

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi (the claimed Prophet's Birthday) if I can find a single hadeeth from the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) encouraging us to specify the 12th Rabee' Al-Awwal over other days.

I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I find the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) encouraging the celebration of the Mawlid, or giving us glad-tidings regarding it, even if he only alluded to it.

I would be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I did not believe that the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) conveyed the clear complete message, or there was a possibility that there is some good that he did not encourage us upon.

I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I can find a single narration regarding Abu Bakr (radhiAllaahu anhu) that he organised a dinner in celebration of the night of Mawlid.

Or that Umar (radhiAllaahu anhu) made the day of Mawlid a public holiday of enjoyment and happiness.

Or that Uthmaan (radhiAllaahu anhu) encouraged people to fast and give charity on that day.

Or that Alee (radhiAllaahu Anhu) used to set up lessons and gatherings to study Seerah on that day.

I would be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I knew that Bilaal, Ibn Abbaas or any other Companion (radhiAllaahu anhu) specified the Mawlid with any type of action – worldly or religious.

I would be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I did not truly believe that the Companions had a greater love, affection and honouring of the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) and that they were more knowledgeable than me regarding his elevated status.

I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I can find a single narration from one of the Taabi'een – whether they are from the Aal Bayt (the family of the Prophet) or other than them – wherein they encouraged the reciting of poetry and praise of the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) on the day of Mawlid.

I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I can find a single word from the Four Imaams encouraging us to commemorate the day of Mawlid.

Or alternatively if I can find a single narration from one of the Four Imaams that they used to congregate with people on that night in order to sing Nasheeds and dance.

I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I truly believed that the great scholars and those who came before them lacked feelings and emotions, they were too harsh and hard heartened because they did not know the true status of their Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam), nor did they know his sacredness and how high his rank was.

I would be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I truly believed that the Ummah did not know how to express their love for their Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) for more than three hundred years – since it first began – because before this nobody ever celebrated a single Mawlid.

Finally... I will be the first person to celebrate Mawlid An-Nabawi if I truly believe that the most guided path is the innovations of the latter Muslim generation not the adhering of the Sunnah by the early pious Muslims (the Salaf).

All praise is due to Allaah the Lord of the Worlds. May peace and blessings be upon His worshipper, Messenger and beloved, our Prophet Muhammad – and upon his family and companions.

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