

## Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī on Establishing the Proof Upon Ahl al-Bid‘ah and Making Tabdī of the One Who Falls Into Innovation

Shaykh Rabī bin Hādī (حفظه الله) wrote:

“All praise is due to Allāh and may ṣalāt and salām be upon Allāh’s Messenger, upon his family, his companions and whoever followed his guidance, to proceed: Then its known regarding [the viewpoint of] Ahl us-Sunnah that the one who falls into a nullifier [of Islām (mukaffir)] is not to be declared an unbeliever until the proof is established upon him.

As for the one who falls into innovation then [he is] of [various] types:

**The first:** The people of innovation such as the Rawāfiḍ, the Khawārij, the Jahmiyyah, the Qadariyyah, the Mu‘tazilah, the Ṣūfiyyah, the Qubūriyyah, the Murji’ah and whoever is put alongside them [from the contemporaries] such as the Ikhwān and Tabliḡh and their likes. So regarding them, the Salaf did not specify establishment of the proof [upon them] as a condition for judging them with innovation. Hence, it is said about the Rāfiḍī, “Innovator” and about the Khārijī it is said, “Innovator” and so on, regardless of whether the proof has been established upon them or not.

**The second:** The one who is from Ahl us-Sunnah and fell into a manifest innovation such as the saying of the creation of the Qur’ān, or [the innovation of] al-Qadr, or the view of the Khawārij and other than that, so this one is declared Innovator and the action of the Salaf [towards the Innovators] is applied to him.

**The third:** Whoever is from Ahl us-Sunnah and is known with adhering to the truth, and he falls into a subtle, hidden innovation (bid‘ah khafiyyah). Even if such a one has passed away then it is not permissible to declare him an Innovator, rather he is mentioned with goodness, and if he is alive, then he is advised and the truth is made clear to him, and haste is not to be shown in declaring him Innovator. If he persists [upon what he fell into] then he is declared an Innovator.”

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