'. So, Zaid [rahimahullaah] said to them, "Go, for you are rejecters."

### Idiotic [or Ridiculous] Behaviour

Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah [rahimahullaah] mentioned in his tremendous book 'Minhaajus Sunnah Vol: 1 page 13: And from the idiotic behaviour of the [Raafidah] is that they make a similitude of one they are angry with, for example they choose a female sheep that is reddish in colour because Aa'isha [radiyallaahu-anhaa] was named Al-Humayraa'u (Ref 1) [i.e. one reddish in complexion]. So, they regard this female sheep to be Aa'isha [radiyallaahu-anhaa] and punish it by pulling its hair and other than that. And they consider this to be punishment for Aa'isha [radiyallaahu-anhaa].

(Ref 1)- Al-Humayraa'u: The Prophet [sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam] referred to Aa'isha [radiyallaahu-anhaa] as Al-Humayraa'u and this is found in a hadith narrated by Abee Salamah [radiyallaahu-anhu] and reported by An-Nasaa'ee in Sunan Al-Kub'raa' Hadith Number:8951. Shaikh Al-Albaanee [rahimahullaah] says this Hadeeth is authentic and all its narrators are Thiqaat (trustworthy) [See: Silsilah Al-Hadeeth As-Saheehah; Hadith Number: 3277]

Hafidh Ibn Hajr says that this hadith is Saheeh. See Fathul Baaree under chapter: 'Al-Hiraab Wad-Darq Yaumul Eed'. He also says that the other narrations containing this word 'Al-Humaraa'u' are weak, but only this one reported by An-Nasaa-ee [rahimahullaah] on the authority of Abee Salamah [radiyallaahu-anhu] is authentic.

Some of them [i.e. Raafidah] would name two donkeys amongst the millstone donkeys- one Abu Bakr and the other Umar; then they would punish these two donkeys and consider it to be punishment for Abu Bakr and Umar [radiyallaahu-anhumaa].

And at times they [i.e. Raafidah] write the names of Abu Bakr and Umar [radiyallaahu-anhumaa] under their feet, so one of the Muslim rulers began to beat the feet of those who did so, whilst saying, "Rather, I am beating Abu Bakr and Umar", and he did not stop beating their [feet] until it became paralyzed.

Amongst them [i.e. Raafidah] is one who names his dogs AbuBakr and Umar, and then curses them. And amongst them is the one that when his dog is named Bakeer, he beats the [person] who gave it that name and says, "You name my dog with the name of the inhabitants of the fire."

And amongst them [i.e. Raafidah] are those who extol Abu LuLu'a Al-Majoosee Al-Kaafir [The fire worshipper], who was a slave of Mugheerah Bin Shubah [radiyallaahu-anhu] when he killed Umar Ibnul Khattaab [radiyallaahu-anhu]. They extol Abu LuLu'a for killing Umar, [even though] he is a disbelieving fire worshipper based on the consensus of the scholars.

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