‘Ghair Allah’

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Abbreviations:

saww: - Sal la la ho Allay hay Wа Aal lay he Wasallam
azwj: - Az Za Wа Jalla
asws: - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam
AJFJ: Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak
ra: - Razi Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}
La: - Laan Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}
The word ‘لِغَيِِْْاللَّهِِ’ has been used in the Holy Quran approximately seven times (2:173, 5:3, 6.14, 6:145, 6:164, 7:140, 16:115), in all these Verse, it means (reciting the name while slaughtering or seeking assistance from) ‘other than Allah’. Allahazwj has Commanded people to not take their own created gods and intercessors (Wasila) beside Him, as they will be ‘لِغَيِِْْاللَّهِِ’ ‘other than Allah’. To call upon all those who are ‘لِغَيِِْْاللَّهِِ’ is therefore ‘Shrik’ and ‘ Haram’ and one must avoid this in order to protect his/her Eman.

In summary, all man-made idols/god as dietary will be classified as ‘لِغَيِِْْاللَّهِِ’, however, Allahazwj’s Created angels, Prophets and Imamasws cannot be deemed as ‘لِغَيِِْْاللَّهِِ’ as they perform certain duties under the Commands of Allahazwj, so their work is on behalf of Allahazwj. And Allahazwj Approves them as being ‘الْوَسِيلَةَ’ (intermediary):

In the Holy Quran, we find:

O you who believe! Fear Allah and seek the intermediary to Him and strive hard in His Way, perhaps you would be successful [5:35]

Ibn Shehr Ashub who said,

‘Amir-Al-Momineenasws said regarding the Words of the High and seek the intermediary to Him [5:35]: ‘Iasws am Hisazwj intermediary (وسيلة).’

The ‘salafis’ (Wahabis) used to be of the opinion that calling upon anyone besides Allahazwj is ‘Shirk’ and one must not do so otherwise one becomes a ‘Mushrik’ (polytheist). A similar thinking is now being developed within a minority of twelve Imamis, as inspired by the superficial thinking of ‘Salafis’, we present a short ‘write-up’ in Urdu in Appendix I: where
basically they allege that the Infallible Prophets\textsuperscript{as} and Imams\textsuperscript{as} (i.e., Masomeen\textsuperscript{asws}) are ‘غَيَّرُوا الله’ (In the Name of Allah), and then firm up their claim by asking: ‘if one can eat the meat of a permissible animal which is slaughtered when the name of masomeen\textsuperscript{asws} is recited instead of Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}?\textsuperscript{2}

The question asked is not only absurd but childish, as the Masomeen\textsuperscript{asws} have conveyed the Divine Message in the form of Holy Quran and Ahadith, in which it is stated to ‘not recite but Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}’s name while slaughtering’, hence any violation of this will be the violation of the Command of Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} as well as the Masomeen\textsuperscript{asws}, since they\textsuperscript{asws} had acted on behalf of Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} and conveyed the Message. So how can one say anything else but the name of Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}?\textsuperscript{3}

Here we present a Hadith from Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq\textsuperscript{asws}, when Abu Hanifa objected to him\textsuperscript{asws} for thanking Rasool-Allah\textsuperscript{asww} along with Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} after eating food.

\textsuperscript{2} It is written in Kanzul Fawaid by Karajaki that once Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq\textsuperscript{asws} was eating food with Abu Hanifa and after finishing, Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq\textsuperscript{asws} expressed gratitude like this:

\textsuperscript{3} "I\textsuperscript{asws} thank Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} who is the Sustainer of all worlds, O Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} this was a blessing from You\textsuperscript{azwj} as well as from Your Prophet\textsuperscript{asww}.”

Upon hearing this Abu Hanifa said: "O Abu AbdAllah\textsuperscript{asws}! You have include ‘someone else’ (ghair Allah) along with Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}.”

Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq\textsuperscript{asws} replied: “Be Careful! Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} Says in His Book (9:59)\textsuperscript{4}:

\textsuperscript{4} If only they had been content with what Allah and His Messenger had given them, and had said, "Sufficient unto us is Allah! Allah and His Messenger will soon give us out of their Kindness:"

And at another place Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} Says (9:74)\textsuperscript{4}: “......And they only stayed in opposition because Allah and His Messenger enriched them out of His grace......\textsuperscript{4}.

\textsuperscript{2} بحار الأنوارِ 47 240
\textsuperscript{3} وَلَوْ أَنْ أَخْلَفْتُمْ مَا أَنْتَمُنَا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولُهُ وَقَالُواِحَسْبُنَا اللَّهَ وَأَنْتُنَا عَلَى مَسْتَحَابٍ فِي النَّاسِ إِنَّاِإِلى اللَّهِ رَاغِبُونَ (59 9:59)
\textsuperscript{4} وَمَا قَضَبْتُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ أَخْلَفْتُمْ مَا أَنْتَمُنَا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولُهُ (74 9:74)
After listening to these Verses from Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq\textsuperscript{asws}, Abu Hanifa said: “By Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}! It seems I have never read or heard someone reciting these Verses of the Holy Quran before.”

Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq\textsuperscript{asws} said: “No, it’s not like this! You have not only heard these Verses before but also have read them. However, Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} Says for you and people like you (47:24): "Will they then not meditate on the Qur’an, or are there locks on the hearts?" and Says (83:14): “Nay, but that which they have earned is rust upon their hearts.”

**Show-off is for ‘Ghair-Allah’:**

Any deed to impress, please other than Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}, such as to ‘show-off’ will not be accepted:

A number of our companions, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ja’far Bin Muhammad Al Ashary, from Ibn Al Qaddah, from:

Abu Abdullah\textsuperscript{asws} having said to Abbad Bin Kaseer Al-Basry in the Masjid: ‘Woe be unto you Abbad! Beware of the showing-off, for it is from the deeds (done) for other than Allah\textsuperscript{azwj}. Allah\textsuperscript{azwj} will Allocate him to the one he worked for’.

Further Ahadith on showing-off are given in Appendix II.

\textsuperscript{5} Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 116 H 1
Appendix I: An Urdu write-up on ” (other than Allahazwj)

صوفیوں اور غائلوں کو فتح

اکثر مہم جغرافیائی سلسلے کے لیے فرمایا ہوکر اس وقت کے مشترک نہیں ہو جاتے تاکہ ان کی کامام ممکن کام نکلے۔

1. غیر اللہ کے لیے نماز پڑھنا

2. غیر اللہ کے نام پر جانور ذبح کرنا

3. یا غیر اللہ سے دعا و پکار کرے

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اپ میں تعلق ہے کہ محمد ولآل محمد کی وجہ میں نماز پڑھنا، لہذا ان کی دعویں جواب اور اس کا درجہ اضافہ کیا جاتا ہے گا کہ خدا پرست سید اور سیدوں کہ کسی دعوی کو ہمارے سیدوں سے بھی کوئی مطالبہ نہیں کر سکتا ہے۔

امام ع کے فرمان کے مطابق مشترکہ کی طرف سے، خدا پرست سیدوں سے معاوضه کے نام پر مقدمات اور اپنے نظام میں ملازم ہو جاتے ہیں۔

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Appendix II: The ‘show-off’ is for ‘Ghair Allah’

A number of our companions, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ja’far Bin Muhammad Al ashary, from Ibn Al Qaddah, (It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah asws having said: ‘Amir Al-Momineen asws said: ‘Fear Allahazwj with a fear not with an excuse, and perform deeds for Allahazwj without any showing off and not to be heard of, for the one who does a deed for other than Allahazwj, Allahazwj would Allocate him to his deeds’.8

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Muhammad Bin Isa Bin Ubeyd, from Muhammad Bin Arafa who said,

‘Al-Rezaasws said to me: ‘Woe be unto you, O Ibn Arafa! For it is such that the one who does a deed for other than Allahazwj, Allahazwj would Allocate it to what he worked for. Woe be unto you! There is no deed which anyone does except Allahazwj Returns it as such – so if it is good, so good, and if evil, so evil’.9

A number of our companions, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ja’far Bin Muhammad Al Ashary, from Ibn Al Qaddah, (It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullahasws having said to Abd Bin Kaseer Al-Basry in the Masjid: ‘Woe be unto you Abdab! Beware of the showing-off, for it is from the deeds (done) for other than Allahazwj. Allahazwj will Allocate him to the one he worked for’.10

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Abu Al Magra’a, from Yazeed Bin Khaleefa who said,

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8 Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 116 H 17
9 Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 116 H 5
10 Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 116 H 1
‘Abu Abdullah asws said: ‘Showing-off is Shirk (association with Allahazwj). The one who does a deed for the people, his rewards would be upon the people, and the one who does a deed for Allahazwj, his Reward would be upon Allahazwj.  

11 Al Kafi V 2 – The Book Of Belief and Disbelief CH 116 H 3