

# Some Statements of Shaykh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah

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About the Soofeeyah

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**1. There was more *Bida'* amongst those who came later than those who were amongst the foremost of the people.**

Shaykh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah (d.728) *-Rabimullaab-* said :

‘This is because every time the people were closer to the time of the Messenger of Allah their *Bida'* was less, and this type of *Bida'* was (generally) in speech and

statements.

Those who committed *Bida'* were not from amongst the *Tabi'een* (those who followed the Companions) and those who followed them, rather it was people who worshipped Allaah by dancing and listening to music. Just as there were people at that time from the *Khawarij* (those who rebel against the Muslim leader), the *Mutazilah* and the *Shia*, there were also amongst them those who belied *Qadr* however, there were not amongst these people of *Bida'* those who used *Qadr* as a justification for their actions.

Thereafter a lot of the *Bida'* of action occurred amongst those people who came later, they were the ordinary (ignorant) worshippers and those who abstained from the *Dunyaa*, the poor people and the Soofeeyah. This *Bida'* of actions was not generally present at the time of the *Tabi'een* and those who followed them, in contrast to the people of *Bida'* and their innovated statements. Because this *Bida'* of statements appeared at the time of the Companions and those who followed the Companions, due to this it was known, and at that time doubts regarding *Bida'* were stronger and their people were more intelligent, as for the *Bida'* of the people nowadays who abstain from the *Duniya* and the Soofeeyah then their people are

more ignorant and further away from following the Messenger of Allaah.’

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## **2. The Dislike of the Soofeeyah for Knowledge.**

Shaykh ul-Islam Ibn Taymeeyah *-Rabimullaah-* said:

‘As for the people who worship with *Bida*’, then the Shaytaan beautifies these acts of worship for them and makes them hate the paths of the *Sharia*’ until he makes them hate knowledge, the Qur’aan and Hadeeth. So they do not like to listen to the Qur’aan and Hadeeth nor do they like to remember it, and perhaps they are caused to hate books so they do not love books nor the one who has a book, whether it is a *Mus’haf* or a book of Hadeeth.

Just as an-Nasrabaadthi said, the Soofeeyah used to say: ‘How can you leave the knowledge of (al-*Kharq*- a type of clothing that is specific to the Soofeeyah) and take the knowledge of the *Sharia*’ and knowledge!’ He said: ‘I used to hide my writing materials from them but when I became older they were in need of my knowledge.’

As-Siree as-Saqtee mentioned that one of the Soofeeyah entered upon him and when he saw that he had a pen and ink he left and did not sit with him.....and many

of the Soofeeyah frighten away those who mention the Qur'aan or the *Sharia'*, or if he has a book with him or if he writes.

This is because they feel that this type of person has in him something that oppresses his *Tareeqah* (path) so their Shayateen make them flee from knowledge, just as a Jew and a Christian causes his son to flee from listening to the speech of the Muslims so that he does not change his belief of his religion. Likewise, the people of Nuh would place their fingers in their ears and cover themselves up with their garments so that they could not hear his speech or see him.

Allaah Ta'ala said about the *Mushrikeen*:

<< And those who disbelieve say: 'Listen not to this Qur'aan, and make noise in the midst of its (recitation) that you may overcome.'>> [Fussilat: 26]

And Allaah Ta'ala said:

<<'Then what is wrong with them (i.e. the disbelievers) that they turn away from (receiving) admonition? As if they were frightened (wild) donkeys. >> [al-Mudathir: 49-50]

And they are from those people who are most wanting to listen and hear *Bida'*, like the listening of musical instruments and they are the furthestmost to listening to that

which is from the *Sharia*’, like the listening of the *Ayaat* of Allaah -Ta’ala.’

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**3. Shaykh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah spoke about the deviancy of *Ahul-Kalaam* (the people of theological rhetoric) and the *Ahl-ul-Tassawuff* (Soofeeyah) saying:**

‘So every one of the two deviant groups have two aspects of corruption and evil.

One of which is:

Speech without knowledge- if they are the people of theological rhetoric

Action without knowledge – if they are the Soofeeyah

That is what has occurred from the *Bida*’ of theological rhetoric and the *Bida*’ in actions which oppose the Book and the Sunnah.

The second is:

The people of theological rhetoric abandon actions and as for the Soofeeyah then they abandon statements and theological rhetoric.

As for the Ahl-ul-Sunnah their speech and their actions both inwardly and outwardly are with knowledge. And both their speech and actions are connected, and they are the

Muslims in truth. They remain upon the straight path, the path of whom Allah has blessed and not the path of those whom incur the anger of Allaah, nor the path of those who are misguided.

As for the deviants of the people of theological rhetoric then they have the resemblance of the Jews, and as for the deviant of the people of the Soofeeyah then they have the resemblance of the Christians, this is why the people of theological rhetoric were overcome with the science of ciphering (using systems and symbols for extracting rules), and what indicates to that from knowledge and belief.

And what overcame the Soofeeyah was whisperings and along with that which rouses them into (*al-Wajd*) a state where the heart becomes empty.'

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