

A Socio Moralo-Psychological Analysis of the Attitudes of the Hypocrites (Al-Munafiqun) in the Glorious Qur'an and Sunnah

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<p>Abstract: This study presents a socio-moral and psychological analysis of the attitudes of the hypocrites (<i>Al-Munafiqun</i>) as described in the Glorious Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Hypocrisy, a significant threat to the early Muslim community, is examined from the perspectives of social behavior, moral failings, and psychological tendencies. The paper explores the defining characteristics of hypocrisy, such as duplicity, insincerity, and manipulation, as outlined in Qur'anic verses and Prophetic traditions. It delves into the socio-political context of Medina, where the phenomenon of hypocrisy emerged as a challenge to unity and faith, analyzing its roots in personal interests, tribalism, and weak belief. By synthesizing textual evidence and scholarly interpretations, the study highlights the moral lessons and psychological insights offered by Islamic teachings to identify, address, and counteract hypocrisy. The findings aim to provide a deeper understanding of the spiritual and communal implications of hypocrisy and its relevance to contemporary moral and psychological discourse.</p>	<p>Review Paper</p> <p>*Corresponding Author: <i>Dr Ahmad Maigari Dutsinma</i> Department of Shari'ah, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria</p> <p>How to cite this paper: Ahmad Maigari Dutsinma (2025). A Socio Moralo-Psychological Analysis of the Attitudes of the Hypocrites (Al-Munafiqun) in the Glorious Qur'an and Sunnah. <i>Middle East J Islam Stud Cult.</i>, 5(1): 24-31.</p> <p>Article History: Submit: 01.02.2025 Accepted: 03.03.2025 Published: 13.03.2025 </p>
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INTRODUCTION

In the Name of Allah the Entirely Merciful and Especially Merciful All praises and thanks are due to Allah the Creator, Cherisher and Sustainer of the entire Universe. May The perfect peace and blessings be upon the seal of the Prophets Muhammad Ibn Abdullahi, The Quraishite, The Hashimite and the Adnanite as well as upon other prophets, the household of each, companions and followers up till The Last Day, Amin Ya Ahad!.

In the strongest sense of the word hypocrisy is more dangerous than clear cut unbelief (disbelief) because the unbelievers (disbelievers) have taken one stand even though it is negative while the Hypocrites have taken with positive and negative traits with the negative ones more pronounced and more emphatic in their psychology and moral attitudes. Hypocrisy is a disease of those who are far from being upright. A Hypocrite evades the reality. Therefore, his personality is that of a round-about and Zigzag or meandering psychic, so a Hypocrite adopts an indirect and deceptive

personality so as to go along with the Believers as well as the Disbelievers. His Personality is normally a weak and trial mind even if she/he is physically robust. They may be handsome or beautiful in their physical forms, but terrible in their psychological manifestations.

Definition of Nifaq

Nifaq or Hypocrisy literally means double standards. Literally is derived from the word *Nafaqa* which means a tunnel which is dug by Jurdhan [1]. Arabic word for a type of rat which has two tunnels if it is followed in one way it escapes from the other way. Those who hunt it have to close the other tunnel before succeeding in hunting it.

Technically, *Nifaq* means portraying attitudes of two extreme ends or having positive and negative elements or behaviours. In Islamic context it means portraying the attitudes of the Believers (*Muminun*) on the other hand and trains of the unbelievers (*Kuffar*) on the other hand.

¹ Ismail Ibn Kathir, Tafsir Qur'an al-'Azim under Surat Al-An'am verse 82.

AL-Nifaq in the Glorious Qur'an

The Glorious Qur'an Allah the Most High The Most Exalted says about them:

When thou (you) look at them their bodies please you, and when they speak, you listen to their words. They as (worthless as hallow) pieces of Huber propped up (unable to stand on their own). They think every cry is against them. They are the enemies so be aware of them, the curse of Allah is upon them. How are they deluded (away from the Truth)! [2].

Commenting on this verse, exeget Yusuf Ali says: The Hypocrites at all times are plausible people so were the Hypocrites of Madinah. They present fine exterior, they dress well. They can usually afford fine equipage. They try to win the confidence of everyone, as they have scruples in telling lies apparently expressing agreement with everyone. Their words are fair spoken, as truth does not check their tongues their flattery and deception know no bounds. But all this is in the outside. They have no sincerity nothing they say or do is worth anything. Good timber is strong in it and can support roofs and buildings. Hollow Timber is useless and have to be propped up against other things. Their Hypocrites are like rotten timber. They have no firm character themselves and for others they are unsafe to rely upon. Their conscience always troubles them. If any cry is raised, they immediately get alarmed and think it is against themselves such men are worse than open enemies [3].

The hypocrites swear loyalty to the Muslim *Ummah* and the men of faith, but they try to undermine it by intriguing secretly with its enemies. They were thoroughly unmasked and discredited at the battle of Uhud [4].

Allah The Most Excellent Most High described the Munafiqun by saying: Of people there are some who say:

We believe in Allah and the last Day. But they do not really believe fain would they deceive Allah and those who believe, but they only deceive themselves and realize it not!: in their hearts is a disease and Allah has increased their disease. And grievous is the chastisement they incur because they lied (to themselves) [5].

Yusuf Ali Commented:

"The insecure man who thinks he can get the best of both worlds by compromising with good and evil only increases the disease of his heart, because he is not through to himself. Even the good which comes to him, he can pervert to evil.⁶ Verses 11, 12, 13 and 14 show that the hypocrite in their compare with good and evil

thinks that he is making peace with the enough by forgoing the standard of truth and justice but he is only worsening issues by depressing the good and increasing evil. To the hypocrite sincere faith is only good to the "fools", but in reality they are the fools that is why you can never find a real hypocrite except that he is cynic and his duplicity is not but insincerity and it never pays in the end, such man if he is a trader, he loses in the bargain what he thinks he has achieved of worldly gains, he loses woefully in the bargain in this world and the hereafter.

In Surat al-Baqarah, where their attitudes are depicted in verse 17, 18, 19 and 20 they were described in the Surah with two examples and of fire kindled and the other one of water or rain, Yusuf Ali has this to comment: "The man (hypocrite) wanted light: he only kindled a fire. It produced a blaze, and won the applause of all round. But it did not last long, when the flame went out as was inevitable (with compromises) the darkness was worse than before and they all lose their way. So hypocrisy, deception, arrogant compromise with evil, cynicism or duplicity may win temporary applause. But, the true light of faith and sincerity is wanting, and therefore, it must mislead and ruin all concord. In the consternation they cannot speak or hear each other, and they of course cannot see. So they end like the deliberate rejecters of faith wildly groping about dumb deaf and blind" [7].

Another similitude is that rain water. "A wonderfully graphic and powerful simile apply to those who reject faith (here meaning the hypocrites) it's their self-sufficiency they are undisturbed normally. But, what happens when a storm breaks over them? They cover their ears against thunder-claps, and the lightning nearly blinds them. They are in mortal fear. But, Allah encompasses all. He gives them rope. In the intervals of deafening noise and blinding flashes, there are moments of steady light and these creatures (the hypocrites) take advantage, but again they are plunged with darkness. Perhaps they curse, or perhaps they think that the few moments of effective light are due to their own intelligence. How much wiser would they be if they humbled themselves and sought the light of Allah [8].

The hypocrites have no real faith but pretend that they are believers, outwardly they show faith and act faith, but in their minds they are hollow and devoid of conviction, little disturbance makes them loose their balance and little worldly gain makes them to sacrifice their values and at the end, they lose everything. In the other similitude of the rain water, the hypocrites select what is convenient with them in aspects of Islam that which they like, in this condition, they are undisturbed,

² Qur'an, 63: 4

³Ali, Abdullahi Yusuf, The Holy Qur'an English translation of the meanings and commentary, Saudi Arabia: Madinah, KurlFah. Holy Qur'an printing complex, P. 1751, footnote No. 5, 546, 5470 and 5471,

⁴Ibid, P. 1750, footnote 5466

⁵Ibid Qur'an 8:10

⁶Ibid, P 9; footnote 34

⁷Ibid, footnotes 38-39

⁸Ibid, footnotes 38-39

but when they come to the aspects of struggle and difficult tasks that are necessary for the truth to be established like Jihad and other things that need sacrifice and struggle in the way of Allah, they will cast evil omen and hate these noble acts even if they may participate in them and they take it as an imposition. Not only that they even cause mischief and folly by castigating the sincere men of faith, so as to weaken their commitment and they ridicule the real faith and its custodians. Whenever they have an opportunity to help Islam they will not use it and they are happy when Islam meets up with problems and opposition from the unbelievers and they hate to see Islam gain power and ascendancy because that will mean the end of their business.

Normally, the hypocrites promote evil, mischief of all sorts, in fact, they have a lowest common factor with the unbelievers, they insidiously support them, their policies and their perverted way of life while at the same time, they do acts of goodness openly with the believers but in their hearts they hate these acts and consider them as a real burden. That is why Allah The Most High describes them in Surah Muhammad as: "But those who reject (Allah), for them is destruction and (Allah) will bring their deeds to nothing: that is because they hate the revelation of Allah, so He has made their deeds fruitless".

"But, when a Surah of decisive meaning is revealed and fighting is mentioned there in, you will see those in whose hearts is a disease looking at you with a look of one in swoon at the approach of death, but more fitting for them were it to obey and say what is just own when a matter is resolved on, it were best for them if they were true to Allah. Then is it to be expected if you were put in authority that you will do mischief in the land, and break your ties of kith and kin such are the men whom Allah has cursed for He has made them deaf and blinded their sight. Do they nor then earnestly seek to understand the Qur'an or is that there are locks upon their hearts. Those who turn back as apostates after guidance was clearly shown to them Satan has instigated them and buoyed them up with false hopes. This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has revealed. "We will obey you, in part of (this) matter, out Allah knows their (inner secrets). But how (will it be) when the angels take their soul at death and smite their faces and their backs. This is because they followed that which displeased Allah and they hated Allah's good pleasure so He made their deeds of no effect" [9].

Types of *Nifaq* (Hypocrisy)

Nifaq Hypocrisy is of two types: (1) The major *Nifaq* and the minor *Nifaq* or in other Islamic nomenclature: Al *Nifaq* al-Itiqadi and al-*Nifaq* al-Amali is the hypocrisy of creed and the hypocrisy related to outward actions. The first one that is major and related to creed are containing six major manifestations: (1) and (2)

Hating the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) or anything which he has brought in the Qur'an and Sunnah. (3) and (4) Belying the Prophet (May Allah's peace and Blessings be upon him) or belying something which he brought from the Qur'an and Sunnah. (5) and (6) Hating to help Islam in whatever way and happy when Islam is down or unhappy when the word of Allah is raised high.

The minor or active *Nifaq* has five elements:

1. Whenever he speaks he tells a lie.
2. Whenever he is entrusted he betrays the trust.
3. Whenever he promises of time and appointment he breaks it
4. Whenever he promises to give something, he refuses to fulfill it.
5. Whenever he fights he becomes impudent (he refuses to be patient).

The major type takes away its perpetrator outside the fold of Islam because it relates to *Aqidah* (creed) and it cannot generate from someone who has faith in his mind and if a person dies on it he will be in the deepest recesses of the Hell fire, May Allah The Most High protect us from it. Amin YA AHAD.

As for the major *Nifaq* which relates to *Aqidah* evidences are replete in the Qur'an and Sunnah about it and all its types.

Let us examine them one by one:

1. Hating the most exalted of Allah's creatures the greatest personality of Allah's servants and Noble Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) would never be hated except by a chronic disbeliever. He has all the characteristics to be loved by Muslims and non-Muslims alike because of his exalted frame of moral rectitude, physical and mental beauty and handsomeness and good exemplary conduct. His *Seerah* (biography) is replete with sterling good conduct and moral qualities which are testified to by friends and enemies alike. Allah The Most High says:

You have indeed in the messenger of Allah an excellent exemplar for him who hopes in Allah and the final day and who remembers Allah much"?. In another place in the Glorious Qur'an, He says: "Men, by the pen and by the (Record) which (men) write, you are not by the grace of your Lord mad or possessed. Nay, verily for you in a Reward unfailing. And surely you have sublime morals [10].

The *Seerah* of the Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) is full and rich of how well behaved and beloved the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) was to his

⁹ Ibid, Qur'an Surah 417, verses 20-28

¹⁰ Ibid, Surah 33: verse 21 Ibid, Surah 68: 1-4

Companions (May Allah be pleased with them) an example is the case of Amr Ibn Al-As whom nobly was more hateful in his sight like the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) but when he became a Muslim there was no one more beloved to him than the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him). look also at the *Qissa* (story) of Thumamah who was tied in the Prophet's Masjid as a prisoner of war but the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) was very generous to him until this led him to become a Muslim (May Allah be pleased with him). the story of his Da'wah expedition to Ta'if where he was seriously maltreated and wounded and the Angels of punishment were assigned to punish the disbelievers on the command of the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) but he forgave them and hope that in the future, even if they did not accept Islam their children will do so, Allah willing and this was what happened.

The story of Treaty of Hudaibiyah also shared the magnificent character and gentility of the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him).

The *Qissah* (story) of the conquest of Makkah is another exemplary and wonderful character of the Messenger Muhammad (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) when he forgave his flagrant enemies including his staunch enemy Abu Sufyan who accepted Islam, he and multitude of his former enemies like Ikramah Ibn AbiJahl (May Allah be pleased with them).

In fact, not even the Prophet of the Ummah (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) even his companions (may Allah be pleased with them) will never be hated by a believer because of their sterling and magnificent characters, their love for Allah and His messenger, their sacrifices and their multitude ventures. This fact was stated by Allah (The Most Exalted The Most High) Himself in the Glorious Qur'an when he was describing His prophet Muhammad (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) and the believers (May Allah be pleased with them), Allah The Most Exalted stated on Surat al-Fath: "Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those who are with him are strong against unbelievers, (but) compassionate amongst each other, you will see them bow and prostrate themselves (in prayer) seeking Grace from Allah and (His) Good pleasure on their faces are their marks (being the Graces, of their prostration. This is similitude in the Gospel is like a seed which sends forth its blade, then makes its own stem (filling) the savers with wonder and delight. As a result it fills the unbelievers with rage at them. Allah has promised those among them who believe and a great reward") [11]. Another verse that testified that the *Munafiqun* are unbelievers by hating the *Sahabah* (May

Allah's be pleased with them) let alone the messenger Muhammad (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon them) is what Allah says in Surat al-Baqarah: When it is said to them "Believe as the others believe:" They say: "Shall we believe as the fools others believe?" Nay, of a surety they are the fools but they do not know. When they meet those who believed. They say: we believe." And when they are alone with their evil ones (the unbelievers of the Jews etc.) they say: "We are really with you, we (were) only jesting". Allah will throw back their mockery on them and give them rope in their trespasses; so they will wander like blind ones" [12].

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) has expressed in his noble Hadith that none will love the *Sahabah* (Companions) except a believer and none with hate them except a *Munafiq*.

He has specifically said that about the *Ansar* and Caliph Aliyu (May Allah be pleased with them). The Messenger of Allah (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: (I plead to you to fear) Allah and fear Allah about my companions don't make them object of your attacks whoever loves them loves them because of my love whoever hates them, hates them because of my hatred whoever harms them harms me whoever harms me harms Allah, whoever harms Allah, Allah is just about to catch him". Musnad Ahmad Ibn Hambal 4/87 Tirmidhi 5/695. The Messenger of Allah (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) said: The *Ansar* (Helpers) none will love them except a believer and none with hate them except a Hypocrite whoever loves them Allah will love him and whoever hates them Allah will hate him) Bukhari 3783. See also where he (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) said: The sign of belief is to love the *Ansar* and the sign of hypocrisy is to hate the *Ansar* (Bukhari/3784). In Surat al-Munafiqun (Surah/63) Allah The Most High says: They are the one who say: spend nothing on those who are with Allah's Messenger, but they disperse (and quit Madinah)". But to Allah belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth but the hypocrites understand nor. They say if we return to Madinah, surely the more honourable element will expel there from the meaner" but honour belongs to and His messenger and to the believers, but the Hypocrites know not".

Regarding hating what Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) whether completely or partially, Allah The Most High said about the hypocrites: "That is because they hate the revelation of Allah; so He has made their deeds fruitless" [13]. This verse applies both to the unbelievers and the hypocrites because of the lowest common factor of unbelief between them.

¹¹ Ibid, Surah 48:29

¹² Ibid, Surah 2: verse 13-15. V "You are from me and I am from you Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah Sallallahu Alaihi wasallam

died while he was please with him. Sahihal-Bukhari vol. 5: Chapter 62, Ahad.

¹³Qur'an 47: 9

The third and fourth traits of the major *Munafiqun* are also expressed in the Qur'an i.e. belying the Prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) or what he brought completely or partially. Allah The Most High says: "When the Hypocrites came to you, they say "we bear witness that you are indeed the Messenger of Allah" Yea Allah know that you are indeed His Messenger and Allah bears witness that the Hypocrites are indeed liars. They have made their oaths a screen (for their misdeeds) thus they obstruct (hinder) (men) from the path of Allah: Truly evil are their deeds. That is because they believed, then they rejected faith: so a seal was set on their hearts: therefore they understand not" [14].

In another Surah (Surat al-Nisa'i), Allah The Most High shows the attitude of the *Munafiqun* following a way other than that of His Messenger Muhammad (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) and the believers i.e. the companions (May Allah be pleased with them) Allah The Most exalted says: If any one contends with the Messenger even after Guidance has been plainly conveyed to him and follows a path other than that becoming (suitable) to men of faith. We shall leave him in the path he has chosen and land him in Hell. What an evil refused" [15].

About the fifth and the sixth manifestations of the Hypocrites is refusal to help Islam while they have the opportunity to do so and happy when Islam and Muslims are down as well as unhappy when Islam reigns supreme is grossly manifested by their refusal to fight in the way of Allah while they have the opportunity to do so and when they go at last they give Islam and the believers away by disobeying the commandment of the Jihad leader and giving opportunity for the unbelievers to attack the Mayhnis by deliberate and wanton disregard of orders. The Qur'an and Hadith as well as *seerah* are replete with these instances which the Hypocrites gave away the Muslim Ummah especially in the battles of Uhud, Ahzab and the Tabuk expedition. Surah Al-Furqan, Surat-Nisa'i, Surat al-Ahzab and Surat al-Taubah have explained this attitude of the Hypocrites very clearly. See Surah 3: verse 156, Surah 3: verse 166-168, Surah 3: verse 173-180, Surah 4: 77-80.

In Surat al-Taubah as example of this attitude of "Allah give Grace!(Pardon). Why did you grant them exemption until those who told the truth were seen by you in a clear light, and you had proved the hairs?. Those who believe in Allah and the last Day ask you for no exemption from fighting with their goods and persons. And Allah knows well those who do their duty. Only those ask you for exemption who believe not in Allah and the last pay, and whose heart are in doubt, so that they are based in their doubts to and so. If they had intended to come out, they would certainly have made some preparation therefore. But Allah was averse as to their

being sent forth; so He kept them back, and they were told, "Remain [behind] with those who remain."

Had they gone forth with you, they would not have increased you except in confusion, and they would have been active among you, seeking [to cause] you *fitnah* [i.e., chaos and dissension]. And among you are avid listeners to them. And Allah is knowing of the wrongdoers.

In the Hadith there is *ariwayah* (narration) from Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) (See Sahihul Bukhari, Hadith no 33 and Sahih Muslim no 59), The prophet (May Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) said: The signs of a Hypocrite are three. If he speaks he tells a lie, if he promises (Wa'ada instead of Ahadah) of time, he breaks the appointment and whenever he is trusted he proves treacherous even if he fasts and prays and claims that he is a Muslim". This is another Riwayah from Sahih Muslim. The scholars have explained that this type of *Munafiq* Hypocrisy is not of the same peril than the big one but yet it leads to the major one of the committee legalize such or he is a habitual committer of these traits which can lead him to the major one, may Allah out of His infinite mercy protect us from these traits and whatever others that are prohibited by the *Shari'ah*.

General Attitude of *Munafiqun* (Hypocrites)

It is pertinent to discuss in general the attitude of the Hypocrites both of the former and the modern ones by enumerating some of the signs that indicate the presence of *Nifaqin* the behaviour of a Muslim personality:

1. The Hypocrites doubt their faith
2. The Hypocrites waits for tribulations or ruin or destruction to happen to the believers
3. The hypocrites pruned themselves to things that will nullify faith
4. The Hypocrites have delusions and false hopes and desires and for reaching expectations of worldly gains and wishful thinking.
5. The Hypocrite allow themselves to be deceived by the Chief deceiver The Satan (May Allah curse him) See their conversation with the believers in the Day of Judgement when the creatures are passing Surat al-Hadid (verses 13-15).
6. The Hypocrites love and have intrigue with the believers against the believers and they incline to them. They are allies of the Jews and the Christians and the Polytheists of category, that is why their end will be one, in fact, if there is anything with the Hell Fire to be better off, the disbelievers are better off than the Hypocrites, that is why Allah the Most High says: This Day shall no ransom be accepted of you, nor of those who rejected Allah. Your abode is the Fire: that

¹⁴Qur'an 63: verses 1-3.

¹⁵ Surah 4: verses 115.

is the proper place to claim you; and an evil refuge it is. Study Surah al-Nisah4: verses 137-141 see also the same Surah verses 142-145 where they are described with negligence of prayer and laziness (7) and (8) they are described as mentioning Allah or remembering him only a little see also Surah 4: verse 145 which shows their terrific end, where Allah The Most High says: The Hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the fire no helper will find for them” [16].

7. Another major habit of the *Munafiqunis* that they fear men more than the fear Allah the Most High The Most Exalted, especially the Believers that is why Allah The Most High says of them: Surah 47: verse: 20: “Those who believe say why is not a Surah sent down (for us). But, when a Surah of decessive meaning is revealed and fighting is mentioned there in, you see those in whose hearts is a disease looking at you with a look of one in swoon at the approach of death.” See also Surah 58: verse 14-21.
8. They worship Allah the Most High especially prayer to be seen of men, they love praise and they fear the blame of a blamer in the way of Allah and they refuse little acts of kindness to righteous but make a showoff of huge spending where (they would be talked about [17].
9. They force those under them to moral vices especially prostitution especially the Chief of the Hypocrites in the time of Prophet Muhammad (May Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) Abdullahi Ibn Ubay Ibn Salul (May Allah deal with him) as is mentioned in Surat al-Nur whom Allah says: “...But force not your maids to prostitution when they desire chastity in order that you may gain in the good things of this life, but if any one compels them, yet after that compulsion is Allah Oft Forgiving Most Merciful to them” [18].
10. They gossip and spread rumours and slander chaste men and women in order to damage their characters. See what they framed against Aishah the mother of the believers the wife of the Noble Prophet Muhammad (May Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) and a very prestigious companion Safuwan may Allah be pleased with both and the rest of the Companions Amin YA AHAD! See Surah 24: verses 5-20 where Allah exonerated both companions and condemned the chief Hypocrite, Abdullahi Ibn Ubay Ibn Salul to eternal perdition.
11. They annoy Allah and His messenger (May Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him) as well as the believing men and women making a

calumny or slander against them. Allah The Most High says: Those who annoy Allah and His messenger Allah has cursed them in this world and the hereafter, and has prepared for them a humiliating punishment, and those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly bear on (themselves) a calumny (or slander) and a glorious sin” [19]. They castigate, molest and abuse the women folk and indicate their putting on Hijab and *Niqab* i.e. the proper Muslim women dressing.

Allah The Most Exalted Says:

O Prophet, tell thy wives and daughters and the believing women that they should cast their outer garments over their persons (when out of doors) that is most convenient that they should be known (as such) and not molested and Allah is all forgiving, most merciful. Truly if the Hypocrites and those in whose hearts is a disease, (of promiscuity) and those who stir up sedition in the city, desist not, we shall certainly stand up against them; then they will not be able to stay in it as your neighbor for any length of time.

They shall have a curse on them; wherever they are found they shall be seized and slain (kill-killed) (such was) the practice (approved) of Allah among those who lived aforetime: No change will you find in the practice (approved) of Allah” [20].

14. The Hypocrites cling to each other because they have no principles upon think they are one but their hearts are diverse because they are one only together because of worldly gains (lowest common factor), Allah the Most High says: “Have you not observed the Hypocrites say to their misbelieving brethren among the people of the Book? “If you are expelled we too will go out with you, and we will never hearken to any one in your affairs; and if you are attacked (in fight) we will help you “But Allah is witness that they are indeed liars. If they are expelled never will they go out with them, and if they are attacked (in fight) they will never help them, they will turn their backs, so they will receive no help of a truth you arouse greater fear in their hearts than Allah this is because they are men devoid of understand. They will not fight you (even) together except in fortified townships, or from behind walls, strong is their fighting (spirit) against themselves: you will think they are united but their hearts are divided: that is because they are a people devoid of wisdom. Like those who lately preceded them; they have tasted the evil result of their conduct and (in the hereafter there is) for them a gracious chastisement. (They allies deceived them) like Satan when he says to man, “Disbelieve”: but when (man disbelieves Satan says: I am free of you. I do fear Allah the Lord of the world”. The end of both will be that they

¹⁶ Yusuf Ali, op cit. Surah 57: verses 12-15

¹⁷See Surah al-Ma’un Surah 107 verses 1-7

¹⁸Ibid, Surah 24: verse 33

¹⁹Ibid, Surah 33: verses 57-58.

²⁰Ibid, Surah 33: 59-62

will go into the Fire, dwelling there in forever. Such is the reward of the wrong doers” [21].

Allah The Most High has compared that of their attitude and the attitude of the believers when He says: whatever is on the heavens and on earth declares the praises and Glory of Allah: For, He is The Exalted in Might, The Wise, O you who believe why say you that which you do not? Grievously hateful (odious) is it in the sight of Allah that you say that which you do not.” So this is the attitude of those who claim faith and do the contrary, but as for the real believers Allah The Most High deserves them in the next immediate verse: Truly Allah loves those who fight in His cause in battle array, as if they were a solid commented structure” Surah al-Saff verse 1-4. Chemically the band of the Hypocrites are Vandervalk forces which are very weak forces but that of the Real believers is an ionic bond.

12. The Hypocrites command the doing of evil from *shirk* (polytheism) down to *Makruh* (undesirable act).

13. The Hypocrites discouraged the doing of Good Ma'ruf (recognized act of Shariah) from Tauhid down to Mustahab (desirable act).

14. They refuse to give out zakat (poor due) as in Surat Yasin 36: 42. They refuse to spend in the way of (cause) of Allah as shown in Surat Muhammad (Salallahu alaihi waSallam) 47:38 and even little act of kindness they refuse their neighbours as in Surat al-Ma'un

15. They forget about Allah and He makes them forget them elfin the habits of the Hypocrites. See Surat Al-Nisa'i: Surah 9:67.

16. The Hypocrites their sources of income is all or substantially Haram. They partake in illegal businesses, they partake in usury, they also support and promiscuity cinema houses, game of chances, lottery, gambling and many other Haram. See Surah 2: 275-279.

17. They follow their acts of charity with harm and reminders of charity. See Surah 2: verse 264.

18. They support Anti-Islamic ideologies like communism, socialism, democracy, capitalism, judo-Christian organizations and outfits like free-masonry (rotary) lions club, Jaycees, red cross organizations, feminist organizations that are geared towards so called emancipation of women or gender empowerment organization who are not looking at the Islamic solutions to problems of women folk, by enticing the Muslim women to come out and seek for their rights and that men and women should come out and mix together with men in all walks of life and that what man can do a women can do better, they encourage women to look for political positions under democratic dispensation to compete with men to becomes leaders of whatever category.

19. They introduce bid'ah unworthy customs and innovations, while the messenger of Allah (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) has said: "Whoever introduces out things affair of ours that which did not belong to it (originally) then it is rejected" whoever does a work with has no sanction of ours, it is rejected".²²

They took their cases of Judgment to other than the Islamic courts and become satisfied with other than Islamic Law Shariah.

20. The modern Hypocrites make a blend of Islam with *Kufr* systems when they talk about Islamic political system they opined that there is something which they term as Islamic democracy, Islamic socialism/communism or Islamic capitalism and other syncretism combinations forgetting or deliberately ignoring that Islam is a perfect way of life that has been completed and perfected. It does not need blend of *Kufr* system. The implication of fallacy is that one is asserting that Islam is in perfect and it needs man-made ideologies to complete it. It is another way of saying and asserting falsely, of course, that there is something Islam-Kufr which in essence is nothing but sheer hypocrisy.

Allah the Most High Says:

Do you believe in one portion of the Book and disbelieve in the other portion. But what is the reward for those who behave (do) this but disgrace in this life? And on the Deny of Judgment they shall be consigned to most generous chastisement for Allah is not unmindful of what you do. There are the people who buy the life of this world at the price of the Hereafter: their chastisement shall not be lightened nor shall they be helped [23].

There is another strong verse of the Glorious Qur'an that is also very emphatic of the negativity of this stand, where Allah the Most High The Most Exalted reminded some companions under Abdullahi Ibn Salam (May Allah be pleased with them) who continued to observe Saturday as sacred by not working in that day and making exclusive with *Ibadah* like the way the Jews do. Then immediately Allah the Most High revealed this verse, where He says:

O you who believe/enter into Islam whole heartily; and follow not the footsteps of the Satan for he is to you on avowed (clear well-known enemy) have come to you, then know that Allah is exalted in power, wise" [24].

24. Another manifestation of the Hypocrites is that they hold the religion is light esteem by mocking at Allah, His messenger (May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him), the signs, Allah and the believers. Allah The Most Exalted the Most High says: "The Hypocrites

²¹Ibid: Surah 59 Hashr (11-17)

²²Sahih Muslim. Hadith no1718. See also Sahihul al-Bukhari no 26: 97

²³Qur'an, 2: 85-86

²⁴Qur'an, 2: 208-209

are afraid lest a Surah should be sent down about them showing them what is (really passing) in their hearts. Say: "mock you! But verily, Allah will bring to light all that you fear (should be revealed): If you do question them, they declare with emphasis: "We were only talking idly and in play": say: was it at Allah, and His signs and His Messenger that you were mocking?" Make you no excuses; you have rejected faith after you had accepted it. If we pardon some of you, we will punish others among you, for that they are sinners".²⁵ And in another place, He says: "Whenever there come down a Surah, some of them say "which of you has had His faith increased by it". Yea, those who believe their faith is increased and they do rejoice. But that in whose hearts is a disease, it will add doubt to their doubt, and they will die in a state of unbelief. See they not that they are tried every year once or twice? Yet, they turn not into repentance and they take no heed. Whenever there comes out a Surah, they look at each other (saying): "Does anyone see you?" Then they turn away: Allah has turned their hearts (from the light) for they are a people that understand not. (Surah 9: verse 124-127).

Regarding reducing of the Believers, Allah The Most High says about the Hypocrites and the unbelievers "Those in sin used to laugh at those who believed. And whenever they passed by them, used to wink at each other: Mockery; and when they returned to their own people, they would return jesting, and whenever they saw them, they would say, "Behind! These are the people truly astray~. But they had not been sent as keepers over them. But on this Day (Hereafter) the believers will laugh at the unbelievers: on raised couches they will command (a sight of all things) will not the unbelievers have been paid back for what they did" [²⁶].

It is to be observed that The Ahlul Al-Bulah majority of them are Hypocrites because they resemble the Kuffar in their ideologies. Take for example, the Shites they are having the characteristic of the Jews in fact, Shiism especially the Rafidah is Judaism in disguise. In fact Abdullahi Ibn Saba who introduced it is no other than a Jew who pretended to be a Muslim but started calling Caliph Aliyu as lord besides Allah after his machinations and that of his disciplines which led to the assassination of Caliph Uthman (may Allah be please with both) Abdullahi Ibn Sabai (may Allah curse him) was spreading rumours and using a forge stamp of Caliph Uthman and fomenting troubles here and there in the Caliphate until he caused a very powerful haters who massacred the Caliph (may Allah be pleased with him).

If you take the extreme Sufis those who portray Sufi orders (*Turuq*) you will see that they very much resemble the Christians in their ideologies take example of Tijjaniyyah, Qadiriyyah *Sufi* orders you find they a

lowest common factor with the Christian and they have lot of common ideologies.

CONCLUSION

One cannot make an exclusive list of the manifestations of Hypocrisy especially in the recent times but it is to say that the Hypocrites are a stumbling block to the progress, unity and prosperity of the *Ummah* and they should be fought by sincere believers with all their might and main and also preached in the most decisive way against the Hypocrites and the unbelievers so that those who are guidable with be guided by Allah and this will pave way to the revival of Islam all over the globe so that the word of Allah will reign supreme and the word of unbelief will be downed and disgraced here before the Hereafter. May Allah out of His infinite mercy save all Muslims from this chronic disease which is a melancholic balance catastrophe that threatens the very applauded unity of the *Ummah* Amin Ya Ahad. Insha Allah. All praises are due to Allah The Creator, Cherisher and Sustainer of the Universe, may the perfect peace and blessings of Allah be upon the Seal of Allah's Prophets Muhammad Ibn Abdullahi, the Qurashite, the Hashimite, the Adnanite as well as his decent household and noblest Companions and their followers up till the last Day, Amin Ya Allah!

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²⁵Qur'an: Surah 9: 64-66

²⁶Ibid, Qur'an 83: 29-36