

The Types of People in the Fitnah of Muḥammad bin Hādī



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It is important for us to understand the various types of people as it pertains to the fitnah of Muḥammad bin Hādī (MBH) so that important lessons can be learned and remembered.

❶ **The first** are the major scholars who have been directly involved in this affair and are fully acquainted with MBH and what he has entered into the da'wah and the destructive manhaj that he has traversed. They have intimate knowledge of this matter from the time that MBH started his affair to what it has reached now and it is not as MBH and his ignorant blind-followers have claimed and spread of lies, that these scholars are old, unaware, surrounded and have not seen all of his alleged evidences. Rather, these lies were spread in order to sow the seeds of distrust in these scholars after it became clear to MBH that he would have to face up to them if he continued in the path he was advised to abandon.

② **The second** are the major scholars who are not aware of all the details and have had no involvement in this issue at all. Hence, they will naturally speak only of what they know from the past, which is to speak well of MBH and of his standing. As such, those who have been put to trial in this fitnah will try to employ their past statements, or solicit new ones as a means of defending their leader who has given the world a new and more vile rendition of Ḥaddādism. The reality is that not every scholar is tasked with knowing the details of every fitnah, as this is an impossibility.

③ **The third** are those who on account of MBH's status and standing, thought he is upon the truth, and followed him out of sincerity, holding good thoughts of him throughout the affair. We have advised communities in places not to speak ill or warn against such individuals which include many students of knowledge because the affair can be genuinely confusing. We advised them that as more scholars start speaking after they have investigated the affair and determined the realities, these individuals will see the light and accept the truth and hence, they should be not spoken or warned against and that this is for the rectification and benefit of the da‘wah.

④ **The fourth** are those who saw the affair which MBH entered into as an opportunity to pursue agendas and settle scores, and for some of them, to gain ascendancy in da‘wah by trying to engineer the downfall of well-known students of knowledge and marākiz in various places. These are downright evil, despicable people, who exposed themselves in broad daylight in this fitnah, which is in one way, a blessing for Ahl al-Sunnah. They kindled the flames of fire from late 2016 till now

and pushed this affair into the hearts and minds of people, convinced that they will be victorious and successful in fulfilling their agendas. These are people of tribulations, who are driven by desires, not pursuit of the truth. They either have unhealthy grievances or aspirations based on desires and care not for the da‘wah and what harms may come to it. All of our writings and warnings are directed at these people. The fitnah became large and widespread precisely because of them. Indeed, they have a huge burden on their shoulders on Yawm ul-Qiyāmah. They strove to actively defame, malign and slander the students of knowledge in the West who stuck by the major scholars, out of malice, envy and oppression.

⑤ **The fifth** are the general Salafis among whom there are various levels of confusion, based on their levels of knowledge. We have always advised them that when there are tribulations and things are cloudy, unclear and confusing, then you will be safe by simply sticking to the major scholars who are knowledgeable in these affairs. That you will not be harmed in the least by doing that and that this is what is found in the Sunnah, that one returns to the major scholars who are knowledgeable in the affair at hand. Thus, our advice to them has been to accept what Shaykh Rabī and Shaykh ‘Ubayd have stated, and in particular because Shaykh Rabī’s deep-rooted knowledge and leadership in this field is established and attested to by the greatest scholars of our era.

Now that other scholars have started speaking after their thorough investigation of the affair, we hope that the fitnah will be extinguished. As for those who were confused or genuinely mistaken, the ground is open for them to rectify and bring the

affairs back to what they were previously, of unity, love and brotherhood.

As for the people of fitnah we mentioned above, they should not be allowed to enter into the ranks with simple, token repentances, because they have exposed themselves as toxic poison that has brought destruction and ruin. Rather, not until they admit that they caused tribulations, rectify everything they put wrong, admit their their ignorance of the usul of Salafiyyah, apologise to everyone they maligned and abused and then withdraw themselves and take a back seat where they belong, until that, they are to be held with distrust and suspicion and treated as incompetent, oppressive ignoramuses who cannot be entrusted with affairs of da'wah in any form or fashion.

Finally, one should be aware, as our brother, Ustādh Mūsā Richardson informed me a short while ago, that **the number fours are now scrambling to pretend that they were either number threes or number fives all along** and are trying to weasel their way back into the ranks after the tribulations they caused or entered into. This fitnah has been a blessing because just like weeds hamper the ability of a plant to grow and flourish when they are in its proximity, then likewise, these types of people could only have brought greater trials into the da'wah and hampered it over the years to come had they been left unplucked and untreated with what we can liken to a good dose of Monsanto's Roundup—the refutations of the scholars that destroy every falsehood. So beware of these people!

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