

Can I name my son “Umar As Salafi”?

Shaykh Ubayd answers

Question: May Allah grant you good. The questioner says: Is it permissible for us to name our sons “Umar As Salafi” or “Umar Al Athari”? May Allah bless you.

Shaykh Ubayd: Name them “Umar”, name them “Muhammad”, name them “Ahmad”, name them “Uthman”; name then any Islamic name you choose. But do not say in the naming “As Salafi”; no. “As Salafi” is an ascription. It is an ascription which ascribes to Salafiyah. It has no connection to the name. If later on he is upon the Sunnah and ascribes to it, then he is called Salafi; but it is not said about him “Umar As Salafi” because this contains some exaggeration and excessive self-praise.

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