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ARE THE TALIBAN KHAWĀRIJ?¹

In the Name of Allāh, the Most Beneficent, Most Merciful

Question: are the Tālibān from the Khawārij or not?

Answer: brothers, why are you hasty? Their affair will manifest itself if they are on the right path or otherwise. Do not preoccupy yourself too much with them, but the people are like this, everything about politics so if a group emerges in America people ask “what is their affair?” Wait. What is known about them, and the Afghān people, except for Ahl ul-Hadeeth, Ahl us-Sunnah, is that they have a lot of innovation. They [the Tālibān] also have harshness and intransigence, so if someone enters the Masjid and says “Āmeen” loudly then they will maybe beat him.²

¹ From Shaykh Sālim at-Taweel’s Youtube Channel, dated 8th Safar 1443 AH/15th September 2021. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sdZGe9j1ho>

² **Translator’s Note [’AbdulHaq]:** the main position of the Taliban against Salafiyyah was well-known in the past, Allāh knows best if their initial positions have been reviewed of late by them, out of realpolitik. However, there are already some initial signs which indicate that they have not changed in the slightest. They are well-known for their adherence to the Deobandī School of the Hanafiyyah, renowned for its Madhhab fanaticism, being Māturīdī in creed and Naqshabandī in Sūfī Tareeqah. Mawlawī Hafeedhullāh Haqqānī stated in his book *Tālibān: Afghānistān min Hilm il-Mulā’ ilā Imārah il-Mu’mineen* [The Taliban: Afghanistan from the Dream of the Mullah to Leadership of the Believers], p.138:

As for the stance of the [Taliban] movement towards the Wahhābiyyah, i.e. Salafiyyah, then their enmity against it is not hidden. They consider it, i.e. Salafiyyah, to be a deviant sect which opposes the Madhāhib and makes takfeer of Muslims. One of the writers from the magazine *at-Tālib*, who has an MA from the Islamic University of Madeenah in tafseer and Qur’anic Sciences, stated:

‘It has been said that the Taliban movement are Qubūriyyah whose adherents oppose the ‘aqedah of the Salaf (Ahl us-Sunnah), and are innovators. Some of those who call themselves “Salafis” are the ones who regurgitate this myth.

They have also killed the people of Tawheed, such as Shaykh Jameel ur-Rahmān and others.³ So the matter is quite fearful, so we should not be hasty and praise them and be joyous and then see other than that. As now, there is an agreement between them and America and the West have no problem in allowing a state to form which represents deviant Islām. They of course conduct studies and have knowledge and maybe could even have more knowledge than some Muslims. For that reason, they established the Khomeini State and they have no problem in allowing a Sufi State, a Qadiyānī State, a Bahā'ī State or a Rāfidī State. They have no problem with this as this essentially serves them. What hurts them and what they fear is true Islam which Allāh has revealed, the true deen of Allāh. As for deviant Madhāhib and schools of thought then they welcome them, rather they encourage them.

So the matter is still obscure to most people and there may be some people who have some insight into them, whether negative or positive, Allāhu Alim, but to most people the matter is still obscure so we should not be hasty. As America left without fighting and handed it over via

They have not even the furthest trace of the Salaf, rather they apply the texts of the Divine Legislation according to their desires, and look at the station of the Salaf with the eye of anger, and of them are those who regard the trusted Imāms as sinful. And from their misfortune is that they curse some of the Imāms. By Allāh, they are the vilest of creation according to Allāh, pose the worst danger to the deen from its enemies and view themselves as on par with the Mujtahideen when they have no scent of Ijtihād. They think they are doing good in what they do, however far [is the truth from such a claim!...]what will be the final end of those who claim Ijtihād while they are free of it?!

at-Tālib magazine, January 1997.

If these are the words of one who studied at the Islamic University of Madeenah, a Salafi institution, then what about others?!

See Haqqānī, Mawlawī Hafeedhullāh (1997). *Tālibān: Afghānistān min Hilm il-Mulā' ilā Imārah il-Mu'mineen* [The Taliban: Afghanistan from the Dream of the Mullah to Leadership of the Believers]. Islamabad: Ma'had ud-Dirāsāt as-Siyāsiyyah, First Edition.

³ **Translator's Note [‘AbdulHaq]:** Shaykh Jameel ur-Rahmān (*rahimahullāh*) was assassinated in Peshawar on August 30th 1991 by a wretched Egyptian Takfiri, Abdullah ar-Rūmī. Most likely under the orders of either Arab Takfiri-Jihadis or Hekmatyar's group *Hizbī Islāmī* who had slaughtered the Salafis of Kunar a few weeks prior and had launched a scud missile strike on Shaykh Jameel's HQ in Asadabad in April 1991 – both groups were neither pleased with Shaykh Jameel's *da'wah* nor his relations with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the Gulf War.

agreements. Likewise occurred in Iraq, they left it and handed it over to the Rāfidah who annihilated the Sunnah which the whole world witnessed. Allāhu Mustaʿān, and you do not know as maybe tomorrow they could participate in terrorism and then now you are a terrorist! Like when they let out all those prisoners from the prisons in Iraq, then they formed a state! Like Abū Bakr al-Baghdādī (head of ISIS) himself was imprisoned, so why did they release him?! So you do not know, hence hastiness and entry into this is inappropriate. We have many things in ourselves about which we need to exert our energies and time regarding and not with what the Tālibān are doing.