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The Ikhwaan Al Muslimeen and The Resoluteness of Shaykh Muhammad Amaan Al Jaami and Shaykh Rabee Al Madkhali In Opposing This Fitnah

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Verily all praise is due to Allah. We praise Him, we seek His assistance, and we seek His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and the evil recompense of our bad actions. Whomsoever Allah guides none can misguide and whosoever Allah causes to go astray none can guide. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah alone and I bear witness that Muhammad ( صلى الله عليه وسلم ) is His Servant and Messenger.

To begin: O! Servants of Allah, I exhort you and myself to have taqwa of Allah Al Azeez Al Hakeem, The Most Dominant, The Most Wise. I exhort you and myself to adhere to the Book of Allah and the sunnah of His Messenger ( صلى الله عليه وسلم ). Indeed with this is,
after **Allah**, lies security from *fitnah*\(^1\) and perseverance upon the religion until after death. Verily, **Allah** ( سبحانه و تعالى) commanded having *taqwa* and commanded adherence to His Book and adhering to the Islaam which the Prophet ﴿ صلى الله عليه وسلم ﴿ came with. **Allah** the Most High says,

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\text{\{And whoever holds firmly to Allah (i.e. follows Islaam-the religion Allah has chosen for mankind, and obeys all that Allah has commanded, practically) then he has been guided to a straight path\}}^2.
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Whoever holds firmly to **Allah** and adheres to His Book and the *sunnah* of His Messenger ﴿ صلى الله عليه وسلم ﴿, this is from the means which leads to safety from *fitnah*. One of the greatest means of being saved from *fitnah* is holding on to **Allah** the Most High (adherence to His religion).

O! Servants of **Allah**! **Allah** the Most High sent down His religion to all of the worlds and sent for this means, His Messenger *Muhammad* ﴿ صلى الله عليه وسلم ﴿ as a mercy to all worlds and as a bearer of glad tidings and one who warns before the Day of Judgment. **Allah** has guaranteed (the safety) of the one who adheres to the correct Islaam which the Prophet *Muhammad* ﴿ صلى الله عليه وسلم ﴿ came with. Indeed, **Allah** has guaranteed safety from evil and misguidance. **Allah** the Most High has said,

1*Fitnah* is a broad term in Arabic, linguistically denoting tribulation, trial, and test. Its origin comes from the Arabs using it (the word *fitnah* as a verb) (fa-ta-na) with gold or silver, meaning I melted it with fire so as to distinguish between that which is inferior and that which is good quality. However, with regards to the specific usage of the word in religious terminology, it means those affairs and serious situations which Allah causes to happen, out of His infinite wisdom, to His servants as tests and trials. (Fitnah wa Mawqif Al Muslim minha, Shaykh Muhammad Al Aqeel, pg. 16)

2Al-*Al-Imran*: 101
{Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows my Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery}^{3}.

‘Abdullah Ibn Mas’ud (رضي الله عنه) said, “Allah the Most High has guaranteed the one who adheres to the Qur’aan and sunnah that he shall not be misguided in the worldly life nor shall he be wretched in the next life.” Allah has guaranteed the safety of this religion until ‘Eisa Ibn Maryam comes down. Allah the Most High has said,

{Verily, We have sent down this Qur’aan and without a doubt, We will protect it.}^{4}.

Allah the Most High says,

{They seek to put out the Light of Allah with their mouths. However, Allah will complete His Light even if the disbelievers hate it}^{5}.

Allah, the Most High has guaranteed the safety of this great religion which is a mercy from Him and it is His straight path by which He saves His servants from misguidance and by which He removes them from the darkness and brings them to the light. O! Servants of Allah verily Allah the Most High has made reasons for the protection of this religion. Allah has made reasons for the protection of this deen and from these reasons is that Allah brings forth from this ummah, those ‘Ulama‘ - who Allah protects the religion by and diverts fitnah by, as has been narrated from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه و سلم) that Allah sends every hundred years, someone who protects for this ummah their religion, someone who revives the religion for this ummah and protects for the ummah their deen and its ‘aqeedah and

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^{3}Ta-Ha: 123
^{4}Al Hijr: 9
^{5}As Saff: 8
Allah diverts with this individual, evil and fitnah (from the ummah)⁶. The reality of the ummah is proof of what Allah the Most High and His Messenger (صلی الله علیه و سلم) have informed us of and we will mention examples of those whom Allah has protected the deen with when the ummah was affected by fitnah and when the ummah was unsettled because of those who call and invite to fitnah. Allah the Most High decrees for this ummah those by whom He diverts fitnah from the ummah and He decrees for this ummah those who protect the deen for the ummah and wards off, through these individuals, fitnah and evil from the ummah and also wards off the corruption of the religion.

An example is found in the fitnah which affected the ummah after the death of Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله علیه و سلم) with the appearance of those who apostated from Islaam at the hands of Musaylama the Liar, in which Allah the Most High decreed Abu Bakr As Siddeeq (رضي الله عنه) (for the ummah) and he waged war against the apostates. Some of the sahaabah said to him (رضي الله عنه), “How can you kill those who profess that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah?” to which he responded after Allah opened his heart to the acceptance of the clear truth, “WAllah, I will fight whoever differentiates between the prayer and zakaat, wAllahi if they gave Muhammad (صلى الله علیه و سلم) animals (for zakaat) then I will fight them for this (not giving the zakaat).” And in another narration, “WAllahi if they used to give Muhammad (صلى الله علیه و وسلم) zakaat and its price, then I would fight them over it.” So Allah opened the hearts of the Muslims from the sahaabah after seeing what they witnessed from Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) and they fought the apostates. By doing so, Allah diverted from

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⁶ This is derived from the hadith that Allah sends at the head of every one hundred years someone to the ummah who will renew/revive its religion. This hadith was considered as saheeh or authentic by As Shaykh Al Albaani in Saheeh Al Jaa’mi (n. 1,874) and Saheeh Abi Dawood (n. 4,291).
the ummah a great evil during a time when many of the Arabs wanted to apostate from Islaam, so Allah decreed for the ummah someone to protect its religion. Allah decreed for the ummah Abu Bakr As Siddiq (رضي الله عنه).

Fitnah continued to appear, until the fitnah appeared concerning the statement that the Qur’aan is created which came from the Mu’tazila and the rationalists who wanted to ruin the doctrine/belief of the Muslims. Therefore, they introduced false beliefs by negating Allah’s names and attributes and claimed that the Qur’aan is not the speech of Allah and they brought about this fitnah with which the ummah was affected. Then Allah the Most High, brought forth for the ummah, Al Imaam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (رضي الله عنه) and he refuted these people of bid’ah and he openly demonstrated the sunnah and the correct ‘aqeedah along with demolishing the falsehood of those people who wanted to corrupt the ‘aqeedah of the Muslims. Hence, Allah aided Imaam Ahmad because of his adherence to the Book of Allah, his adherence to the sunnah of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), his ikhlaas (sincerity) and truthfulness with Allah the Most High to the extent that Imaam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal was and is called, even until today -The Imaam of Ahl As Sunnah wal Jama’ah,’ as Allah protected this deen through him (رحمه الله).

Fitnah continues to appear, one after the other, upon the Muslims as Allah tests His servants to see (and He knows best) who adheres to Allah and His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) by clinging to His Book and the sunnah of His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and leaving off bid’ah and desires.

In the Arabian Peninsula explicit shirk appeared to the extent that trees and stones were worshipped, saints or righteous men were worshipped; all of these things being worshipped instead of Allah. The people began to seek aid and assistance from the dead and began to
trust in them with regards to removing them from harm or bringing them some benefit, until \textit{Allah} brought forth for the \textit{ummah} Shaykhul Islaam Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab (رحمه الله) who uplifted the \textit{sunnah} and \textit{Allah} placed Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saud (رحمه الله) to assist him in fighting the \textit{mushrikeen}, spreading the \textit{sunnah}, and calling people to \textit{tawheed}. Then \textit{Allah} assisted the \textit{sunnah} and its people until \textit{tawheed} and the correct ‘\textit{aqeedah}’ spread extensively throughout the Arabian Peninsula and the Arab world. The people of \textit{bid’ah} distorted the image of Shaykhul Islaam Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdul Wahhab (رحمه الله). They said, “This is the \textit{da’wah} of the Wahabis”, “this \textit{da’wah} divides the \textit{Muslims}” and “this \textit{da’wah} calls to a fifth madhhab". They said this because they lack any proof or clear evidence (to refute this \textit{da’wah}) and due to this fact they resort to distorting (his image and his \textit{da’wah}). They resort to distorting, warning against him and tarnishing his reputation, but \textit{Allah} the Most High aids His servants who are upon \textit{tawheed} and he aids those who adhere to the book and the \textit{sunnah}. As a result, \textit{Allah} aided this blessed \textit{sunni} \textit{da’wah}, which holds fast to the Book of \textit{Allah} the Most High and the \textit{sunnah} of His Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم), until the people’s hearts became content with this \textit{da’wah} and the correct belief spread in this country and other Arab and \textit{Islaamic} countries.

The \textit{fitnah} continued to appear amongst the \textit{Muslims} emanating from the ranks of those individuals who invite and call to \textit{fitnah}, those who divide the \textit{Muslims}, up until the appearance of a very dangerous \textit{da’wah}, a dangerous political \textit{da’wah} and this is the \textit{da’wah} of the \textit{Ikhwaan Al Muslimeen} (\textit{Muslim} Brotherhood). This \textit{da’wah} arose in the Arab World and became fixated upon politics and it vies with the rulers and they fight for governmental authority or rule and they do not give any importance to ‘\textit{aqeedah}’ (belief) to the extent that they have squandered the ‘\textit{aqeedah} of the \textit{Muslims}, they have divided the unity of the \textit{Muslims}, they have pledged allegiance to the \textit{Raafidhis} of Iran and their hands have let alone the
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mushrieken, the Christians and the Jews. This is a malicious da’wah, a da’wah that divides the Muslims in every Arab and Muslim country. Yet, Allah decrees that there will be ‘ulamaa‘ who stand in opposition to this spurious, innovated da’wah. Allah has decreed for this ummah that there will be from it, scholars who are rabbaaniyoon⁷ who uncover the faults of these malicious political da’wahs. From amongst these ‘ulamaa‘ are the likes of our Shaykh, Al Allaama, Muhammad Ibn Amaan Al Jaami (رحمه الله) (who was) from Africa as the deen does not differentiate between an Arab and an African, or between a white person and a black person. Whoever adheres to the Book and the Sunnah, then Allah will aid him and Allah will give him honour. Allah aided this religion by means of him and exposed the da’wah of the Ikhwaan Al Muslimeen, this political da’wah which has divided the Muslims as they have brought about these ‘revolutions’ with the claim of ‘change’ until Allah decreed for the

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⁷ Imam Ibn Al Qayyim (رحمه الله) stated in Miftah Dar As Sa’adah (pg. 124/1), “The meaning of Ar Rabbi ‘n linguistically is: a very lofty position with regards to (religious) knowledge, a high position regarding it and it is upon this meaning which they explained the statement of the Allah the Most High, {Why do not the rabbis and the religious learned men (ar Rabbi ‘n) forbid them from uttering sinful words and from eating illegal things. Evil indeed is that which they have been performing.} (al Ma’idah: 63) and His statement {It is not (possible) for any human being to whom Allah has given the Book and Al-Hukma (the knowledge and understanding of the laws of religion, etc.) and Prophethood to say to the people: "Be my worshippers rather than Allah's." On the contrary (he would say): "Be you Rabbi‘n (learned men of religion who practice what they know and also preach others), because you are teaching the Book, and you are studying it.} (Aal ‘Imran: 79)

Ibn ‘Abbaas (رضي الله عنه) stated (for the meaning of Rabbi ‘n) ‘wise ones, scholars who possess understanding in the religion’. Abu Razeen stated that it meant ‘scholars of fiqh, the ‘ulamaa‘. Abu ‘Umar Az Zahid said that he asked Tha’lab about the meaning of Ar Rabbi ‘n who said, “I asked Ibn Al ‘Araabi and he stated, 'If the individual was knowledgeable, implemented (what he knew), and taught, then it is said that he is a rabbani and if one of these qualities is blemished, then we do not say to him rabbani.’
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**Ummah** the likes of our Shaykh, Shaykh Rabee’ Ibn Hadi Al Madkhali (蹑ڪْڪَ اﷲ) who has exposed this wicked da’wah, this political da’wah which opposes the book and the sunnah, it opposes what the sahaabah were upon, and it opposes what the Slaaf (predecessors) of this Ummah were upon. They invite to politics and give no attention to ‘aqeedah and tawheed. They give allegiance to the Raafidhis of Iran and kill Ahl Sunnah and the people of Islaam under the name of Islaam and Jihad as they claim. *Allah* has exposed their faults and mistakes to the extent that now the general Muslims know the dangers of this group which was of course known to the scholars and students of knowledge first and foremost. *Allah* decreed for this ummah, sincere honest scholars who are rabbaniyyeen who adhere to the book and the sunnah and thus *Allah* manifests at the hands of these scholars the errors of these groups and exposes their reality along with the political intentions of these groups which divide the Muslims.

Fitnah continues to appear amongst the ummah in order that *Allah* tests those who believe and destroys the Disbelievers. The Muslim has no recourse except to constantly supplicate to his Lord, “O! *Allah* the One who turns the hearts, make my heart firm upon your religion,” “O! Our Lord, do not cause our hearts to deviate after You have guided us. Grant us mercy for verily You are the Most Giving.”

May *Allah* bless me and you all with this Qur’aan, I have said this speech which you have heard, I ask *Allah* to forgive me and you, for verily He is the Most Forgiving and Merciful.

All praise is due to the Lord of all of the worlds and peace and blessings be upon the best of the first and the last (nations)and the leader of those who will be given radiance on the day of Judgment, our Prophet Muhammad ( صلى الله عليه و سلم). Dear brothers in Islaam, fear *Allah* and adhere to the glorious book for verily this is the instruction of *Allah* and His Prophet ( صلى الله عليه و سلم), (as the Prophet has said), “I have left you two things which,
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if you adhere to them, you will never go astray: The book of Allah and my sunnah.\(^8\) He also said, ‘whoever lives (after me), from amongst you, will see numerous differences, so it is obligatory upon you to cling to my sunnah and the sunnah of rightly guided caliphs after me. Cling on to this with your molars! And beware of innovated matters, for verily every innovated affair is bid’ah and ever bid’ah is misguidance and all misguidance is in the hellfire.’\(^9\)

O! Servants of Allah, fitnah will appear and reappear and the one who is safe is the one whom Allah the Most High protects. And from these fitan is the fitnah of Maseeh Ad Dajjaal. This fitnah will appear; this immense fitnah, the fitnah of the Maseeh Ad Dajjaal. No one will be safe from this fitnah, except the one who adheres to the Book and the sunnah; the individual whom Allah has blessed with sincerity, truthfulness and guidance, the one who adheres to Allah the Most High’s revelation.

Allah will cause him (Maseeh Ad Dajjaal) to traverse the entire earth and this is why he is called المسيح ادا нам because he will ‘wipe’ across the entire earth. With him are a fire and a paradise with which he will tempt the servants with attaining it, thinking that it is actually paradise. No one will know the reality of the dajjaal except the sunni who has adhered to the Qur’aan and the sunnah. The dajjaal has written on his forehead kafir and every common man from amongst the sunnis will be able to read it. Who will be afflicted by the Maseeh Ad Dajjaal? Indeed those who will be afflicted by the Maseeh Ad Dajjaal and those who will fall into his fitnah are the people of desires and bid’ah just like the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)

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\(^8\)Considered saheeh by Shaykh Al Albaani in Sahih at Targheeb (40), also in Saheeh Al Jaam’I (2937).

\(^9\) [Related by Ahmad in his Musnad (n. 17,272), (n. 17,274), Abu Dawood, (n. 4,607), At-Tirmidhi (n. 2,676) who declared it hasan saheeh]
informed that behind the *Maseeh Ad Dajjaal* will be the people of *bid’ah* and the *Khawaarij*\(^{10}\), those who kill the people of *Islaam* and let alone the people of idols under their claim that they enjoin good and forbid evil and that they fight *jihad* in the path of *Allah* like *Al Qa’idah* and similar groups. This *fitnah* will definitely happen, and *Ad Dajjaal* will appear and invite to the hellfire of *jahanam* and due to their evil intentions, bad actions and abundant ignorance, these people will follow *Ad Dajjaal*. There is another affair as well, verily there will appear Jews from *San’a* from the ranks of the *Raafidha* of Iran who will follow the *Maseeh Ad Dajjaal\(^{11}\)* and this is due to their corrupt belief and the lack of their adherence to the correct *Islaam* with which the Prophet Muhammad ( صلى الله عليه وسلم ) came.

*Allah* will avert this *fitnah* with an individual who adheres to the *sunnah* and he is the *Maseeh’Eisaa Ibn Maryam* (عليه السلام). Verily, *Allah* will send him and he will kill *Ad Dajjal* as ‘*Eisa Ibn Maryam* (عليه السلام) adheres to the *shari’ah* of *Muhammad* (عليه السلام) and *Allah* will return and rule with the *shari’ah* of *Muhammad* (عليه السلام) and *Allah* will divert this *fitnah* through ‘*Eisa* (عليه السلام) will kill *Ad Dajjal* in an area in *Sham* called, *‘Bab Lud’*. Upon seeing ‘*Eisa* (عليه السلام), *Ad Dajjal* will melt just like how lead melts. ‘*Eisa* (عليه السلام) will then kill the pigs and break the cross. The *jizyah* will no longer be paid from the Jews and the Christians as no *deen* will (be allowed to) remain except for *Islaam* and whoever does not accept it, then (the result is) fighting and *jihad*. Then *Allah* will send down mercy and justness to the entire earth to the extent that the wolf will mingle

\(^{10}\) On the authority of ‘Umar Bin al-Khattaab (رضي الله عنه) that he heard the Prophet ( صلى الله عليه وسلم ) say, “*Every time their horn appears, it is cut, more than twenty times, until the Dajjal appears from their (the Khawaarij) army.*” [Shaykh Al-Albaani declared it *saeheeh* in *Silsilah As-Saheehah* (no. 2,455)]

\(^{11}\) For characteristics of the dajjaal and those who will be with him and follow him; look in *Saheeh Muslim*; the chapter entitled, ‘The chapter of the the Dajjaal, his characteristics and what is with him.’ (nos. 2,932-2,941)
amongst sheep. Justice will prevail throughout the lands and ‘Eisa (عَلِيِّهِ السَّلَامُ) will remain upon the earth for forty years until Allah sends a breeze which will take the souls of the believers, and ‘Eisa (عَلِيِّهِ السَّلَامُ) will be from amongst them, and all of the Believers will die until there is no one upon the earth who says, “Allah, Allah” and these people will be the worst of creation and it is upon them on which the Last Day will be established.

Allahumma, we ask You to make us steadfast upon Islaam, O! Allah distance us from fitan, that which is apparent and that which is hidden, O! Allah makes us from amongst those who adhere to the book and the sunnah. Ya Dhaal Jalaali wal Ikraam and peace and blessings be upon the Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم).