

Core Curriculum

3 Foundations of Islam - Obligatory Acts

3.6 **Tawalla and Tabarra, its Basics and Purpose**

Question: What is Tawalla?

Answer: Love for the Prophet (s) and his Ahl al-Bayt (as).

Question: What is Tabarra?

Answer: Disassociating from the enemies of the Prophet and his Ahl al-Bayt (as)

Question: What is wrong with associating with the enemies of the Prophet and his Ahl al-Bayt (as)?

Answer: It is not pleasing to Allah, and associating oneself with bad people will have a negative influence on us. The Prophet (s) said: “a person follows the religion of his friends.” If one has enough learning in Islam, one may try to change them, but one cannot befriend them.

Question: What role does Tabarra play in the world?

Answer: It forces us to speak out against evil in this world and not be complacent to it.

Question: What’s the connection between tawalla and tabarra and amr bi al-ma’rūf and nahī ‘an al-munkar?

Answer: Tawalla and tabarra are inner dispositions, they guide the actions of amr bi al-ma’rūf and nahī ‘an al-munkar.