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<https://islamicreligious.com/index.php/Journal/index>Print ISSN: [3006-1296](#) Online ISSN: [3006-130X](#)Platform & Workflow by: [Open Journal Systems](#)**A RESEARCH STUDY ON HUZAIFA'S KNOWLEDGE OF HYPOCRITES AND THE JURISPRUDENCE OF TRIALS**Dr. Muhammad Ayub Anwar

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Huzaifah (RA) was a sensitive and great companion of the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW). He has many special characteristics and features like he knows all the hypocrites and dissimulators. He also knows all the predictions and afflictions occurs before the doomsday. The prophet of Islam Muhammad (SAW) treats him like a special person and given him all sensitive affaires and issues. His conduct was cleared laid out to us that he was very intelligent, sensitive and broad minded.

Much of narrations and his incident are known to him by the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW.) One day the prophet (SAW) discloses to some of his companions about the upcoming events predictions related to trials occurring before the doomsday. Huzaifah (RA) also present on this occasion.

Therefore, the role of Huzaifah is highlighted in this paper and the knowledge about the hypocrites which disclose to him by the Holy Prophet (SAW) and analyze all these narration in the light of jurisprudence of trials or *Fiqh-ul-Fitan*.

I write all narrations and events narrated by Huzaifah (RA) about hypocrites and dissimulators in to two mains topic. one is the knowledge of Huzaifah (RA) about the hypocrites and second one is how he treated the hypocrites according to his knowledge. This article consists of three main topics. The conclusion. References were given at the end.

Key Words: *Huzaifah, trials and hypocrites, Fitan etc.*

Huzaifah bin Al-Yaman was the companion of Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW) and was keenly interested to get the knowledge about all trials and tribulations from the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW), so he learned a lot about the knowledge of trials and Fitan more than other companions of the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW).

In modern era we make research on different topics and fields in depth, mentioned the causes of verses of Holy Quran and all narrations. So, a new field of research is emerge which is the jurisprudence of all the aspect of Islamic studies.

In this research paper I analyzed the narrations mentioned by Huzaifah (RA) about the hypocrites and their habits in the light of jurisprudence of afflictions (Fiqh-ul-Fitan). Firstly, I elaborated the narrations and then analyzed it in the light of jurisprudence of trials and Fitan.

Part#01.

Knowledge of Huzaifah (RA) about hypocrites:

Huzaifah (RA) was clearly knowing all the hypocrites by name and father name and even their tribes because the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW) was already informed him about all of the hypocrites but it was a top secret. He (RA) does not want to disclose it. However, the other companions of the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW) try to learn from him in another way.

The second caliph of Islam Umar Farooq (RA) was kept eyes on Huzaifah in the occasion of funeral. If he participated in the funeral. The Umar also participated it and if Huzaifah did not participate the Umar learnt from this that the person was hypocrite¹.

One day someone asked from Ali (RA) about Huzaifah (RA) he replied as:

كَانَ أَعْلَمَ النَّاسِ بِالْمُنَافِقِينَ²

Huzaifa knows all the hypocrites more than others.

Zazan kindi narrated on the authority of Ali (RA) that once a man asked him about Huzaifah (RA). He replied as:

عَلِمَ الْمُنَافِقِينَ، وَسَأَلَ عَنِ الْمُعْضِلَاتِ؛ فَإِنْ تَسَأَلُوهُ، تَجِدُوهُ بِهَا عَالِمًا³

He knew all the hypocrites and asked the complicated questions of afflictions from the Holy prophet (SAW) and if someone asked any question about tribulations, you will find him the scholar of afflictions.

According to a long narration of *Musnad-e-Ahmad* that when the Muslims were passing from the valley of Sanya after return from the battle of Tabuk, the Holy prophet (SAW) said that no one hold my camel except Huzaifah and Ammar. So, Huzaifah hold the front position of camel and *Amar* followed them. Soon a group of people hide their faces were appeared and attacked the camel, in that time *Amar* (RA) faced all the veiled persons and the Prophet

(SAW) told me: Go ahead! Go ahead! When the camel of prophet (SAW) reached in safe place the prophet (SAW) got down and told *Amar* while he come back:

“O’ *Amar*! Are you identified these veiled group of people?

He replied I identified their camels and horses but not them because they are covered their faces.

The prophet (SAW) said are you sure that what they wanted?

He replied that Allah (SAT) and his prophet knows better.

The Holy prophet (SAW) said that they wanted to kill me when I become alone⁴.

According to Imam *Bahaiqhi* that the Huzaifah and Ammar wants permission to attacked on these people but the prophet (SAW) denied and said:

I did not like to hear that Muhammad kills their own people⁵.

In another narration narrated by Huzaifah (RA) that the Holy prophet (SAW) told me in that occasion that are you identified them?

I replied that I recognized only their camels and horses. The prophet (SAW) said:

“إن الله قد أخبرني بأسمائهم وأسماء آبائهم، وسأخبرك بهم إن شاء الله عند وجه الصبح⁶”

Allah (SAT) disclose me their names and father names and I will inform you at morning time.

According to Imam Al-Zahabi that the Holy prophet (SAW) told him all the hypocrites by their names and remind him all the afflictions and tribulations⁷.

According to Jubair bin *Muthim* that the Holy prophet (SAW) disclose all the hypocrites only to Huzaifah and these were twelve persons and no one of them belong to the tribe of Quraish⁸.

One of the man in among those veiled group met and talked with Huzaifa (RA) after a long time and the man said to Huzaifa as:

فقال أنشدك بالله كم كان أصحاب العقبة؟ قال فقال له القوم أخبره إذ سألك، قال: كنا نخر أنهم أربعة عشر، فإن كنت منهم فقد كان القوم خمسة عشر، وأشهد بالله أن اثني عشر منهم حرب لله ولرسوله في الحياة الدنيا ويوم يقوم الأشهاد، وعذر ثلاثة⁹

Swear please on the Allah’s and informed me about the numbers of person that were presented in the valley of Sanaya at that time? The narrator said that the people with Huzaifah requested him to please inform him. He said that these were fourteen persons and if you are among them then they became fifteen persons. Twelve persons were the rebellion of Allah and the Holy prophet (SAW) and three of them are apologies and accepted their repentance.

The Holy Prophet said as followed about the remaining twelve persons as:

“ في أمتي اثنا عشر منافقا لا يدخلون الجنة، ولا يجدون ريحها، حتى يلج الجمل في سم الخياط ثمانية منهم تكفيهم الدبيلة، سراج من النار يظهر في
 ”أكتافهم، حتى ينجم من صدورهم¹⁰“

There are twelve hypocrites among my people and they will neither enter to the heaven nor smell his fragrant. Eight of them will faced the hard fire of grave which will ablaze in their chest.

Names of the defined hypocrites:

According to Muhammad bin Jozi on the authority of Abu Sulaiman Al-Dimashqi that these persons are fourteen or fifteen and their names are as¹¹:

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| i. Mutab bin Qushair | viii. Oais bin Qaizi |
| ii. Wadiha bin Sabit | ix. Saad bin Zurarh |
| iii. Rifaha bin Altaboot | x. Qais bin Omar bin Suhail |
| iv. Suwaid | xi. Zaid Al-Naseeb |
| v. Dayish or wayish | xii. Al-Laseet |
| vi. Wajad bin Abdullah | xiii. Salalah bin Hamam |
| vii. Hares bin Yazed Al-Tahi | xiv. Jalas bin Suwaid |

Muhamad bin Jozi mentioned on the authority of Imam *Tibrani* that these persons are fifteen and he mentioned their details too, which are as under:

1. Muthab bin Qushair:

His full name was Muthab bin Qushair bin Malil and belonged to the family of Omar bin Auf. Once he said that the Holy prophet (SAW) promised us that you will get the treasures of Kaiser and *Kisra* but no one believe on this. In the occasion of battle of *Ahzab*, he said that we have no choice and we should set in our houses.

2. Wadiha bin Sabit:

That man was also belonging to Omar bin Auf and he used to say that we have noticed that our religious people that they were belonged our family but they did not want gathering with us.

3. Rifaha bin Altaboot:

He was belonging to the family of Malik bin Najjar.

4. Suwaid:

5. Dayish or wayish:

These two were belonging the family of Bul Hubla. They insulted Muslims on many occasion.

6. Wajad bin Abdullah:

He was belonging to Omar bin Auf. Once the angel *Jibril* was informed the holy prophet (SAW) that: “O’ prophet of Allah (SAT)! Who is this black man! His eyes are yellow and have thick hairs. Seeing like devil and informed the hypocrites about your activities.

7. Hares bin Yazed Al-Tahi:

He was belonging to the family friend of Omar bin Auf. He is doing the things which is forbidden by the Holy prophet (SAW).

8. Oais bin Qaizi:

He was belonging to Harisa family and once he said on the occasion of Ahzab that no one in our homes and we cannot attend the battle of Ahzab. He was the grandfather of Saed bin Qais.

9. Saad bin Zurarh:

He was belonging to the family of malik bin Najar. He was rival the Holy prophet (SAW). He was younger than his other friends but act like evil.

10. Qays bin Omar bin Suhail:

He was belonging to the family of Malik bin Najjar.

11. Zaid Al-Naseeb:

12. Al-Laseet:

13. Salalah bin Hamam:

Those three were basically jews of Bani Qainqah but act like Muslim.

14. J alas's bin Suwaid:

He was belonging to Omar bin Auf and he accept his sins and apologized¹².

Why Huzaifah was chosen by Prophet (SAW):

Silah bin Zufar said that once we asked from Huzaifah (RA) how you know about all hypocrites by their names and tribes instead of two great companions of the Holy prophet (SAW); Abu Bakr and Omar. He replied: Once I followed the ride of Holy prophet (SAW) the prophet got sleep on the ride. I heard some people were trying to knock off the prophet on the ride and he will die. I came near the ride of Holy prophet (SAW) and recited the Holy Quran loudly. The prophet (SAW) wakes up. The Holy prophet (SAW) asked: Who are you?

I replied: Huzaifah!

The prophet asked who these people are.

I replied: I counted them and said so and so.

The Holy prophet (SAW) asked are you heard what they talking?

I replied yes! Because I intervened.

The Holy prophet (SAW) stated that they are so and so and counted all of their names and said no one tell it¹³.

Analyses of narrations under Jurisprudence of trails:

Imam *Ibn-eTamia* stated that in the begging of Islam in Medina, the Holy prophet (SAW) heard a lot of baleful talking from hypocrites. The prophet (SAW) tolerated that hypocritic manners and acting because of many reasons such as:

1. By the command of Allah (SAT):

”وَلَا تُطِيعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَدَعْ أَذَاهُمْ¹⁴“

Don't obey the hypocrites and infidels and leave their harmful deeds.

2. The Muslims were scarce in that times and if the Holy prophet (SAW) took the action against them it will create many problems for Muslims.

3. In that time there are no clear command and dictations about the dissimulators by the divine revelations. Therefore, the Holy prophet (SAW) tolerates all those acts against Islam and Muslim.

Allah (SAT) dictates the Holy prophet (SAW) to announce that there will be no further relations to any infidels and dissimulators After the conquering of Makkah. The policy of tolerance comes to end because the Muslim and Islam get strengthen and glory. Allah (SAT) says in the Quran as:

”جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَاغْلُظْ عَلَيْهِمْ¹⁵“

O' prophet strive hard against the disbelievers and hypocrites, and be harsh against them.

لَئِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهِ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ إِلَى قَوْلِهِ: أَبَيْنَا تُقْفُوا أُحْذُوا وَقُتِلُوا تُتَّقُوا¹⁶

If the hypocrites and those in whose hearts is disease and those who spread rumors in Al-Medina do not cease, we will surely incite you against them; then they will not remain your neighbors therein except for a little. Accursed wherever they are found being seized and massacred completely.

Therefore, we see in the history that after the battle of *Tabuk* the hypocrites were not dare to express any of their dissimulations. Some of them died in the state of hypocrisy and someone apologized from their hypocritic actions. These hypocrites are known to Huzaifah (RA) by the information of Holy prophet (SAW)¹⁷.

Part#02.

Forbid the Omar to attend the funeral of hypocrites:

According to Humaid bin Hilal that once a dead body was brought to Omar for funeral the Omar asked for water and Huzaifah (RA) was stood there so he nudged.

قال عمر اذهبوا فصلوا على صاحبكم من غير أن يخبره فقال عمر يا حذيفة! أمنهم أنا؟ قال لا قال ففني عمالي أحد منهم؟ قال رجل واحد، وكأنا “
”دل عليه حتى نزع من غير أن يخبره¹⁸“

Omar ordered the people go and pray funeral of your colleague and said to Huzaifah was I among them? Huzaifah replied no. Omar asked further is there any one hypocrite among

my governors? He said one person is hypocrite. The Omar was informed by another source and withdraw the said governor.

In another narration Huzaifah (RA) stated that:

دعي عمر، لجنائز، فخرج فيها أو يريد بها فتعلقت به فقلت اجلس يا أمير المؤمنين، فإنه من أولئك، فقال نشدتك الله أنا منهم، قال لا ولا أبرئ أحدا “بعده¹⁹”

Once Omar was invited to attend the funeral and was ready to attend it meanwhile, I came and said please sit down because he was belonging to that people. Omar said by the swear of Allah (SAT) was I in them? I replied No and I will not say about purity for anyone.

Analyses of narrations under Jurisprudence of afflictions:

The Hypocrites are much harmful than non-believer and polytheist. These people are always a dangerous symbol for Muslims and Islam. These people always try to harm the Muslim and Islam by their effective projects.

Therefore, Quran set many penalties and inflictions. For example, The Holy prophet (SAW) is forbidden to pray for hypocrites by Allah (SAT). The Quran says:

”اسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ أَوْ لَا تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ إِنْ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ مَرَّةً فَلَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ²⁰”

If you Ask forgiveness for them or aske not if you will ask forgiveness for them seventy times, Allah will never forgive them. This is because that they have non believable on Allah and his messenger and Allah do not guide the disobedient.

قُلْ أَنْفَقُوا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا لَنْ يَقْبَلَ مِنْكُمْ إِنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ- وَمَا مَنَعَهُمْ أَنْ يَقْبَلُوا مِنْهُمْ نَفَقَاتِهِمْ إِلَّا أَنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَلَا يَأْتُونَ الصَّلَاةَ إِلَّا “وَهُمْ كَسَالَى وَلَا يُنْفِقُونَ إِلَّا وَهُمْ كَارِهُونَ²¹”

Say if you, spend willingly or unwillingly, it shall not be accepted from you. No doubt you are disobedient people. And what they spent its acceptance was not barred. But because they non believe on Allah and his messenger and come not to pray but lazily and spent not but unwillingly.

Ultimately the Holy prophet (SAW) was forbidden to pray of any hypocrites. The Quran says as:

وَلَا تُصَلِّ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ مَاتَ أَبَدًا وَلَا تَقُمْ عَلَى قَبْرِهِ إِنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ²²”

And pray you never over any of their dead, and not stand over his grave. No doubt they non believe on Allah and his messenger and died while they were disobedient (infidel).

These are the clear and non-ambagious command by Allah (SAT) stated in the Quran to the prophet (SAW). The prophet (SAW) informed Huzaifah from all hypocrites by their names and tribes so Huzaifah (RA) did not attend any funeral gathering of hypocrites, acting on the command of Holy Quran. But some time he prohibited the second caliph of Islam Omar (RA) to attend the funeral gathering of any hypocrites by many ways as descried in the above said narrations.

Here it is suitable to stated that these hypocrites are disbelievers by divine revelation. But today we are not commanded on any person that he or she is hypocrite because the hypocrisy is a secret matter which directly related to believing and non-believing of a person and this is the matter of inner. We have no source to understand what is inside of anyone. Yes, there are some signs mentioned in narrations and *Ahadith* by the Holy prophet Muhammad (SAW). When someone shows those signs, it cannot say surely that they are hypocrites. This is because of many reasons such as:

- 1) The connectivity of divine revelation has stopped. Thus, we have no knowledge and information surely.
- 2) Many signs of hypocrites have been described and it is clear that one, two or three signs do not make any one a hypocrite. Yes, he will be categorized in the area of hypocrisy but this is not called a complete hypocrite.
- 3) Furthermore, the Islamic scholar mentioned the types of hypocrites. According to the researchers and scholars the hypocrites are two types:
 (1) Belief hypocrisy, (2) practical hypocrisy. The above-mentioned hypocrites are belonging in first category of hypocrisy which is belief hypocrisy. Hypocrisy in belief is known by divine revelation and hypocrisy in practice is known by signs and these two have separated provisions according to Shariah law²³.

Conclusion

Huzaifah (RA) was a sensitive and great companion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Every companion of the Holy prophet (SAW) has some specials characteristic and the prophet (SAW) used ta take advantages from him for the spreading of Islam. Huzaifah (RA) has the characteristic to acquire the knowledge of afflictions and temptations.

He has the knowledge of temptations more than other companions of the Holy prophet (SAW) and the companions of the Holy prophet (SAW) get guidelines from Huzaifah (RA) and he guide them accordingly.

The Holy prophet (SAW) informed him from all hypocrites by their names, father names and tribes. Also informed him from all temptations and afflictions.

In this research article I analyses that why Huzaifah (RA) is specialized person for this knowledge and why the Holy prophet (SAW) given him all information about hypocrites in detail. Therefore, some sensitive occasions in which Huzaifah (RA) obtained the information about hypocrites by the Holy prophet (SAW) and give him special services in the occasion of battle of Tabuk.

This research article is divided in two main topics; one is the knowledge of Huzaifah (RA) about the dissimulators and the other topic is about acting upon the instructions learned by Holy prophet (SAW). There are analyses in the light of jurisprudence of temptations. The conclusion and references are given at the end.

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