



Fatwa No. 2378

It is reported that the Messenger (peace be upon him) came out and saw some of his Companions while he was leaning on a walking stick. They stood for him and he said to them: (Do not stand up as non-Arabs do to show respect to one another.)

(A) What is the ruling in Islam on students standing up when their teacher enters the classroom?

(B) Is it permissible for people to stand to greet and shake each others hands in meetings?

A: The best guidance is that of Muhammad (peace be upon him) and the most evil affairs are religious innovations. The best generation is the generation when the Messenger (peace be upon him) lived and those who came after them as it was reported from the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him). The guidance of the Prophet (peace be upon him) in this regard is not to stand for him when he comes. The Companions knew that he (peace be upon him) hates people standing for him. Therefore, this teacher should not ask his students to stand for him and they should not obey him in this regard.

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No human being is to be obeyed in defiance to Allah.

May Allah grant us success. Peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon his family and Companions!

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