



## **Question & Answer Bucket**

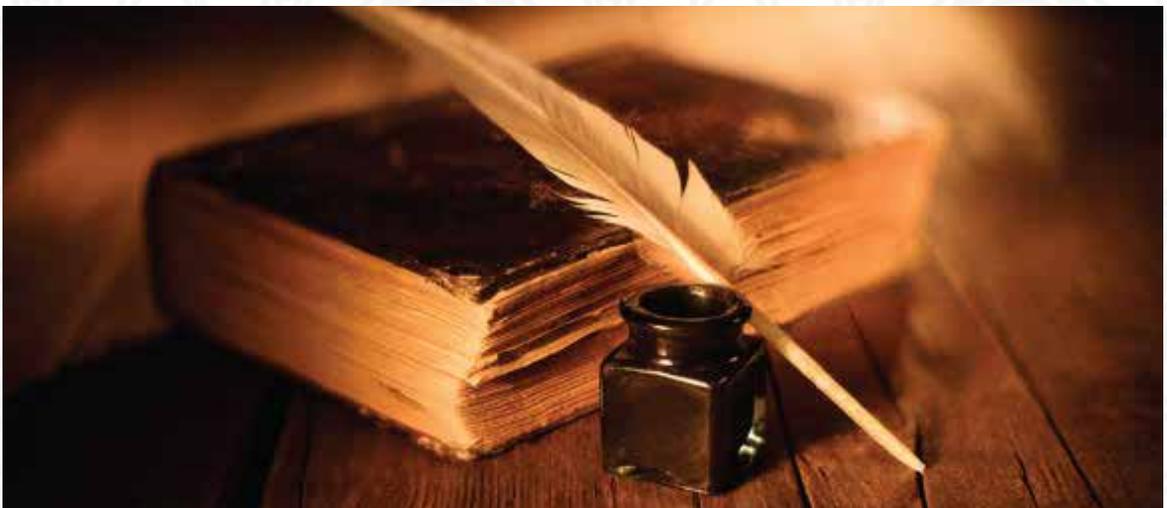
1

Why did Imam Shaafi'ee oppose some of Imam Maalik's rulings and opinions during his time in Egypt?

Ans

During Imam Shaafi'ee's time in Egypt, he saw that many followers of Imam Maalik exaggerated his status and used to travel to faraway lands to seek Barakah 'blessings' by touching some of his clothes or other things. Seeing this Bid'ah around him, Imam Shaafi'ee wanted to protect the concept of Tawheed and the concept of purity in Imaan and belief in Allah (swt).

Therefore, though Imam Shafi'ee was a student of Imam Maalik, he wanted to rejudge some of the sayings and verdicts given by Imam Maalik. After making Istikharah, he decided that he would produce a book regarding the Fiqh of Imam Maalik in Egypt. Though this irked some people, and he was criticized, it didn't bother him because his motive was to seek the truth while following the teachings of the Qur'an, the Sunnah and the sayings of Sahaabah (ra). It also helped in further development and enrichment in the area of Fiqh.



2

What was Imam Maalik's stand about giving preference to personal opinion over the Sunnah?

Ans

Imam Maalik was strictly against giving preference to personal opinion over evidence from the Qur'an or the Sunnah.

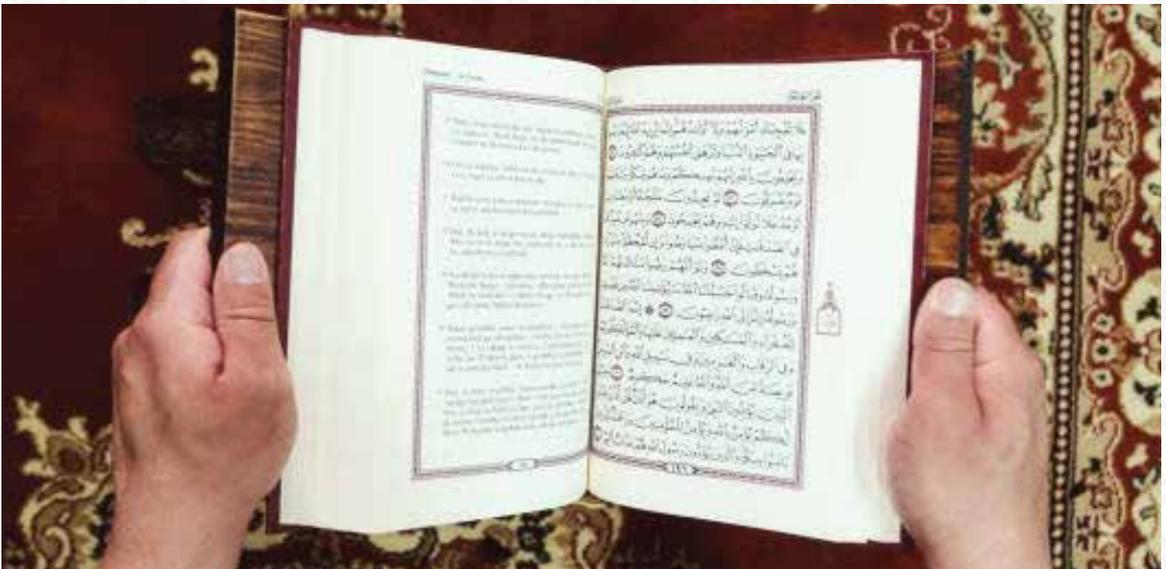
Once a man came to Imam Maalik and asked him about his opinion regarding an issue. Imam Maalik replied to him using evidence from the Sunnah, but the man asked him about his opinion and what he thought about it.

Imam Maalik recited out the Ayah,



“There shall be a warning against those who disobey the command of the Prophet, for an affliction may befall them or a painful torment may overtake them.”

Al Qur'an 24:36



3

What was the stand of the four Imams regarding 'Ilmul Kalaam'?

Ans

'Ilmul Kalam' was rejected by all the four Imams and the rest of the great Imams of Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaa'ah because it focused on going beyond the practical things into the impractical for the sake of arguments and debates without having a basis. There is nothing that can be gained by arguing about such matters – for example the names and attributes of Allah (swt), trying to give them meaning close to our understanding. We as Muslims believe in them as they came in the Qur'an and the Sunnah.

When Imam Maalik was asked about the Istiwaa of Allah (swt) over His throne, 'How is Allah Mustawi?' How is Allah over his own throne?

Imam Maalik replied that, 'Al Istiwaau Ma'loom Wal Kaifu Majhool Wal Imaan Bihee Waajib Was Su'aalu 'anhu Bid'ah.' – 'Al Istiwaau Ma'loom' meaning He is over His throne in a way that suits His Majesty, 'Al Kaifu Majhool' the How is not known to us. 'Wal Imaan Bihee Waajib' and believing in it is a must, 'Was Su'aalu 'anhu Bid'ah' and inquiring about it is an innovation, is a Bid'ah.

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