



## **Barailwiyyah, History and Aqeedah - Introduction**

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### Preface

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We would like to inform the readers that the work presented in this translation should not be used except to learn the refutation upon the deviant Sufi sect al-Barailwiyyah. As for some of the names mentioned in the work then their mention is not an automatic Tazkiyyah for them, as their condition for the most part is unknown and due to the lack of resources to investigate them as well as it being outside the scope of this work detailed explanations cannot be provided.

However it should be known that Shayk Ihsaan Ilaahi Zaheer was very severe in refuting the Ahlul Bid'ah, such as the Barailwees and the Raafidah and their likes. And we pray that Allaah reward him for his relentless efforts and forgive him his shortcomings.

## Introduction

الحمد لله الذي لا اله الا هو وحده و الصلوة و السلام على نبيه محمد خاتم الانبياء الذي لا نبي بعده و على اله و اصحابه و من تبع مسلكهم و اقتدى بهديهم الى يوم الدين و بعد

After writing treatises on many un-Islamic sects I present to you a treatise about the sect “Barailwiyyah” which is found in extensive numbers in the sub-continent of Pakistan and India.

The Aqaa'id<sup>1</sup> of this sect can commonly be found in Sufism in other countries. Even in this age of ours Aqaa'id like beseeching other than Allaah or to make Mannat<sup>2</sup> in their names is famous and can commonly be found. Barailwees<sup>3</sup> have taken such Aqaa'id that are full of Shirk and un-Islamic customs and have organized them and have formed themselves in a form of sect.

After pondering over the history of Islaam it becomes clear that these Aqaa'id and customs have entered into Muslims from Hindu culture and other religions, and flourished under and by the means of English colonization (of Pakistan and India).

Islaam teaches struggle whereas the Barailwee beliefs and teachings have altered Islaam into a collective mass of mere customs and traditions. Instead of inviting towards Salaah<sup>4</sup> and Sawm<sup>5</sup> they prioritize Urs<sup>6</sup> and Qawwaali<sup>7</sup>, Peer'ism<sup>8</sup> and Nazar wa Niyaaaz<sup>9</sup> as a means to get their sins forgiven. I had not intended to pick up my pen on the topic of Barailwiyyah. As I had thought that Barailwiyyah was just a by-product of ignorance, and as ignorance would depreciate Barialwiyyah would also loose its luster. But when I saw that Barailwees were propagating their beliefs of Shirk and Bid'ah<sup>10</sup> and were struggling in it, and in the same spirit they have recently begun holding many gatherings by the name of “Hijaaaz Conference”, where they disparage and mock the followers of Qur'an and Sunnah, and call them “traitors of Risaalah<sup>11</sup>” and other such terms. So, to remove many misunderstandings and to build confidence in the new generation that Islaam is not based on imagination or conjecture and is free from such ignorant beliefs, and the teachings of Qur'an and Sunnah are in accordance with intellect and

<sup>1</sup> [Translators Footnote]Pl. Aqeedah – articles of belief.

<sup>2</sup> [Translators Footnote]make a vow, commonly amulets worn along with the vow and removed when the vow is complete.

<sup>3</sup> [Translators Footnote]Those who belong to the sect of Barilwiyyah.

<sup>4</sup> [Translators Footnote]Prayers which muslims perform 5 times a day.

<sup>5</sup> [Translators Footnote]Fasting in the month of Ramadaan.

<sup>6</sup> [Translators Footnote]Yearly gathering at the grave or tomb of some saint.

<sup>7</sup> [Translators Footnote]music and songs which they sing / chant in praise of their saints.

<sup>8</sup> [Translators Footnote]Adoration/worshipping of Peers. Peer: A spiritual guide whom they give their Bai'ah. (some) consider him to be an intercessor for them with Allaah.

<sup>9</sup> [Translators Footnote]To offer money or food to saints or people. To offer banquets or luncheons as an offering at tombs or graves.

<sup>10</sup> [Translators Footnote]Innovations in Religion.

<sup>11</sup> [Translators Footnote]Prophet-hood or Prophet

natural disposition, I found it necessary to inform the people about this reality so that a treatise is written which would differentiate clearly between “Barailwiyyah” and “Islaamic teachings” such that Islaamic Shar’iah is purified from these Aqaa’id which have entered in it in guise of Islaam, whereas Islaamic Shar’iah has no relation with them.

Barailwees consider every such person a Kaafir who does not believe in their fanciful stories and incidents or does not believe in their Bid’aat (innovations) as part of Islaam.

Being ignorant of the truth, the people of this country<sup>12</sup> labeled those people as “rude or arrogant”, who in reality are true bearers of Islamic creed and who truly follow the guidance of the prophet, and this was an obstacle among many such obstacles in the propagation of truth. I’ve tried to remove this hurdle by the means of this book. When I analyzed the books of Barailwees I found that their books and writings contained many more un-Islamic creeds than I had known. In them were so many different kinds of Shirk and Bid’ah that even the Mushrikeen<sup>13</sup> of the times of Jaahiliyyah<sup>14</sup> were unaware of.

I hope that this book, inshaAllaah<sup>15</sup>, will aid in extinguishing Shirk and Bid’ah and will aid in the propagation of Tawheed<sup>16</sup> and Sunnah.

Those people who rally behind the call of unity (of Muslims) should understand this point clearly that there will not occur this unity amongst Muslims unless there is unity on the Aqaa’id and viewpoints. Without the Aqeedah being the same, the hope of unity and agreement is just a delusion. Accordingly we should present the Ummah with the correct Aqeedah so that all those who accept this call will fashion themselves in the Single Ummah, and only that Aqeedah should be accepted which is based on the Qur’an and Sunnah. And if we just struggle sincerely, even a little bit, it is not at all difficult to understand which Aqeedah is in accordance with the Qur’an and Sunnah (and which is not).

I’m pleased that I am writing these lines in the middle of the night at Masjid an-Nabawi. I ask Allaah Ta’aala that he accepts this effort from me and He grants us the ability to understand the Truth and to accept it. Ameen.

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<sup>12</sup> [Translators Footnote]i.e. Pakistan. (Translators Note: the situation is similar in India)

<sup>13</sup> [Translators Footnote]pl. Mushrik. Mushrik: one who associates others with Allaah in worship.

<sup>14</sup> [Translators Footnote]The time of ignorance before the advent of Islaam.

<sup>15</sup> [Translators Footnote]If Allaah wills.

<sup>16</sup> [Translators Footnote]To Single out Allaah in worship,