



The second question of Fatwa no. (5566):

Q 2: When I studied the book entitled "Al-Mughni" by [Ibn Qudamah](#), I was surprised to see the differences of opinions regarding a trivial issue. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) warned us about this when he said, [Those who came before you](#)

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[perished due to excessive controversy.](#) > It is true that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "The difference (of opinion among) my Ummah (community) is a mercy", but not the way we see nowadays in the books of Fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence). When I read page 7 of "Al-Mughni", under the title "Some of his Karamahs (supernatural acts of the pious)", I feel that I am reading a mythical Indian tale, or the legend of Aladdin in "One Thousand and One Nights". This sheikh performed some of the acts similar to what the great Sahabah did (Companions of the Prophet); he even walked on the water. These are fairy tales. How can this book be allowed to circulate under the supervision of the Presidency of the Departments of Scholarly Research, Ifta, Da'wah and Guidance? Such anecdotes might lead to Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). Please delete this paragraph from the book.

A: First, what you have mentioned in your question about controversy in the issues of Fiqh is not something unusual, as the Way of Allah is that He has created people different from each other in their minds, their knowledge of evidences, and their perception of the secrets of the universe and the Ways of Allah in it. It is not surprising to see disagreements on issues of the universe and Shari'ah; this is what wisdom requires which is a diversity of talents. You should not find fault in this. What should be strongly criticized is speaking ignorantly, following vain desires or committing sins in supporting the opinion of the Madh-hab (School of Jurisprudence) one follows. However, if a person investigates the universal evidences and juristic efforts objectively while seeking the truth, this is praiseworthy, whether the Ijtihad (juristic effort to infer expert legal rulings) is correct

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or not. If it is right, one receives two rewards; one for Ijtihad and another for hitting the mark. If it is wrong, one is excused and receives only one reward for Ijtihad.

Second: what you have mentioned in your question about the Karamah of walking on the water, it is not mentioned in "Al-Mughni", nor it is attributed to [Ibn Qudamah](#), but it was written in the biography of [Ibn Qudamah](#) and in the preface of the book as an introduction to the Sheikh. You have also not read the comments of Abu Tahir on the anecdote of Karamah so that you may better understand, instead of attacking those who published the book. This is neither a myth nor a strange occurrence ; it happened to some of the Sahabah (Companions of the Prophet) may Allah be pleased with them, to show their honor and merit for their adherence to the Shari'ah.

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

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