

Question:

Recently, I met a Muslim brother from (Jamat-ul-Muslimeen)...They have a Khalifah (Qureishi) in the UK, and they ask me to give a Bay'ah to him.... and they claims that the Messenger Muhammad (s)was a The leader (Khaleefah) of the Muslims before Hijrah = (before the Islamic State!!).

What would be you counter arguments?

**Answer:**

The term Khalifah is a Juristic term. please refer to the role of the Khaleefah or Ameer-u-Mumineen we will realise that a person call himself a Khalifah need to read a little bit from the book of Al-Ahkaam Al-Sultaniyyah for Imaam Maawordi and in particular the role of the Khaleefah in Islam...

It is wrong and not a Juristic opinion whatsoever to say that the Messenger Muhammad (saw) was a Khaleefah i.e. a Leader in Makkah before the Ahkaam of ruling revealed to him (saw)...!!

BUT let us for the sake of the truth to prevail assume that the messenger Muhammad (saw) was during the time Makkah i.e. during the time of the incompleted revelation (Wahi)was leader... But nowadays Islam is completed and the role of the Khalifah (Leader of the Islamic state) is define in order to accept any person to a Khaleefah...

Moreover, the term khalifah by Juristic definition is a Mature, male, sane, free and trustworthy Muslim who succeeded an Islamic Authority by Bai'yah to implement Islam....] [Al-Jirjaan, Al-Hattabie, Al-Qalqashandi, Ibn Khuldoon and Abu Ya'la etc..

Whereas Br. abu Issa or Abu Hammam in the UK has no authority nor he is able to fulfil the role of Ameer-u-mumineen i.e. to govern by Islam, implement Hodud, sign treaties, remove a dispute and to judge between people etc... In other word he is not "Junnah" i.e. a Sheild able to protect people... and it is wrong to claims that he is weak and the Nussrah is from Allah as a mater of fate and destiny!! because the Nussrah is matter of obligation.

NB: Many people in Syria, lebanon and eygpt claims to be Qureishi and Khaleefahs before Abu Isa.

NB2: Br. Abu Isa (Al-Rifaa'ie) is a trustworthy Muslim, I meet him personally couple of time in fact I traveled with him in the UK but I think his Fiqh in this particular matter is very weak.... because his think that Nussrah is Amr Qadhaie Rabaani whereas all Fuquhaa beleiveed that seekinf Nussrah is Arm Taklifie i.e. Fard...

Moreover, We cannot go back to Makkan period where Islam is completed.... in addition he differs with all the classical Fuqahaaf or example: Al-Imaam Al-Shattibi (Malliki), and Al-Imaam Al-Quraafi in book Al-Furuq (Maliki): Stated clearly that the Messenger Muhammad (saw) was not a ruler in Makkah and that is way he was seeking Nussrah... and that way he take Bai'ah or ruling after he arrived to Yathreb despite the fact that he has bai'ah of Nussra in Makkah i.e. Bai'ah of Al-A'qabah Al-Thaniyah...

Therefore in my opinion that Abu Isa and his followers are not more than a group but they call themselves (Jamaat-ul-Muslimeen)...

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