

Lies OF ANSWERING-ANSAR

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Asad Hâyardar a *Sunnī* Scholar?



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Asad Ḥaydar a *Sunnī* Scholar?

The Answering-Ansar team states in *'The creed of Shia'a; explained'*:

Quoting Answering-Ansar:
Sunni scholar Allamah Sayyid Asad Haydher writing on the Shi'a aqeedah on the Sahaba states:
"The Shi'a of the Ahl'ul bayt respect Rasulullah's Sahaba, they do not play down respect for them, but when following the life of Rasulullah (s) they stress that the Shari'a applies equally to Sahaba and non Sahaba - the Sahaba's position and status is in accordance with their deeds and actions".
<i>Taken from al Sahabeeyath fi Nazhar Shi'a page 32, printed in Egypt</i>
<i>The creed of Shia'a; explained, page 24-25</i>

The misattribution of controversial people in history to the *Sunnī* school has been seen by many people before, but this truly marks to be a new one. Why? Because Asad Ḥaydar, whose actual name is Asad Allāh ibn Muḥammad ibn `Īsa al-Najafī, is a well known contemporary Iraqi *Shī`ī* scholar who is praised by the *Imāmī Shī`īs* of today for his works such as:

1. *al-Imām al-Ṣādiq wa al-Madhāhib al-Arba`a* ["*Imām al-Ṣādiq and the Four Schools of Jurisprudence*"]: A voluminous work based on a comparative discussion on the *Ja`farī* and four *Sunnī* schools school of jurisprudence [*fiqh*]. The work is clearly written from a *Shī`ī* perspective, as it demonstrates the strength of *Ja`farī* school while obliquely belittles the four *Sunnī* schools by mentioning their alleged weaknesses.
2. *Ma` al-Ḥusayn fī Nahdatih* ["*With al-Ḥusayn in his Rising*"]: A book narrating the events of al-Ḥusayn (ra) and his rising against Yazīd ibn Mu`āwiya. The work clearly misinterprets the correct view of the events by quoting weak and forged reports, and completely agrees with the *Shī`ī* view.
3. *al-Sayyida al-Zaynab fī Maṭāfihā al-Akhīr* ["*Lady Zaynab in her Last Journey*"]

These works are read and quoted by many *Shī`ī* authors of today. One who reads them or even goes through them can easily conclude that Asad Ḥaydar is a *Imāmī Shī`ī*, not a *Sunnī*, and this fact is also unanimously agreed upon by both *Shī`ī* and *Sunnī* scholars of today.

Dr. al-Tījānī Belies Answering-Ansar's Statement

Although this fact does not need any support of evidence, the following words of Dr. Muḥammad al-Tījānī, the revered *Shī`ī* author of *'Then I was Guided,'* should be quoted to eradicate the Answering-Ansar team's lie once and for all.

Dr. al-Tijani has stated in his *'Then I was Guided'*:

"I still remember meeting a scholar from Najaf whose name was Asad Hayder (author of Imam Ja'farus Sādiq wal Maḏāhibul Araba'h) and as we

were talking about the Sunnis and the Shi‘ah he told me a story about his father. He (i.e. the father) had met a Tunisian scholar from Zaytunah during the pilgrimage season some fifty years ago, and started a debate about the Imamate of Ali, may Allah’s peace be upon him, and his eligibility to the succession for the caliphate. The Tunisian scholar listened attentively as the other man mentioned four or five reasons. When he had finished, the scholar from Zaytunah asked him, “Have you got any other reasons?” The man answered, “No.” Then the Tunisian scholar said, “Get your rosary out and start counting. Then he listed some hundred reasons that my father had not known before.

Shaykh Asad Hayder added, **“If the Sunnis read what is in their books, then they would say similar things to what we are saying and we would not have any differences between us for a long time.”**

- *Thumma Ihtadayt*, of Muḥammad al-Tījānī, page 110 [London]
- *Then I was Guided (English)*, of Dr Muhammad Tijani Samavi, page 118 [New York City]

Subhān Allāh

Is this the “Sunni scholar Allamah Asad Hayder” Answering-Ansar team talks about?

A Few Points to Note

To end with, the following few points about the Answering-Ansar quote should also be noted here:

- Asad Ḥaydar is referred by the Answering-Ansar team as a “Sayyid,” when it is known that he is not from the noble lineage of the Prophet (saws).
- It is *al-Ṣaḥāba fī Naẓar al-Shī`a* not “al Sahabeeyath fī Nazhar Shi'a.” An apologetic piece of writing by Asad Ḥaydar that explains the *Shī`ī* viewpoint about the Companions of the Prophet (saws).

It is only Allah (swt) that gives success, and blessings and peace be upon the Seal of the Prophets, his Pure Progeny and his Noble Companions



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