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Forsaking the Emulation of kuffar

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Hadhrat Abdullaah bin Abbaas (radhiyallaahu 'anhumaa) narrates that Rasoolullaah. (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) fasted on the day of Aashura and instructed the Muslims to fast as well. When the Muslims told Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) that the jews and the christians revere this day, He (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) replied,

"If I am alive next year, In shaa-ALLAAH I shall fast on the ninth as well."

However, Rasoolullaah. (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) passed away before the next year.".
(Tirmidhi)

Yet it is mentioned in another Hadeeth that Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) mentioned,

"Fast on the day of Aashura but oppose the jews by fasting a day before or a day after." Musnad Ahmad)

One important principle of our Deen which is being ignored by the vast majority of us Muslims today is that Nabee Kareem (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) detested the emulation of kuffar

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even in the acts of 'Ebaadat let alone their emulation in daily life, and commanded the same to the Sahaabah (radhiyallaahu 'anhum). Condemning emulation or imitation of the ways and methods of the kuffaar, Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) said,

“Whoever emulates a people, becomes of them.”

The degree of emulating the kuffaar will reach total assimilation of Muslims by the cultures of the Yahood and Nasaara. When a Muslim adopts a western style, e.g. western way of dressing, he starts to ape the liberal and sinful attitudes of the western man. Modesty, shame and piety are not factors engendered by western forms of attire. When the Muslim adopts such kuffaar dress, he becomes just as shameless as the liberal westerners. He feels free to sin and his Imaan is corroded.

Emulation of non-Muslim styles produces a change in the Muslim's thinking. He starts to think like the non-Muslim, behave like the non-Muslims and his values and goals of life become those of the non-Muslims.

Predicting this total emulation, Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) said,

“Most certainly you will follow the ways of those who preceded you step by step, inch by inch. If they enter into a lizard's hole, you (will emulate them) and follow them into the lizard's hole.”

Someone asked,

“O Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) ! Do you mean the Yahood & Nasaara?”

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Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) replied,

“Who else..?” (Mishkaatul Masaabeeh)

We are witnessing to a great degree the materialization of the above prediction of Nabee Kareem (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam). In every walk of life, even when totally unnecessary, we find Muslims imitating and aping the ways and styles of the non-Muslims. Whatever method and styles are introduced by the west are adopted by Muslims. Everything with a western mark is considered to be progressive and success. Muslims have abandoned their own ways, methods and styles in a mad stupor of emulation—emulating the west. Young and old, the learned and the unlearned, all are caught in this disease of kuffar emulation due to which the entire Ummah today is subjected to roohaani (spiritual) corruption, weakening of Imaan, humiliation & disgrace all round the world.

May ALLAAH Ta'aalaa grant us all the taufeeq to follow in the footsteps of Rasoolullaah (Sallallaahu 'Alayhi Wassalaam) & to shun the emulation of kuffar completely...Aameen