

Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī on the Ḥizbī

Being an Innovator

Shaykh Rabī (حفظه الله) was asked: “We have heard from more than one [person] among the people of knowledge that not every ḥizbī¹ is an innovator, so what is the difference between the ḥizbī and the innovator?”

The Shaykh answered: “By Allāh, we hold that the ḥizbīs are innovators. There can be among the ḥizbīs one who is more evil than the innovators, and refuge is with Allāh. Because this ḥizbī [due to his partisanship] will not be safe from clashing with Allāh’s call to the truth. He will not be safe from waging war against Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jamā‘ah. He will not be safe from having allegiance with the people of innovations and falsehood. Because the partisan factions (aḥzāb), as you can see, they gather together all sorts from the people of innovation and misguidance. I do not know of any ḥizb (faction) that is free and pure of innovations and misguidance. So how can a person mix with the innovators, showing loyalty for them, aiding them, spreading their methodology which fights against Allāh’s true methodology. How can this one be a Sunnī, Salafī? The affairs require contemplation, ḥizbiyyah is very dangerous, it is from the most severe of foundations and methodologies hated by Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) in my view. And these ones who say, ‘We are Salafīs, but we are either Ikhwān or Tablīgh [in our method of da‘wah], these, by

¹ Shaykh Rabī has explained elsewhere that when a person believes in a false idea, then argues for it, debates in its favour and shows allegiance for it’s sake, this is a ḥizb. Refer to: <http://www.madeenah.org/md/?bqjnpkyil>

Allāh, they deserve discipline and humiliation more than others, and I do not consider them to be truthful in their claim to Salafiyyah. By Allāh, if they were truthful, they would not be mixing with the people of innovations, nor accompany them, aid them or show loyalty towards them. Nor would he designate enmity for Ahl al-Sunnah. This is evidence that this is an untruthful claim. If he was pleased with the Salafī methodology, knew of its priority, that it is the true religion of Allāh, then why does he abandon its people, wage war against them, contend with them and go along with their disputants from the people of falsehood, the callers to falsehood and the aiders of falsehood? And I see that every ḥizbī is an innovator, whether they like it or not, because they have such attributes and actions that make them more evil than many of the people of innovations. So caution and caution again from joining any ḥizb except the one that proceeds upon the path of the Prophets and Messengers in its creed, da‘wah, methodology and in its loyalty and disloyalty, because the strongest handhold of faith is walā’ (loyalty) and barā’ (disloyalty) and loving and hating for Allāh.”

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