



The third question of Fatwa No. (9420):

Q 3: Is Imamite Shia an Islamic sect? Who is the founder? In fact, the Shi`ah claim their sect is traceable back to `Aly (may Allah honor

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his face). However, if the sect of Shiites is not Islamic, in what way will it be non-Islamic? I hope Your Eminence graciously gives me a detailed account provided with valid evidence of the Shiite sect and their beliefs along with highlighting of some innovative Islamic sects.

A: The fundamentals and secondary elements of the Shia are Bid'ahs (rejected innovations in religion). You are advised to consult the books "Al-Khututul-'Aridah", "Al-Tuhfa Al-Ithna 'Ashariyyah Abridged" and "Minhajul-Sunnah" by Sheikhu-Islam for an account of many of their Bid'ahs.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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