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Fatwa corners

Question: What is your ruling on ghina or song?

Answer: Singing (al-ghinā') is harām: doing it, listening to it, or living of it. By “singing — al-ghinā’,” we mean an amusing statement expressed in the tunes that are suitable for those who provide entertainment and amusement.



Grand Ayatollah Huasin Ali Sistani



Al-Mustafa Student News

Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi urges unity among Shia-Sunni

(AhlulBayt News Agency) - Grand Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi highlighted the importance of promoting religious activities in order to introduce the world to the moral virtues of the holy infallibles (as) with respect to the unity among Sunni and Shia Muslims.

In a meeting with the secretariat members of the conference on Ahl-ul-Bayt's Sirah which is due to be held in April in Qom, Iran, Grand Ayatollah Nasser Makarem Shirazi, a Shia source of emulation asserted, “The Ahl-ul-Bayt's (as) moral virtues must be introduced to the whole world; Any effort to promote Ahl-ul-Bayt's (as) doctrine and teachings is considered as a worthwhile religious act and is therefore rewarded with divine bounty.”

The senior cleric added, “Considering the ill intentions and propagations of Wahhabis to defame Islam and Ahlulbayt (as), it becomes of crucial importance to familiarize the world with true aspects of Ahl-ul-Bayt's (as) lives and teachings, especially Imam Ali's (as).”

“In order to promote genuine Ahl-ul-Bayt (as)

teachings, one must be careful not to cause discord among Sunni and Shia Muslims as it is essential for us to maintain our unity as a whole Islamic Ummah.” Hawzah quoted Ayatollah Makarem as saying.

It is worth mentioning that the 2nd Conference on Ahl-ul-Bayt's (as) Sirah is going to be held in April in Qom, Iran as well as in the city of Najaf in Iraq.



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Islamic ethics

Islam and Life is about how Islam can lead us to a happy and meaningful life. Happiness isn't what you have, but who you are in life. It can be achieved by having consistence with God and your principle. Human beings were created ultimately for happiness, joy, peace and prosperity. And Islam is the means by which we can attain this joy, satisfaction, eternal bliss and serenity. However, many of us mistakenly think that Paradise can only be earned through suffering, misery and unhappiness in this life. So on this edition of Islam and Life we ask: How can Islam lead us to a meaningful, positive and fulfilling life? Islam is the middle path and the perfect balance be-

tween this life and the next one. Although the next life is our ultimate destination Islam teaches us not to neglect the world in which we currently live and our responsibilities in it. We are all tested in our lives and the best of us are tested more than others, but if we live in accordance with the Divine Will and learn to accept His Decree – whether for good or for bad – we can find true contentment in this world.



Ayatollah Khamenei: In Islam, religion and politics go hand in hand.



Ayatollah Khamenei

Today, the religious motivation of the people is being confronted from all sides. Their goal is to destroy faith – first youth's faith and then the faith of people from various social backgrounds – under different names and in different ways. This is what is being done by the enemy today.

Religious understanding is necessary as well as religious faith. Religious faith should be accompanied by understanding. What is religious understanding? It is the same thing that the late Moddares said:

Our magnanimous Imam (r.a.) too highlighted and implemented the same concept. This is one of the elements of power in our country. Today, one of the main recommendations that American and English intellectual boards think about and work on and one of the main recommendations that they present and teach to press, media, internet, political and other such activists is that they say that political religion should be opposed.

In other words, this is a promotion to separate religion from politics. It means the separation of religion from life. It means that religion should be confined to the corner of the mosque, that it should exist only inside one's home and heart and that it should not be put into practice. It means that the economy and politics should be secular. It means that giving in to the enemy should be done in a secular manner. It means that you should fight against your friends and support the enemy against the teachings of religion.

However, they want things to have a religious appearance. This is what they want. Religious understanding means that religion is not separate from the government. And I am speaking about all religions. Our claim is that all religions are like this. Even Christianity is like this, but a clear and obvious example is Islam. The first thing that the Holy Prophet (s.w.a.) did after enduring difficulties in Makkah was establishing a government. He managed to promote religion by pouring it in the mold of government.

The separation of religion from government means that religion constantly talks and offers advice while superpowers do whatever they like – contrary to the teachings of religion and in opposition to it – and they can kick the supporters of religion in the head whenever they want. Non-political religion means this. This is what they want. This is what they pursue. However, this should not be the case. The understanding that religion is not separate from politics should exist among the people.

And the enemy of religion is afraid of the kind of religion which has a government, power, an army, an economy, a financial system and various bureaucratic organizations. He is afraid of such a religion. Otherwise, the kind of religion in which the people go to the mosque and pray is alright with them. They allow the people to do so for a hundred years. So, this is another element of power in our country.

You should know that the non-separation of religion from life and from politics and the flow of religion in all aspects of the life of society is a correct religious understanding. This should be achieved and pursued. Otherwise, the name of religion, the title of us clergymen and our act of wearing the turban and other such things do not do anything. We should really move in this direction.

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If you wish to move mountains tomorrow, you must start by lifting stones today.. (African proverb)



Poetry Corner

Poem For Imam Ali (A.S)

He was born in the Ka'ba
The Prophet he saw
He supported him always
Though times were raw.

He married Fatima
And had Hassan and Hussain
And Zainab and Umme Kulthum
Who would later all be in pain.

He stuck by the Prophet
From the beginning till the end
He became successor
Little did he know that the Prophet had few real friends

They set his house on fire
And killed Fatima's unborn son
They took away Fadak
The pain of Ali's family was their fun.

Fatima was dead
Nobody knows where
She never forgave the enemies
Who never did care

Ali married another Fatima
Who was called another name
They had Osman, Abdullah, Jafar and Abbas
Who's relationship with Hussain was like the Prophet and Ali all the same.

Imam stood loyal to Islam no matter
Until he got struck by Ibn Muljim, may Allah curse him
He told Abbas his new master was Hussain
And then he took his last breath; Najaf he is buried in.

May Allah curse all oppressors who troubled the Imam (A.S) and his family .
May Allah bring back the Imam Mahdi (A.S) soon .



God adds many years to one's span of life when good relations are maintained with your relatives or kith and kin.. Fatima (a.s)