

Kissing the Mus-haf or Kissing the Quran

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There are many people who consider Kissing the Quran as Bidah.

Kissing the mushaf, is a mark of respect and we know that it was done by the great Companions such as `Umar and `Uthman. See Ibn `Abidin, Hashiyat radd al-muhtar 5:244-246; also `Ikrimah ibn Abi Jahl used to kiss it: see al-Zarkashi, `Ulum al-Qur'an 1:478 and this is confirmed by Imam Ahmed as Ibn Taymiyya admits in Mukhtasar al-fatawa al-misriyya p. 265. If the Sahaba did it, then what is the word of a loutish person who cannot even be bothered to put the mushaf other than on the floor when he finishes reading it? May Allah reform him and his like.

Sayyidina `Umar used to kiss the mushaf every dawn and say: `ahdu rabbi wa manshur rabbi -- the pact of my Lord and the proclamation of my Lord. May Allah be well pleased with him.

Shaykh Ibn Baz (ra):

Praise be to Allaah.

We do not know of any evidence (daleel) to suggest that it is prescribed in sharee'ah to kiss it, but if a person does so, there is nothing wrong with that. It was narrated that the great Sahaabi `Ikrimah ibn Abi Jahl used to kiss the Mus-haf and say, **"This is the word of my Lord."** Whatever the case, there is nothing wrong with kissing it, but it is not prescribed to do so and there is nothing to indicate that it is prescribed in sharee'ah. But if a person kisses it as an act of veneration and respect if it falls from his hand or from a high place, there is nothing wrong with that, in sha Allaah.

Fataawa wa Maqaalaat Mutanawwi'ah li Samaahat al-Shaykh al-'Allaamah `Abd al-'Azeez ibn `Abd-Allaah ibn Baaz (may Allaah have mercy on him), vol. 9.

Shaykh Mutawalli Ad-Darsh:

Q: Is it Bid'ah to kiss the Holy Qur'an when opening and closing it?

A: No, it is not a Bid'ah.

Imam an-Nawawi reported that when Ikrimah (may Allah be pleased with him) used to see the Holy Qur'an, he used to put it on his head and kiss it and show a great deal of respect for it, saying **"This is the book of Allah, this is the book of Allah."**

From this Imam as-Suyuti said it is good to kiss the Holy Qur'an, also drawing an analogy with the black stone in the Ka'bah. Both are to be seen as a gift from Allah.

Similarly, in the same way that we kiss our children to show affection and love, it is a sign of our devotion and love for Allah to kiss the Holy Qur'an.

Mufti Ebrahim Desai:

Q: is it better to kiss the Quran before or after reading it? What about with other Islamic Books?

A: Kissing the Quran and other Islamic books before and after reading them is a mark of respect.

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