

Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī: General Advice Regarding Countering Falsehood and its People with Truth, Honesty, Piety and Reliance Upon Allāh

Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī said:

“I advise myself and my Muslim brothers in every place, especially those who ascribe to the true Salafi methodology, I advise them with the taqwā of Allāh, to observe sincerity towards Him in every statement, deed and position. Just as I also emphasise to our brothers that tribulations have increased a great deal these days and new means of [dissemination] have become easy for the people of evil. Lying and spreading rumours are what they depend upon in this tribulation specifically in facing the Salafi methodology and we will not face this excessiveness in lying and spreading of rumours, fabricating them and throwing them upon the innocent, if Allāh wills, except by holding steadfast to Allāh (عَزَّوَجَلَّ), and by adhering to truthfulness in every statement and deed. In standing against this tribulation and the falsehoods which it mobilises – and at the head of them is lying – we will not face them except with the truth, we will not face them except with truthfulness. We do not permit lying in great affairs or minor affairs, by Allāh, even that in which the legislator has permitted it, it is still difficult for us to [resort to it]. So I advise you O brothers with truthfulness and to adhere to it no matter how much our disputants apply themselves in lying, for indeed the one who fears Allāh, He will make for him and exit [from his hardship].

Thus it is upon us to maintain taqwā and to maintain truthfulness and they will not drive us, neither our young or old, they will not drive us to

fall into anything of lying, because the outcome of this lying through the use of rumours will be their wastage, if Allāh wills, He the Exalted said, **“As for the foam, it vanishes, [being] cast off; but as for that which benefits the people, it remains on the earth.”** (13:17).

Our role models are the Prophets. Their enemies used to lie and fabricate things upon them but they did not respond except by remaining firm upon the truth, calling to it with truthfulness and using proof and evidence. The best of that which will benefit this da‘wah and make it repel the falsehoods standing in front of it, if Allāh wills, is that we learn knowledge, that we beautify ourselves with truthfulness in our da‘wah, in conveying the da‘wah of Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), and that we stand against these lies and rumours with a standing of the people of truth and truthfulness. And if Allāh wills, you will see this in everything the Salafīs say and in everything they write, and we believe about them, if Allāh wills, that they are the people of truthfulness and of adherence to it. However, we emphasise in this advice of ours, that they continue in the path of truthfulness so that they can be with the truthful ones, just as our Lord (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى) has commanded us, **“O you who believe, fear Allāh and be with the truthful.”** (9:119).

So I present this word [of advice] to you, I advise you with it and narrate it from us and if Allāh wills you will find except this [position of advice] from us. This is what we advise with, we speak with this and it is our hope in Allāh (عَزَّ وَجَلَّ) that He guides our disputant to the path of truth and correctness. And if this does not happen then there is nothing with us except reliance upon Allāh (تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى), traversing upon the way of the Prophets and their inheritors from the rectifying revivers [of the religion], to remain firm upon the truth and

truthfulness in facing the disputant, and being truthful in conveying this da‘wah. And may Allāh make good mention of our Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions and grant them safety and peace.

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