The Ideological Attack of Ahl al-Bida' Against Ahl al-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah

Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī was asked: "Is there truly an ideological attack?" He answered: "Yes, there is a frightening ideological attack, from Ahl al-Bida'. The schools, methodologies and scholars of this land were upon the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Messenger (مَيَّالَتُهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّهُ). But those people, they have ideas, beliefs, ways and means that are other than the Salafi methodology. So they attacked us, they came wearing the garment of the Sunnah, being very close to us in their outward appearance. Yet they are the furthest of people from us inwardly. They were able to deceive our youth much more than the clear people of innovation and affected them in a very evil way. They turned them away from the methodology of the Salaf and many of our youth became playthings in their hands. They made a very frightening ideological attack against us. Practically, they knew the methods of the evangelists and the methods of those whom are referred to as 'the [specialists] in ideological attack', they came to know [these methods] completely. Then they came and applied these very same, tried and tested methods in this land. They outwardly portrayed that they were fighting against the ideological attack [against Islām] whilst they were attacking us at the very same time. This is what is taking place, as it has happened from al-lkhwān al-Muslimun and their offshoots, and al-Tabligh and their offshoots."

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