

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

The 'Ulama who had Government Posts

There is no doubt that there were many 'Ulama in the past, who besides working for these governments, did not even allow the rulers to come near them. They considered meeting these leaders as events which would be nothing but an insult to them and also something which would destroy their knowledge.

However, there were also certain 'Ulama who felt that it was necessary to meet, talk and serve the Islamic State for the benefit of the Muslims in general. One of their missions was also to make sure that the leader of the Muslims does not make open and clear mistakes. When we look at the history of Islam, we will find many 'Ulama who had eminent positions in government and highly senior posts. We can say that some of them became a barrier against crimes that could have been committed by that government.

Who is unaware that Imam A'zam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - refused to accept any government posts and was actually killed in jail for this action of his. However, his famous student, Imam Abu Yusuf - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was the Chief Justice in the court of Sultan Harun Rashid. In fact, there were many times when he had saved Sultan Harun Rashid from making grave mistakes.

We will present the names of other such 'Ulama who performed the same important task as well.

Allama ibn Hazm was the Chief Advisor to the Khalifah, Mustahazir billah. Allama Kamaaludeen, who was a master in Shafi Fiqh, was the senior advisor and council for the Governor of Egypt. Moulana Taajudeen Ebrahim Baasha was the senior council of Sultan Bayazid. ('Ulama-e-Salf)

In like manner, Haafiz ibn Makulah was an eminent Muhaddith and is also famously known as the Wazeer of Sa'adul Mulk. He was also sent as an emissary to the leader of Samarkhand, Tamghaan Khan. (Tadkiratul Huffaaz)

Imamul Muhaasin, Hafiz Quraishi at the early age of only thirty was sent as a representative of Baghdad to the court of Sultan Nurudeen Zanghi. Shaikh Shahabudeen Suhrwardi was also sent as a representative of Baghdad to Shah Arbal. (ibn Kalakan)

There were also many other eminent scholars of their era who played a major role in various governmental affairs.