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## The Chain of the Qur'an Worksheet

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Many of the people of Bid'ah (innovation) disbelieve in the Ahadeeth of the Prophet (*sallAllaahu alaihi wa sallam*) either partly or in totality. Some of the ignorant people say that due to the chain of narrators a human element has crept into the equation, thus rendering it doubtful and subject to error. Due to their poor opinion of the Companions of Allah's Messenger (*sallAllaahu alaihi wasallam*), they do not trust that which they narrate from the statements of the Prophet (*sallAllaahu alaihi wa sallam*)<sup>1</sup>.

This is yet, another example of their extreme ignorance. As the 'Ulamaa have explained,

**“Ignorance is one of the greatest characteristics of the people of Bid'ah (innovation).”**

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<sup>1</sup> Imaam Al Barbahaaree rahimahullah has written in his book “Explanation of the Creed”, “May Allah have mercy upon you! Know that a servant's Islaam is not complete until he follows, attests to and submits to (the truth). So anyone who claims that there remains anything from Islaam not sufficiently explained by the Companions of Allah's Messenger (*sallAllaahu alaihi wasallam*), has falsely accused them, has split from them and spoken ill of them. He is an innovator, astray and leading others astray, introducing into Islaam that which is not from it.” Taken from the translation of “Explanation of the Creed”, translated by Abu Talhah Daawood Burbank.

Imaam Ahmad (*rahimahullah*) said, “Whoever rejects a Hadeeth of Allah's Messenger (*sallAllaahu alaihi wasallam*) is on the brink of destruction.”

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Know, may Allah have mercy on you; the same people who transmitted the statements of the Prophet (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*) have also transmitted the Qur'an. No one in their right mind will argue about the authenticity of the Qur'an; so how could the validity of the authentic Sunnah be a matter of debate when they both were transmitted to us by the same people? The Sunnah of the Prophet (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*) like the Qur'an is wahee (revelation) from Allah the Most High. Allah says,

\*وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ \* إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ\*

***“And he (Muhammad) does not speak of (his own) desire. It is only an Inspiration that is inspired.” [Suratun Najm: 3-4]***

Thus, it is obligatory upon every Muslim man and woman to follow the Qur'an and the Sunnah in every aspect of their lives.

To further elaborate, the Qur'an like the Hadeeth has a chain of narrators that reaches back to the Prophet (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*), who heard it from Jibreel (*alaihis salaam*), who heard it from Allah Ta'ala. Each recitation has its own authentic chain of narrators. The following, is the chain of the recitation of Hafs on 'Aasim (this is the commonly recited recitation).

Hafs bin Sulaimaan bin Al Mughairah Al Asadee Al Kufee on the recitation of Aasim bin Abee An Najood Al Kufee At Taabi'ee on Abee Abdir Rahman Abdillah bin Habeeb As Sulamee on the authority of 'Uthmaan bin 'Affaan and 'Alee bin Abee Taalib and Zaid bin Thaabit and 'Ubai bin Ka'b on the Prophet (*sall-Allaahu alaihi wa sallam*) who heard it from Jibreel (*alaihis salaam*) who heard it from Allah The Most High.

Allah says in His Noble Book,

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

***“Verily, We, it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (the Qur'an) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption).” [Suratul Hijr: 9]***

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

***“Say (to them O Muhammad) Follow what has been sent down unto you from your Lord (the Qur'an and Prophet Muhammad's Sunnah), and follow not any Auliyyaa' (protectors and helpers, etc. who order you to associate partners in worship with Allah), besides Him (Allah). Little do you remember!” [Al-A'raf: 3]***

### Review Questions

- 1- What two things did Allaah send down to Prophet Muhammad (*sallAllaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- Whom did Prophet Muhammad (*sallAllaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) convey the Qur'an and Sunnah to? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- Who transmitted (relayed) the Qur'an and Sunnah to us from the Prophet (*sallAllaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- Is it allowed to deny or reject one ayah from the Qur'an? \_\_\_\_\_

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5- Is it allowed to deny or reject one authentic (saheeh) hadeeth from the Sunnah?

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6- What is the danger of rejecting a hadeeth of the Messenger of Allaah (*sall>Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)? \_\_\_\_\_

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7- What is one of the greatest characteristics of the People of Bid'ah? \_\_\_\_\_

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8- List the chain of narration of the Qur'an. The companions (*radiiallaahu 'anhum*) heard it from \_\_\_\_\_ who heard it from \_\_\_\_\_ who heard it from \_\_\_\_\_.

9- Now, list the chain for the recitation of Hafs on 'Aasim.

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