

Category	People of Hypocrisy and Discord	Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jama'ah
Creed	Practice of polytheism and its means	Monotheism of Allah and fighting polytheism
Graves and Shrines	Spread of visiting shrines and seeking blessings from them	Do not approve of circumambulating graves or being attached to them
Places of Worship	Polytheistic graves and Husseinias	Mosques in which Allah alone is worshipped
Supplication	Supplicating to the infallible Imams and the Household (Ahl al-Bayt) and attachment to them	Supplicating to Allah alone and attachment to Him
Slogan	The banner of the Imams and the Household (Ahl al-Bayt)	The banner of "There is no god worthy of worship except but Allah"
The Quran	Saying that it is distorted, and claiming the existence of a larger Mushaf of Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her)	Transmitted by Mutawatir, preserved by the protection of Allah, not a single letter added to it or subtracted from it
Infallibility	For prophets, the twelve Imams, and the Household (Ahl al-Bayt)	For prophets only
Source of Legislation	Sayings of the Imams, whims, visions, and stories	The Quran, Sunnah, Consensus (Ijma), and Analogy (Qiyas)

Judiciary	Courts based on Ja'fari Jurisprudence	Courts based on Sunni Jurisprudence
Taqiyya (Dissimulation)	It is nine-tenths of the religion (in outward and inward)	Not used
Defaming most of them, insulting them, declaring them disbelievers, and labeling them with titles	Obligation of honoring them, and the prohibition of defaming them or delving into what occurred between them	Companions and Mothers of the Believers
An absent Imam, entered the cellar in Samarra 12 centuries ago, and will emerge from it at the end of time	A man from the Household (Ahl al-Bayt) of the Prophet ﷺ, not yet born; Allah will rectify him in a night	The Mahdi

Eid of Ashura (killing of Hussein) and others	Eid al-Fitr and al-Adha only	Eid (Holidays)
Addition of phrases that differ from one sect to another, and from one place to another	The Adhan of Bilal and Abu Mahdhura (may Allah be pleased with them) which the Prophet ﷺ taught them	The Adhan (Call to Prayer)
Prostration on the soil of Karbala specifically	Prostration on the earth and every pure place	Prostration (Sujud)
Hajj to Karbala and other venerated places	Hajj to the Sacred House of Allah in Mecca only	Hajj (Pilgrimage)

To seek blessings from graves, supplicating to the dead, and polytheism with Allah	To take a lesson from death, and to supplicate for the dead	Visiting Graves
Permissible, even for an hour of the day!	Forbidden due to the prohibition of the Prophet ﷺ and because of the corruption it contains	Nikah al-Mut'ah (Temporary Marriage)
Seeking closeness to Allah by wailing and harming the self on Ashura	Wailing is not permissible, nor is harming oneself, because of the necessity of preserving the self	Wailing and Shedding Blood



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