
The conditions for an action to be correct – 1

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With regards to bringing a new act of worship into the religion, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ states:

So if someone were to say:

If I were to innovate something whose basis is from the Sharee’ah but I performed it in a specific manner which the Religion did not come with, is it rejected or not?

And the answer is: It is rejected, just like those acts of worship and acts of remembrance and manners and the like of that which some of the people have innovated – then they are rejected.

And it should be known that following (the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)²) will not be actualised except when the action conforms with the Sharee’ah in six matters:

- [1] Its sabab (basis) and
- [2] its jins (nature or kind) and
- [3] its qadr (amount) and
- [4] its kayfiyyah (how it is done) and
- [5] its zamaan (time) and
- [6] its makaan (location).

So if it does not conform to the Sharee’ah in these six affairs then it is futile and rejected because (the person) has innovated into the Religion of Allaah that which is not from it.

(Sharh al Arba’een an Nawawee (p98) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him