

The names of Imam Ali[as]'s sons

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In this article we have set out to refute the false claim made by Nasibis when they try to present the romantic image of love / affection between Imam 'Ali and the Khalifas. Nasibis are able to use their supernatural psychic abilities to inform their followers that such was Imam 'Ali (as)'s love for these personalities that he named his sons in their memory.

This is one of the greatest evidences that these Nasibi love to flash in our faces as 'proof' that Imam 'Ali (as) loved the three khalifas. If we examine the lives of the Arabs we see that the names Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman were common names, it was not exclusively reserved to a specific Arab tribe, so we would urge our opponents to at least examine in depth before arriving at a conclusion. The fact is these names were common amongst the prominent Arab tribes, and amongst those with these names were Kaffirs, Muslims and munafiqs and hence these are not names that in any way point to the superiority of the three Khalifas.

Incidentally, Ali (as) had 12 sons, thus the Nasibis are mistaken in trying to give the impression that he had 3 whom he named after the 3 khalifas

Famous Arabs that were called Abu Bakr

In Ahl'ul Sunnah's authority work Al Isaba Volume four "Dhikr 'Abu Bakr" Ibn Barr states: **"The first was Abu Bakr bin Quhafa, the second Abu Bakr bin Shuab** Laisy and the third was Abu Bakr Nafee bin al Harith Saqfi."

In the Risala Taseemee'thul Isma page 4 we read that the grandson of Prophet Ilyas (as) was called Abu Bakr.

If our opponents are still not convinced then we shall cite Sibt Ibn Jauzi al Hanafi's "Tadhkirathul Khawwas, under the Chapter "Dhikr Abu Bakr" who provides a complete list of those individuals that were called Abu Bakr along with the tribe that they belonged to:

- 1. Abu Bakr bin Abdur Rahman Mukhdhoomee
- 2. Abu Bakr bin Hamam al Hameeree
- 3. Abu Bakr bin Muhammad bin Muslim Qurshee
- 4. Abu Bakr bin Abi Maleeka al Timeemee
- 5. Abu Bakr bin Sireen
- 6. Abu Bakr bin Marwan ibn Muhammad al Thathree
- 7. Abu Bakr Younis bin Bakeer al Shaybanee
- 8. Abu Bakr al Bahili
- 9. Abu Bakr al Sakhthayanai

Famous Arabs called Umar

We are quoting from Ahl'ul Sunnah's leading work Asadul Ghaybah Volume 4 under the letter "Ayn" that provides a list of men from those tribes that had the name Umar:

- 1. Umar al Jamai
- 2. Umar bin Hakim Salma
- 3. Umar bin Salim Khuzamee

- 4. Umar bin Suraqa Qurshee
- 5. Umar bin Sa'd al Numaree
- 6. Umar bin Sa'd Salma
- 7. Umar bin Sufyan Qurshee
- 8. Umar bin Abi Salma Qurshee
- 9. Umar bin Amr Salmi
- 10. Umar bin Abdullah
- 11. Umar bin Ikrima
- 12. Umar bin Umar Laysee
- 13. Umar bin Ameer Ansari
- 14. Umar bin Auf Nakhai
- 15. Umar bin Ghazia
- 16. Umar bin La Haqq
- 17. Umar bin Malik bin Ukba
- 18. Umar bin Malik Ansari
- 19. Umar bin Mu'awiya Ghazree

Famous Arabs that were called Uthman

We are again quoting from Asadul Ghaybah Volume 3 under the letter "Ayn" that provides a list of 19 people with tribal ancestry that were called Uthman:

- 1. Uthman bin Arqam
- 2. Utman bin Adhrak
- 3. Uthman bin Haneef
- 4. Uthman bin Rabia
- 5. Uthman bin Shumaas
- 6. Uthman bin Abi Talha
- 7. Uthman bin Abu'l Aas
- 8. Uthman bin Amr
- 9. Uthman bin Abd al Rahman
- 10. Uthman bin Abd' Ghanam
- 11. Uthman bin Ubaydullah
- 12. Uthman bin Affan
- 13. Uthman bin Uthman Thaqfee
- 14. Uthman bin Umar Ansari
- 15. Uthman bin Umar
- 16. Uthman bin Qays
- 17. Uthman bin Muhammad
- 18. Uthman bin Fadhoown
- 19. Uthman bin Ma'dh

We have proven from the books of Ahl'ul Sunnah that the names Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman were common amongst the Arab tribes; these were the names of the sons of various parents. Perhaps Afriki could try and use some honesty for once in his life, and answer this:

'What revelation did you receive that led you to conclude that Imam 'Ali (as) had named his sons after Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman due to his love of the three khalifas'?

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We should point out that in our Shi'a text Munthee'ala Mahal Volume 1 under the Chapter "Shahadth" - we read the testimony of Imam 'Ali (as) that he named one of his sons Uthman because on the day he was born he (as)	which Allah has sent down no authority(whatever). They follow nothing but conjecture and what their own souls desire!- Even though there has already come to them Guidance from their Lord!"
stated: "I shall name this child after my brother Uthman bin Nat'eoon". This is why the name Uthman was kept by Imam 'Ali (as) it does not prove Uthman bin Affan's merit, not even in the slightest. With regards to Imam 'Ali (as)'s son Umar, we should point	So whom was this Uzza that Rasulullah (s) called his son Uzza on? Was it based on an idol (astaghfirullah)? If Ahl'ul Sunnah are going to say Rasul(s) didn't name his son because he loved an idol, we will also say Imam 'Ali (as) didn't name his sons Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman on account of his love for the three khalifas.
out that one of Imam 'Ali (as) close Sahaba was Umar the son of Umm'ul Momineen Salma (ra). Umar was brought up by Rasulullah (s) and he fought alongside Imam 'Ali (as) at Jamal, and was in fact one of his commanders during that battle. During his reign Imam 'Ali (as) appointed him as Governor over Bahrain and Faris. To prove our point we suggest our opponents consult Asada al Ghaybah Volume 4 page 134 under the letter "Ayn". We assert that Imam 'Ali (as) named his son Umar after this great faithful	During the old times the names Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman were common place amongst the Arabs. Similarly the name 'Ali was also common place amongst the Arabs. Asadul Ghaybah cited thirteen people who were called Ali. By the time of the Nasibi Banu Ummayya regime it became an offence to keep the name 'Ali. In Ahl'ul Sunnah's authority work Tahdheeb Volume 7 page 319 under the chapter "Dhikr 'Ali bin Rahba" we read that:
commander. We are fully aware that the Nasibi will advance some Sunni text claiming that Imam 'Ali (as) named his son Umar after the second khalifa - but an Ahl'ul Sunnah work can not be advanced as evidence to convince us.	"During the Banu Umayyad reign when information was received that a child had been named 'Ali, he would be killed".
If keeping a name is proof of love of another person then we should point out that amongst our Ahl'ul Sunnah friends' names such as Abdur Rahman, Ubaydullah and Ghulam Ahmad are very common. Abdur Rahman Makhdoomee was the killer of Imam 'Ali (as), Ubaydullah bin Ziyad was one of the killers of Imam Husayn (as) and Ghulam Ahmad was a deviant who falsely proclaimed himself to be a Prophet. So with these facts in mind we ask	Individuals named 'Ali, Hasan, Husayn were labelled as Shi'a and were persecuted, even killed. Such was the hatred vented by the State, that no Banu Ummayya soldier was named 'Ali, Hasan or Husayn, neither did the descendants of Abu Bakr, Umar or Uthman keep these names. The oppression of Banu Ummayya in effect forced the Shi'a to bear enmity towards 'Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman.
our Ahl ul Sunnah brothers: Do you love Abdur Rahman killer of Imam 'Ali (as)? Do you love Ubaydullah killer of Imam Husayn (as)? Do you love the false Prophet Ghulam Ahmad ?	In summary, Ali (as) had 12 sons - some had very common names - like Ibrahim, Umar, Uthman, Abu Bakr. The latter 3 names are very common names amongst the Arabs like Tom, Dick or Harry amongst the Christians, and were common in pre-Islamic times also. To suggest therefore
If you do not love these individuals then why do you keep these names? From here we can see that there is no harm in keeping names, even if the same names were those of kaffirs, munafiqs etc. To keep such names does not constitute love of a particular kaffir / Munafiq / Nasibi either.	that because a man with 12 sons has a couple with the same names as his putative friends, and that he therefore called them after them, when these are very common names, is ridiculous - many men have friends called Tom, Dick and Harry, and many will have sons also by that name, but very few of these sons will have been named after their fathers' friends. Means, there could have been a case if a man's friends are called Engel Bert, Darwin and
Rasulullah (s) named one of his sons Uzza If the claim is that Imam 'Ali (as) named his sons after these three then Hanafi scholar Shibli Numani in Seerathun Nabi Volume 1 page 191 quotes Imam Bukhari's "Tareekh al Sagheer" that Rasulullah (s) named one of his sons Abdul Uzza: That is interesting as Uzza was the name of a false God, as pointed out by Allah (swt) in Surah Najm verses 19-22 (taken from Abdullah Yusuf 'Ali's transliteration): "Have ye seen Lat. and 'Uzza, And another, the third (goddess), Manat?These are nothing but names which ye have devised,- ye and your fathers,- for	Zebediah, and these are also the names of even some of his sons, but the names Abu Bakr, Umar and Uthman were like Tom, Dick and Harry, and these names had no such religious connotations in those early days it was much later on that they came to be associated with Sunni Islam. Further, we have shown that Ali (as) actually named those sons of his with these names after other individuals and that the name "Abu Bakr" was not the name of the 1st khalifa by which he was addressed but an epithet added some years later - the oldest sources always refer to him as Ibn Abi Quhafa (Son of Abi Quhafa).