

# 73 sect narration – in the light of Quran, Hadees and facts

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## A. Introduction

Whenever anyone talks about unity of Muslims - people bring the argument “unity is not possible as hadis attributed to Prophet tells us that Muslims will be divided into 73 sects; out of which only one sect will enter paradise and 72 sects will enter hell fire. So you need to know and choose the saved sect and unite with them only”. Then the struggle to find “saved sect” starts and filthy game of declaring “others” as deviated begins.

A *Salafi* will tell that *Salafism* is the saved sect and other sects are doomed to enter hell. *Jamatul Muslameen* is one out of numerous sub sects of *Salafism*; it also claims that people adhering to *jamatul muslameen* are saved and other *Salafis* are deviated.

Similarly a *barelvi* will tell that only they are from *Ahlul Sunnah* and hence saved sect; rest others are bound to enter hell. The extreme situation is that even *Qadianis* claim that only they are saved sect people and rest others are bound to hell.

Sectarian Islam is dominating virtual world / internet and islamic websites devote a significant portion of material in refuting other sects. Muslims are probably only religious community whose websites has one important section – “deviated sects”; wherein they mention who are deviated sects and why these deviated sects will enter hell. No wonder the very altitude of sectarian Muslims is negative; to find fault in others; mock others; humiliate others – which obviously leads to intolerance. A very important point to be noted is that: these muslims assume that all non-Muslims will enter hell fire+72 sects out of 73 sects of Muslims will also enter hell. In general; every muslim present today will go to hellfire as per other sects.

No gathering / lecture / sermon on the topic "unity among muslims" is complete without quoting this hadis. “Pious” and “emotional” youngsters devote great amount of time in proving who is from saved sect and who is not.

All this discord / fitna/ literary-war is done in the name following narration:

Imam Ahmad recorded that Abu `Amir `Abdullah bin Luhay said; "We performed Hajj with Mu`awiyah bin Abi Sufyan. When we arrived at Makkah, he stood up after praying Dhuhr and said; 'The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said; 'The People of the Two Scriptures divided into seventy-two sects. This Ummah will divide into seventy-three sects, all in the Fire except one, that is, the Jama`ah. Some of my Ummah will be guided by desire, like one who is infected by rabies; no vein or joint will be saved from these desires.'"

## B. Scholars about the authenticity of 73 sect narration

1. This hadis is not present in books *Sahih Muslim* and *Sahih bukhari* which are said to contain only those *ahadis* that pass very rigorous standards.

2. This hadis was also narrated by Abu Dawood (2/503), Ahmad (4/102) and al-Haakim (1/128) among others, with similar wording but with the following addition;

"Seventy two in hell fire and one in the Jannah: that is the 'Jama`ah." Let us see Abu dawood version of this hadis:

حَدَّثَنَا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ حَنْبَلٍ، وَمُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْمُغِيرَةِ، حَدَّثَنَا صَفْوَانُ، حَدَّثَنَا عُمَرُو بْنُ عُثْمَانَ، حَدَّثَنَا بَقِيَّةٌ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي صَفْوَانُ، نَحْوَهُ قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي أَرْهَرُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ الْجَرَّازِيُّ، عَنْ أَبِي عَامِرٍ الْهَوَزِيِّ، عَنْ مُعَاوِيَةَ بْنِ أَبِي سُفْيَانَ، أَنَّهُ قَامَ فِينَا فَقَالَ أَلَا إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَامَ فِينَا فَقَالَ " أَلَا إِنَّ مَنْ قَبْلَكُمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ □□□□□□□□□□ عَلَى نِثْنَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ مِלَةً وَإِنْ هَذِهِ الْمِلَّةُ سَتَفْتَرِقُ عَلَى ثَلَاثٍ وَسَبْعِينَ نِثْنَانِ وَسَبْعُونَ فِي النَّارِ وَوَاحِدَةٌ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَهِيَ الْجَمَاعَةُ " . رَأَى ابْنُ يَحْيَى وَعَمَرُو فِي حَدِيثَيْهِمَا " وَإِنَّهُ سَيَخْرُجُ مِنْ أُمَّتِي أَقْوَامٌ تَجَارَى بِهِمْ تِلْكَ الْأَهْوَاءُ كَمَا يَتَّجَرَى الْكَلْبُ لِصَاحِبِهِ " . وَقَالَ عَمَرُو " الْكَلْبُ بِصَاحِبِهِ لَا يَبْقَى مِنْهُ عِرْقٌ وَلَا مَفْصِلٌ إِلَّا

Mu`awiyah b. Abi Sufiyan stood among us and said: Beware! The Apostle of ALLAH (SAWS) stood among us and said: Beware! **The people of the Book before were split up into seventy-two sects, and this community will be split into seventy three: seventy-two of them will go to Hell and one of them will go to Paradise, and it is the majority group.**

Ibn Yahya and `Amr added in their version : " There will appear among my community people who will be dominated by desires like rabies which penetrates its patient", `Amr's version has: "penetrates its patient. There remains no vein and no joint but it penetrates it."

[Sunan Abi Dawud 4597; In-book reference: Book 42, Hadis 2; English translation: Book 41, Hadis 4580] <http://www.sunnah.com/abudawud/42/2>

3. **As per the narration only one FIRQA / SECT will enter paradise; rest will be thrown to hell.** Important point to be noted is that this hadis is used by each *firqa* (sect) to prove that only it will enter paradise and others will enter hell fire.

Some great scholars, such as ash-Shawkani and al-Kawthari said that this addition - Seventy two in hell fire and one in the Jannah: that is the 'Jama`ah.- is weak.

A. Ibn Hazm said that this addition - Seventy two in hell fire and one in the Jannah: that is the 'Jama`ah - was fabricated.

**B. Ibn al-Wazeer rejects the hadis on the grounds of its meaning rather than its isnaad (chain of narration).**

However most of scholars—Adh-Dhahabi, Ibn Taymiyyah, al-Haakim etc.-don't find any problem with this hadis.

C. Siddeeq Hasan Khan suggested that the extra wording in the hadis, "all of them are doomed except one" or "seventy two are in the Fire", was a da'eef (weak) addition. He transmitted this opinion from his Shaykh, ash-Shawkaani, who narrated it from Ibn al-Wazeer and Ibn Hazm before him. He approved the opinion of one who said, "**This addition is one of the fabrications of the atheists because it puts people off Islam and scares them away from embracing it.**" (Yaqadhaat ul al-I'tibaar, p.206)

D. According to Mottahedeh- (a 10th-century geographer), Fakhruddin Razi (d. 1209) reports that some have questioned the authenticity of this tradition, saying that if by 72 they mean the fundamentals of religious belief (usul), then they do not reach this number and if they mean the practices (furu), then the number passes this number by several multiples.

<http://www.dawn.com/news/1035023/the-mystery-of-73-sects>

To summarize: There have been scholars who have casted serious doubt about the authenticity of this narration based on its meaning.

### **c. 73 sect narration - contradicts with fact**

If a claim is made somewhere then we should check whether the claim is true or not.

#### 1. Far more than 73 sects among Muslims:

If we understand this hadis the way people do - there will be 73 sects among Muslims - then one will admit that this narration contradicts with the fact. Why?

You are talking about only 73 sects that will be formed among muslims; while:

- **hundreds of sects (i.e more than 73) came into existence in the past. !!**
- **hundreds (i.e more than 73) of them disappeared. !!**
- **hundreds (i.e more than 73) new sects were formed later on. !!**

- **and God knows how many new sects will be formed in future. !!**
- So where is question of 73 sects?

Today we have hundreds of sects and Allah knows before *qiyamah* how many more new sects will come into existence. Does not this FACT contradict with 73 sect narration?

For example - *Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani* wrote about the contemporary 73 sects in the islam in his book *Ghunyatut Taalibeen*. When he wrote this book? More than 900 years back!! So 900 years back there were 73 sects AT LEAST!!! We know several of them ceased to exist and many have come into existence afterwards. Again – where is the question of ONLY 73 sect – if we are right in our understanding of what sect is.

Apart from that; one need to know that there have been more than hundreds of sects within Shia itself. Many of them have disappeared. For example - look at the list of sects within shia that has disappeared: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_extinct\\_Shi'a\\_sects](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_extinct_Shi'a_sects)

SALAFISM is a sect that initially claimed to be the ONLY saved sect. Gradually several new sects were formed out of *salafism* and each one claiming itself to be on true path. Internet, YouTube is flooded with materials of *salafis* refuting each others, declaring other's scholars deviated; producing list of other *salafi* scholars who are not real *salafi*. Someone is proving that *salafis* themselves are divided into 164 sects. Check this:

<http://www.cifiaonline.com/salafigroupsinworld.htm>

So any honest and logical person will understand the danger and absurdity of sectarian altitude.

## 2. Only 72 sects among *ahle kitab*?

Also this hadis speaks about 72 sects among *ahle kitab*. I am not sure how many sects of Jews and Christians were there at the time of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), but today there are thousands of sects within Christianity itself.

- a) Wiki says: “This is not a complete list, but aims to provide a comprehensible overview of the diversity among denominations of Christianity. As **there are reported to be approximately 41,000 Christian denominations.**”  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Christian\\_denominations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_denominations)
- b) c) “Currently, **there are over 1,200 Christian denominations in North America.**” J. Gordon Melton, Ed, "*The Encyclopedia of American Religions*," 6th edition, Gale Group, (2009)
- d) e) According to David Barrett et al, editors of the "*World Christian Encyclopedia: A comparative survey of churches and religions - AD 30 to 2200,*" **there are 34,000 separate Christian groups in the world.** David B. Barrett, et al., "*World Christian Encyclopedia : A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions in the Modern World,*" Oxford University Press, 2 volume set, (2001)



became brethren, and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allâh makes His Ayât (signs) clear to you, that you may be guided.”-Quran 3:103

So many important guidance from the above ayah:

a) **وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ** Hold strongly rope of Allah; This rope of Allah is nothing but Quran one whose one end God is there and on other end readers of Quran. This ayah indicates that if we will strongly hold Quran then we can avoid *firqaparasti* or Sectarianism. It is a FACT that most important reason for *firqaparasti* or Sectarianism is due to difference in understanding of Hadis. One will hardly find Quran a reason for *firqaparasti*. Today exactly same thing is happening; each sect stresses on its own set of hadis. If each sect **PRACTICALLY** believes in Quran as final authority then these sects will vanish and pure *deen* will prevail.

So what will happen if one will not strongly hold Quran? One reason – that is given through this ayah is that it will lead to division of *ummah*. Most of *firqa*/sects and sectarian debates are based on hadis and not on Quran. If you write different reasons of fight among Muslims then you will find that most of it has to do with hadis rather Quran. Upholding **Quran as the top book PRACTICALLY** will never lead to *firqaparasti* / sectarianism.

b) **وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا** Quran says BE UNITED and don't get into FIROQA / SECT: i.e. don't get divided. Unity is opposite of division. So if you expect unity among believers then you **HAVE** to break the shackle of sect; you have to speak against sectarian approach.

c) **أَعْدَاءَ فَأَلْفَ بَيْنَ فُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا** .. enmity that existed between hearts of people (companions of prophets before they entered islam) were removed when Allah **JOINED** their hearts through Islam. When Islam comes into life then hearts of believers will be joined together. If hearts are divided, one group is calling other group as deviated, fighting with them, indulging in character assassination, abusing, attacking them with *fatwas* of *kufr*, *shirk*, deviation .... Then certainly this does not imply that hearts are joined and they are brothers of each other.

3. Abandoning Quran definitely leads to division and deviation and ultimately sect

This is why Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) will complain on the Day of Judgment.

**وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ يَا رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا**

**Messenger will say – “truly! My people had abandoned Quran”-Quran 25:30**

4. Those who are part of *firqa*/sect will have Azaab (torment) of Allah

**وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ تَفَرَّقُوا وَاخْتَلَفُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ**

"And be not as those who **got into FIRQA** (who divided) and differed among themselves after the clear proofs had come to them. It is they for whom there is an awful torment."- Quran 3:105

How can any knowledgeable person glorify any *firqa* or be part of any *firqa* / sect when Allah is promising punishment and *azaab* for those who make *firqa* or are part of *firqa* even after receiving clear instructions in the form of Quran? Punishment and wrath of God waits for sectarian Muslims.

5. Making or being part of *firqa* / sect is quality of *mushrik*

مُنِيْبِيْنَ اِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوْهُ وَاَقِيْمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا تَكُوْنُوْا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِيْنَ  
مِنَ الَّذِيْنَ فَرَّقُوْا دِيْنَهُمْ وَكَانُوْا  
كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُوْنَ

"Turn you back in repentance to Him, and fear Him: establish regular prayers, **and be not you among *mushrekeen*. Of those who split up their religion (made *firqa* or became part of *firqa*) and became sects**, each sect rejoicing in that which is with it."- Quran 30: 31-32

Here Allah says that making *firqa* or being part of any *firqa* is quality of *mushrik* (those who associate partner with Allah). Those who are into any sect are displaying bad qualities of *mushrik*. Allah has not commanded to become *firqa* then which god these people are obeying by indulging in sectarianism / *firqaparasti*?

6. Guidance from Prophet Aron and Prophet Moses (Peace be upon them) on *firqa*:

Prophet Moses was away for some time, when he returns back he finds his people committing shirk. Prophet Moses ask them why they broke promise of not committing shirk. Quran 20:86-89.

Prophet Moses asked Prophet Aron why he did not stop his people from committing shirk; he asked whether Aron has failed to keep up the command of Moses – of not letting his people do shirk. Quran 20:92-93

Read carefully how Prophet Aaron responds in Ayah 94.

قَالَ يَا اِبْنَ اُمَّمَّ لَا تَاْخُذْ بِلِحْيَتِيْ وَلَا بِرَاْسِيْ اِنَّيْ خَشِيْتُ اَنْ تَقُوْلَ  
بَيْنَ بَنِيْ اِسْرَائِيْلَ وَلَمْ تَرْفُقْ قَوْلِيْ

“(Aaron) replied: "O son of my mother! Seize (me) not by my beard nor by (the hair of) my head! Truly I feared lest you should say, **You have MADE FIRQA** i.e. caused a division among the children of Israel, and you did not respect my word!"-Quran 20:94

Did you read carefully this ayah of Quran? Prophet Aaron says that he feared that his people will get into sects / *firqa* / be divided in various groups if he tries to stop them more. So we are seeing here that a Prophet of his time considered *firqaparasti* / sectarianism so grave matter that he did not let it happen even at a greater cost. Of course he knew well that when Prophet Moses will be

back then Moses will ask people to stop shirk, but temporarily Prophet Aron could not prevent shirk by his people because he feared that people will fall into sect / *firqa* (“Why this would have happened” – we are skipping it here for the sake of brevity of article.)

See the approach of a prophet towards sect / *firqa* and see our approach. We proudly claim that we are from FIRQA E NAJIA i.e. SAVED SECT!!!

Lot can be said about *firqa* in the light of Quran but we will cut short. If muslims are part of any *firqa* / sect then certainly its blatant rebellion against commands of Allah.

Will you prefer your group of scholars to Allah?

Will you prefer any other book to Quran?

#### E. Your last doubt – what can be dubbed as sect / *firqa*?

Many of you will be having a doubt – but what exactly is a *firqa*? Any group can be called *firqa*? Of course political or social group that work for welfare of Muslims do not come under category of *firqa*. But theological group that:

⌚ Justifies and validates existence of different sects in Islam;

⌚ Claims that only it is on the right path; rest other groups are bound to enter hell fire.

Certainly this is *firqa*. Want proof?

##### a. Sect is formed after rivalry among knowledgeable people:

Quran projects the true picture; that FIRQA / division in Islam is done by people AFTER they get knowledge and **indulge in rivalry**. How true are words of Allah!!

وَمَا تَقَرُّوْا اِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعِيًا بَيْنَهُمْ

“And they did not become FIRQA (sect) until after the knowledge came unto them, **through rivalry among themselves**;...”-Quran 42:14

We see most important reason for flourishing of *firqa* as rivalry among scholars / those who claim they have knowledge. Every group is presenting his proof against others and proving how others are deviated and hell bound. Allah has indicated this same reason in Quran 42:14. A quick glance at the origin of all sects of Islam will attest to the fact mentioned in this ayah.

Similarly – Allah says;

“And be not as those got into FIRQA (who divided) and differed among themselves **after the clear proofs had come to them**. It is they for whom there is an awful torment.”- Quran 3:105

Imagine! If top scholars of all sects today declare that we should not fight in the name of sect; we should not hate each other; we should not indulge in blame game; we should not declare others as *kafir*/deviated AND they all practically do this– then don’t you think that sects will get slow death and pure Islam will prevail? Is it the ego of top most scholars that is preventing collapse of sects?



b. Each sect rejoices in what is with it:

Each sect lives in its own dreamland. Each sect is rest assured that it is saved sect and others are bound to enter hell.

وَإِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاتَّقُونِ  
فَتَقَطَّعُوا أَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ زُبُرًا كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ

"...But they (men) have broken their religion among them into sects, **each group rejoicing in what is with it.**"- Quran 23:52-53

Making sect is a quality of *mushrik*. Allah did not command to make sect. Each sect rejoices with its understanding of *deen*; feels happy that it is saved sect.

".. and be not you among mushrekeen. Of those who split up their religion (made firqa or became part of firqa) and became sects, **each sect rejoicing in that which is with it.**"  
-Quran 30: 31-32

#### F. Any way to reconcile this narration?

Quran is the only uncorrupted book from Allah. Apart from Quran no other book can be said to be 100% uncorrupted and authentic.

Quran gives the broad principle that those who:

- had faith and did good deed will enter paradise; Refer Quran 4:57; 4:122; 22:23; 22:56; 29:58 and many more.

- became kafir, zalim, fasiq etc will enter hell. Refer Quran 5:10; 57:19 and many more.

Allah is not unjust. Whole life of a person will be taken into account.

"Then shall anyone who has done an atom's weight of good, see it! And anyone who has done an atom's weight of evil, shall see it." Quran 99:7-8

Hadis – many a times – provide situational implementation of those principles. If we don't try to understand hadis within principles of Quran then it will create havoc and result in so many contradictory beliefs. There are narrations attributed to prophet where he said:

#1 "This community of mine is a community blessed with mercy. **It is not punished in the Hereafter.** Instead, it is punished in this world with strife, instability, and bloodshed."  
*Musnad Ahmad, Sunan Abî Dâwûd, and Mustadrak al-Hâkim*

#2 "I swear by Him in whose hand is Muhammad's soul. Indeed, I hope that **you will be half the population of Paradise.**" Sahîh al-Bukhârî Volume 4, Book 55, Hadis 567

#3 "**On the Day of Resurrection** I will intercede and say, "O my Lord! Admit into Paradise (even) **those who have faith equal to a mustard seed in their hearts.**" Such people **will enter Paradise**, and then I will say, 'O (Allah) **admit into Paradise (even) those who have the least amount of faith in their hearts.**" *Sahi Bukhari Volume 9, Book 93, Hadis 600*

#4 **anyone who had said La Ilaha Illahlaah will enter paradise** ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION. *Sahi Bukhari Volume 9, Book 93, Hadis 601*

Concluding from different narrations

- ⌚ Muslims will not be punished in the hereafter; **No Muslim in hell.**
- ⌚ Half population of paradise will be Ummate mohammadi.
- ⌚ 72 sects of Muslims will be in hell. Only 1 in paradise. **Most of Muslims in hell.**
- ⌚ Anyone who had faith equal to a mustard seed or even lesser will not enter hell but will be given paradise. **No Muslim in hell.**
- ⌚ Whoever just said *La Ilaha Illahlaah* will enter paradise. **No Muslim in hell.**

If you don't try to understand above narrations using the yardstick of Quran then you will have weird beliefs. If just by saying Islamic creed OR just by having less than mustard size emaan we will be saved from hell and get paradise then what is the use of following Quran; offering *salah*, fasting, hajj, abstaining from sins .....?

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالَّذِينَ هَادُوا وَالنَّصَارَى وَالصَّابِئِينَ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

Those who believe (in the Qur'an), and those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians,- **any who believe in Allah and the Last Day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.** Quran 2:62

### G. Taking hadis always literally is dangerous

There is one more dimension to understand this hadis. Text of hadis is very different from Quran. Separate article is required for this topic. Hadis are not to be taken literary always; otherwise islam will look weird. For example look at following hadis:

1. 'Whoever reads the Qur'an and memorizes it, Allah will admit him to Paradise and allow him to intercede for ten of his family members who all deserved to enter Hell. *Sahih Bukhari; English reference: Vol. 1, Book 1, Hadith 216; Arabic reference: Book 1, Hadith 221.*

2. One who memorizes 99 names of allah will enter jannah . *Sahih Bukhari Vol 9; Bk. 93: Hadis 489.*

3. One whose 3 children die before reaching puberty- that person will be admitted to paradise. Reference: *Sunan an-Nasa'i* 1873; *In-book reference* : Book 21, Hadith 56; *English translation*: Vol. 3, Book 21, Hadith 1874.
4. Ones love for surah ikhlas will admit a person to paradise. *At-Trimdhi*; *Sunnah.com reference*: Book 9, Hadith 23; *Arabic/English book reference*: Book 9, Hadith 1013.
5. A slave (of Allah) may utter a word (carelessly) which displeases Allah without thinking of its gravity and because of that he will be thrown into the Hell-Fire." Reference: *Sahih al-Bukhari* 6478; *In-book reference*: Book 81, Hadith 67; *USC-MSA web (English) reference* : Vol. 8, Book 76, Hadith 485.
6. Whoever calls the Adhan for twelve years, he will be guaranteed Paradise. Reference : *Sunan Ibn Majah* 728; *In-book reference*: Book 3, Hadith 23; *English translation*: Vol. 1, Book 3, Hadith 728.
7. If anyone guarantees me that he will not beg from people, I will guarantee him Paradise. Reference: *Sunan Abi Dawud* 1643; *In-book reference*: Book 9, Hadith 88; *English translation*: Book 9, Hadith 1639.
8. Allah's Apostle said, "Allah has forbidden the (Hell) fire for those who say, 'None has the right to be worshipped but Allah' for Allah's sake only." *Sahih Bukhari, Vol 1; Book 8, hadis 417.*
9. Narrated Abu `Abs: (who is `Abdur-Rahman bin Jabir) Allah's Apostle said," Anyone whose both feet get covered with dust in Allah's Cause will not be touched by the (Hell) fire." *Sahih Bukhari, Vol 4; Book 52, hadis 66.*
10. Those who have had faith equal to the weight of a grain of mustard seed to be taken out from Hell. *Sahih Bukhari, Vol 1, book 2, hadis 21.*
11. When two Muslims fight (meet) each other with their swords, both the murderer as well as the murdered will go to the Hell-fire. *Sahih Bukhari, Vol 1; Book. 2, hadis 30.*
12. Narrated Anas: The Prophet said, "Whoever said "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and has in his heart good (faith) equal to the weight of a barley grain will be taken out of Hell. And whoever said: "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and has in his heart good (faith) equal to the weight of a wheat grain will be taken out of Hell. And whoever said, "None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and has in his heart good (faith) equal to the weight of an atom will be taken out of Hell." *Sahih Bukhari Vol 1; Book. 2, hadis 42.*
13. Narrated Sa`d: I heard the Prophet saying, "Whoever claims to be the son of a person other than his father, and he knows that person is not his father, then Paradise will be forbidden for him." *Sahih Bukhari, Vol 8; Book. 80, hadis 758.*

If you understand these *hadis* literally in isolation without taking into account what principle Quran has given then you have to agree that we don't need to offer salah, do fasting, give zakat, have good ikhlaq, abstain from zina-gheebat etc because as per these ahadis **a person will be admitted to paradise if he just – memorizes 99 names of Allah OR he just memorizes Quran OR he just say that only Allah is worthy to be worshipped OR he gives adhaan for 12 years OR he just doesn't beg.....and so on.**

Similarly when promise is made for hell fire for some kind of people in *ahadis* then we need to understand those *ahadis* **under principles of Quran** else we will be making our own mockery.

Will you not desist from *firqaparasti* / sectarianism?

Will you claim to be follower of Islam OR follower of hanafi-shafi-maliki-hambali madhab; sunni; shia; Salafi, deobandi, barelwi, Ahle hadees?

Are you a Muslim only OR AhleSunnahWalJamaat Muslim; sunni Muslim; shia Muslim; deobandi Muslim; barelvi Muslim; salafi Muslim; hanafi Muslim; madkhali salafi Muslim..?

Will you pray for paradise and seek refuge from hell OR you will proudly declare that you will enter paradise and others will enter hell fire?

## **H. Conclusion**

1. One of the main reasons that prevent unity among Muslims is 73 sect narrations. People justify validity of their sects based on this narration. Scholars tell followers that their sect is saved sect.
2. They say that there will be 73 sects in Islam. Fact is hundreds of sects came into existence in past; hundreds have disappeared; hundreds new have formed. So 73 sect narration contradicts with fact.
3. 73 sect narration has been criticized by some of scholars. They have casted doubt whether Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) would have said so.
4. Muslims claim that one of the 73 sects will enter paradise and rest will enter hell. Quran has time and again condemned making ANY FIRQA. Sect is opposite to command of Quran.
5. Quran has commanded believers NOT to get into any sect. When Allah is telling us to be Muslim ALONE then no need for us to add any prefix or suffix to it. No matter how great a scholar is – his words will not be taken against word of Allah.
6. One of the reasons of existence of sect is rivalry among scholars. Beware of scholar if he is driving towards ANY sect; hold strongly natural religion Islam. There is no sect in Islam.
7. Allah has indicated in Quran that if you hold strongly Quran then sect can be avoided. And Prophet will complain to Allah on the Day of Judgment that his people had abandoned Quran.
8. God has named us as muslim (Quran 22:78) – in Arabic language – so call yourself muslim only without any prefix/suffix. God has chosen islam as deen (Quran 5:3) so follow islam only.

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