

Stoning, as a Form of Execution, Is in Violation of the Quran

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”Stoning is in violation of the Quran,” according to Dr. Azmayesh (24Th Oct 2008), a western educated expert in Islamic and Comparative Law from France, (Lecture Part 1&2 in Persian, <http://smazmayesh.com/articles.htm>)

On the discussion on frequent stoning in Iran, Ayatollah Montazeri, a highly concerned Shiite cleric with good conscious and Clerics Shirazi, explained in detail why this form of execution is in violation of the Quran.

This recent addup to the discussion about violation of the Quran, is a boost for Iranian Human Rights defenders, working to abolish stoning.

Clerics Mont-Azeri as a defender of human rights under 24-7h surveillance in his home in Qom is of a more ”democratic” type of government. Clerics Shirazi, on the contrary, usually follows a harder line. Both responded to an article on Internet posed Dr. Azmayesh representative abroad of the Iranian mystical Sufi order Nematollah Gonabadi.

Dr. Azmayesh describes ***”stoning, as a punishment from the barbaric pre-historic days of Islam.”*** According to the Quran, *”So threatens the father of Abraham his son with stoning because he calls people become monotheist. There is a vague reference to two preachers in one city, which the residents are threatened with stoning. The same is the prophet when he Sjoe'aib Midia Staples instruction. The Egyptians threaten a messenger of God by stoning.”*

”The Quran mentions thus stoning as a method of lynching against superior people, not to impose a penalty,” However, Satan' stoning is decent. According Dr. Azmayesh, stoning as a punishment method, is missing in the **Hadith** (= statements that Mohammed would have done).

However, there are stories, called **Rewajat** in which Mohammed would have approved stoning. But those stories, also within orthodox Islam, have less status than the Quran and the Hadith, which is not viewing stoning as punishment.

”That Clerics Shirazi supports Mont-Azeri on this theme,” is remarkable, Dr. Azmayesh said.

Especially in recent years, Clerics Shirazi was a driving force behind a campaign against the Sufis (*), which include gathering-buildings-of-the-Gonabadi-order were destroyed in Qom, Kische, Broujerd and Isfahan.

Officially, there is in Iran since 2002 a moratorium on stoning, but according to Amnesty International since 2006 at least three people stoned. One of them was a man who due to 'adultery' with a woman with whom he had two children. Also that woman awaits her own stoning, just as eight other women and two men.

(*)**Sufism** is another word for Gnosticism, mysticism and Sethianism. It is the path of Self awareness. By discovering what one is not, one discovers what one is. By unwinding one by one the different layers that surround the seed of our Self we discover who we really are. In the Quran is written: ***”Read the book of your-self, it is enough” meaning : all you have to know is you and you will know everything.”***

