1487 - The Braylwiyyah sect

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What is the Braylwiyyah sect and what is their belief ?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The Braylwiyyah are a Soofeesect which was born in India at the time of the British rule there.

It's followers concernthemselves in exceeding in their love and honour for the Prophets and the "saints" in general, and the Prophet (sal-Allahu `alayhe wa sallam) specifically.

It's founder was a man bythe name of Ahmad Ridhaa Khaan ibn Taqee 'Alee Khaan who was born in 1272 A.H. (1851 C.E.) and called himself Abdul-Mustafaa (slave/servant of Mustafaa, i.e. Muhammad (sal-Allahu `alayhe wasallam)).

He was born in the city ofBraylee in the province of Uttar Pradesh and was a student of al-Mirza GhulaamQaadir Begg who was the older (blood) brother of Mirza Ghulaam Ahmad al-Qaadiyaanee (founder of the Qaadiyaaniyyah sect).

He was of a slim build andknown to be shrewd and clever, whilst also being ill-tempered and foul-mouthed. He used to suffer from chronic illnesses, and used to consistently complain ofheadaches and back pains.

He visitedMakkahand studied under some of thescholars there in 1295 A.H. (1874 C.E.).

Amongst his "notable" booksare: Anbaa. al-Mustafaa and Khaalis al-I'tiqaad.

From the beliefs of thissect is that the Messenger of Allah (sal-Allahu `alayhe wa sallam) hasthe ability/power to control the creation and all that occurs, and that the "saints" have the

ability/power to influence the creation and all that occurs.

And they have exceeded intheir belief with respect to the Prophet (sal-Allahu `alayhe wa sallam) suchthat they have ascended him to a rank close to that of worshipping him. And theyhave exceeded in their belief with respect to the Messenger of Allah (sal-Allahu `alayhe wa sallam) such that they believe he has knowledge of the unseen, and they deny that he was a human being, rather that he was the light (noor) of Allah. And they also permit calling for assistance from the "saints" and the Prophets and other than them from the false beliefs.