

The conditions for an action to be correct

With regards to bringing a new act of worship into the religion, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* states:

So if someone were to say:

If I were to innovate something whose basis is from the Sharee'ah but I performed it in a specific manner which the Religion did not come with, is it rejected or not?

And the answer is: It is rejected, just like those acts of worship and acts of remembrance and manners and the like of that which some of the people have innovated – then they are rejected.

And it should be known that following (the Prophet *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) will not be actualized except when the action conforms with the Sharee'ah in six matters:

- Its *sabab* (basis) and
- its *jins* (nature or kind) and
- its *qadr* (amount) and
- its *kayfiyyah* (how it is done) and
- its *zamaan* (time) and
- its *makaan* (location).

So if it does not conform to the Sharee'ah in these six affairs then it is futile and rejected because (the person) has innovated into the Religion of Allaah that which is not from it.

(*Sharh al Arba'een an Nawawee* (p98) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah*)62