

ISLAMIC CREED TRAINING COURSE VII

Sharh: Nawaaqid al-Islam

Things Which Nullify a Muslim's Islam

Al-Imaam Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahhab at-Tamimi An-Najdi
(1115 - 1206H)

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Lecture No. 1

Brief Biography of the *Mu'allif* (Author)

Introductory Comments: Shaykh Abdul Aziz Ibn Baaz (Rahimahu-llah)

Definition of *Nawaaqid* (singular, *Naaqid*)

The Issue of *at-Takfeer* – Declaring a Muslim to be out of Islam

The difference between the *Hukm* that some statement or action is *Kufr*,
And the *Hukm* that the one who made the statement or committed the act is a *Kaafir*

The issue of *al-'Udhr bi-l-Jahl* (Being excused due to *ignorance*)

Questions:

1. Mention the name of the author, date of birth/death.
2. Mention some of his writings and something about his mission.
3. Mention some of the Usool (Fundamentals) of the Da'wah (Call) of the author.
4. Mention some of the fruits/effects of the author's Da'wah.
5. Define: '*Nawaaqid*'
6. Discuss the Issue of *at-Takfeer*, and explain the difference between the *Hukm* (Ruling) concerning an *action* and the *Hukm* concerning a *particular person*.
7. What is meant by *al-'Udhr bi-l-Jahl*?

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The First *Naaqid* (Nullifier): *As-Shirk*:

Setting Up Partners in the Worship of Allah, the Most High.

Allah, the Most High, says: *Verily, Allah does not forgive that partners be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives whatever is less than that, to whomever He wills. And whoever sets up partners with Allah, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin. [al-Qur'an 4:48]*

And He, the Most High, says: *..And whoever sets up partners with Allah, has indeed strayed far away. [al-Qur'an 4:116]*

And He, the Most High, says: *...Verily, whoever sets up partners with Allah (in worship), then Allah has forbidden paradise to him, and his final abode will be the Fire. And the Zaalimoon (wrongdoers, polytheists) will have no helpers. [al-Qur'an 5:72]*

From this (shirk) is offering a sacrifice (*Dhabh*) for other than Allah, like the one who sacrifices to the *Jinn* or to (the one in) the grave.

Questions:

1. How many *Nawaaqid* has the author (rahimahu-llah) mentioned in this essay?
2. What is the first *Naaqid* (Nullifier) and *why* has the author mentioned it first?
3. Define *ash-Shirk*, and mention its two primary divisions/types.
4. Define each of the two primary divisions of *ash-Shirk*, explaining the *difference* between them.
5. Discuss the comments of **al-Imaam al-Qurtubee** concerning *Shirk Akbar*.
6. Mention the two (2) types of *Shirk* in *Uloohiyyah* (Divinity), with examples.
7. Mention the four (4) primary types of *Shirk* in *Uboodiyyah* (Worship).
8. Give a definition for *Shirk Asghar*, mentioning its two primary divisions/types.

9. Mention the three (3) types of ***Shirk Jalee*** (Open/Obvious Shirk).
10. Mention the *Du'a* (supplication) taught by the Prophet for protection from ***Shirk Khafee*** (Inconspicuous/Hidden Shirk).
11. Mention some of the ***acts*** of ***Shirk*** that are common among the Muslims today.

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The Second *Naaqid* (Nullifier): *ash-Shafaa'a: Intercession*

Whoever makes between himself and Allah **Intermediaries** (*al-Wasaa'it*), Supplicating them (*ad-Du'aa*), Asking them for Intercession (*Shafaa'a*) and Relying upon them (*Tawakkul*) - In that case he/she has already become a *Kaafir* (Unbeliever). This is the Consensus (*Ijmaa'a*) of the Muslim communities past and present.

Allah, the Most High, says: *Surely the religion (worship and obedience) is for Allah (Alone). And those who take Awliyaa' (protectors, helpers, lords, gods) besides Him (say): 'We only worship them that they may bring us nearer to Allah.'* Indeed, Allah will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. Verily, Allah does not guide one who is a **Kaadhib** (liar) **Kaffaar** (disbeliever). [az-Zumar 39:3]

Questions:

1. Define and discuss briefly the second *Naaqid* (Nullifier) of Islam.
2. What is the argument of the grave worshippers for not calling on Allah *directly*?
3. Discuss the *one situation* where Allah has legislated a **Waasitah** (medium) between Himself and the creatures.
4. Mention the *two conditions* for the response of Allah to the one who calls on Him mentioned in 2:186 (*I respond to the supplication of the supplicant when he calls on Me...*)
5. Discuss the saying: *His (Allah's) Knowledge of my condition (i.e. my needs) makes me free of need of asking Him!*
6. Discuss the verse: *...Seek a Waseelah (means of approach) to Him...*[5:35]
7. **Du'aa** is one of the **Asbaab** (causes, means) to bring about good or repulse harm, just as rain is a **Sabab** (cause, means) for bringing life from the earth after its death. [Explain]
8. Mention the three principles explained by Ibn Taymiyyah concerning *al-Asbaab*.

9. Explain the *Qaa'idah* given by Ibn Taymiyyah: 'whatever Allah has *commanded*, its benefit is greater...And whatever Allah has *prohibited*, it's evil is greater...
10. Discuss the two types of *Shafaa'ah* (intercession) related to *Yawm al-Qiyaamah*?

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The Third *Naaqid* (Nullifier): *Adam Takfeer al-Mushrikeen*
Whoever does not declare the *Kufr* (disbelief) of the pagans; or has doubts about their *Kufr* (disbelief); or considers their *madh-hab* (way of life/religion) as correct or valid. Such a one has fallen into disbelief by Consensus.

This is because Allah, the Majestic and Most High, has declared them to be disbelievers in so many verses of His Book.

*Allah, the Most High, says: *Surely, they have disbelieved who say: 'Allah is the Messiah, son of Maryam...'* [al-Maa'idah 5:72]

*He, the Most High, says: *'Surely, they have disbelieved who say: 'Allah is the third of the three (i.e. trinity)...'* [al-Maa'idah 5:73]

Questions:

1. Discuss briefly the third *Naaqid* (Nullifier) of Islam.
2. Mention an *Ayah* of the Qur'an confirming the *Kufr* of the pagan disbelievers.
3. Mention the *two conditions* necessary for one's *Tawheed* to be correct/complete.
4. Mention a *Daleel* (proof) for these two conditions (*Shuroot*) of Tawheed.
5. What is the *technical definition* of '*al-Islam*' offered by the *Scholars of Tawheed*?
6. Offer a *Daleel* (proof) for *Baraa'ah* (disassociation) from the disbelievers.

7. How has Imaam Muhammad ibn Abdul-Wahhab explained: *al-Kufr bi-t-Taaghoot?*
8. Mention the *Sabab an-Nuzool* (circumstance of the revelation) of verse **9:5**: “...*Kill the Mushrikoon wherever you find them, and capture them and besiege them...*”
9. Mention a *proof* for the *prohibition* of taking the disbelievers as *Awliyaa* (allies).
10. What is the *Hukm* (Ruling) concerning *inheritance* of a Muslim from a *Kafir*?
11. Mention a *proof prohibiting* permanent residence among the disbelievers.

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Allah, the Most High, says:

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[an-Nisaa' 4:65]

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2. What *Ayah* of the Qur'an has the author given as **Daleel** for this nullifier?
3. Mention the *circumstances* under which this *Ayah* was revealed.
4. Discuss the *two statements* of the Prophet in his *Ruling* for az-Zubair .
5. What are the *three factors* - necessary for complete *faith* - mentioned in 4:65?
6. Mention a proof that the **Hady** (Guidance) of the Prophet is the best of guidance.

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10. Is the fact that someone *commits a sinful act* a proof that such a person hates or dislikes what the Prophet has come with (i.e. in the *Sharee'ah*)? [Explain]

10. Explain the *Qaa'idah* (Principle) concerning the one who does not engage in a sinful action, but is *pleased* with it [i.e. he does not speak out against it].

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The Seventh *Naaqid* (Nullifier):

Sorcery or Magic, which includes *as-Sarf* [causing alienation] and *al-'Ataf* [causing affection or attachment].

He who practices it or is pleased with it is a disbeliever...

And the evidence of this is the Saying of Allah, the Most High:

*...but neither of these two (angels Haaroot and Maaroot) taught anyone (such things) till they had said, 'We are only a **fitnah** (trial, test) so do not disbelieve (by learning this magic from us)...*

[al-Baqarah 2:102]

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6. Mention the 2 opinions concerning the issue of whether **as-Sihr** is a reality.
7. Mention a **Daleel** for each opinion.
8. Mention the **Hukm** (ruling) concerning **as-Saahir**, and the **Ikhtilaaf** concerning it.
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The Eighth *Naaqid* (Nullifier):

Mudhaa-haratu-l-Mushrikeen wa Mu'aawanatuhum ala al-Muslimeen:

Backing or Supporting the polytheists and aiding them against the Muslims.

And the evidence of this is the Saying of Allah, the Most High:

O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as Auliyyaa' (friends, protectors, helpers, etc.), they are but Auliyyaa' to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as Auliyyaa', then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers and unjust).

[Al-Qur'an 5:51]

Questions:

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2. Mention the **Daleel** which the author has given for this *Naaqid*.
3. What is meant by: "... they are but **Auliyyaa'** to one another...?"
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9. Explain: "It is not necessary that every person - who commits an act which is ruled to be **Kufr** - be classified as a **Kaafir**."

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The Ninth *Naaqid* (Nullifier):

*Man I'taqada Anna ba'da-N-Naas Yasa'a-hu al-Khurooj 'an Shari'ah
Muhammad, kamaa Wasa'a al-Khidra al-Khurooj 'An Sharee'ah Moosa alayhis-
Salaam - fa-huwa Kaafir.*

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exempted from the Sharee'ah (Laws) of Moosaa - is a Kaafir.**

And the evidence of this is the Saying of Allah, the Most High:

**"And verily, this is My Straight Path, so follow it, and do not
follow (other) paths, for they will separate you from His Path "**
[al-An'aam 6:153]

Questions:

1. Discuss briefly the Ninth *Naaqid* (Nullifier) of Islam.
2. Mention a **Daleel** (evidence) for this *Naaqid* (Nullifier).
3. How has the Prophet *explained* this *Ayah* (6:153) in the Hadeeth?
4. What is the *ruling* for the one who believes that it is permissible for someone to be exempt from the *Sharee'ah* of the Prophet?
5. What is the **Daleel** that obedience or disobedience of the Prophet will be the cause of entering Paradise or the Hell-Fire?
6. Explain the expressions: *Ummah Ijaabah* and *Ummah Da'wah*.
7. Mention the *Hadeeth* that suggests this division of the **Ummah**.
8. How do the Soofees use the story of Moosaa and al-Khidr as a proof for their deviation?
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"And verily, this is My Straight Path, so follow it, and do not follow (other) paths, for they will separate you from His Path " [al-An'aam 6:153]

Questions:

1. Discuss briefly the Ninth *Naaqid* (Nullifier) of Islam.
2. Mention a **Daleel** (evidence) for this *Naaqid* (Nullifier).
3. How has the Prophet *explained* this *Ayah* (6:153) in the Hadeeth?
4. What is the *ruling* for the one who believes that it is permissible for someone to be exempt from the *Sharee'ah* of the Prophet?
5. What is the **Daleel** that obedience or disobedience of the Prophet will be the cause of entering Paradise or the Hell-Fire?
6. Explain the expressions: *Ummah Ijaabah* and *Ummah Da'wah*.
7. Mention the *Hadeeth* that suggests this division of the **Ummah**.
8. How do the **Soofees** use the story of *Moosaa and al-Khidr* as a proof for their deviation?
9. Discuss the argument of Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah against them.

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