

Excerpts from the Statement of Shaykh ‘Alī al-Waṣīfī and Shaykh Ḥasan bin ‘Abd al-Wahhāb al- Bannā on the Fitnah and Ghuluww of Muḥammad bin Hādī: Part 4¹



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Muḥammad bin Hādī invigorated the past people of innovations [in the modern era] and granted them opportunities they never had before to undermine and harm the da‘wah of truth by defacing the image, status and rank of one of its greatest scholars—all on account of personal motivations and disputes.

☞ **The Second Observation:** That Shaykh Muḥammad bin Hādī knows the great status of ‘Allāmah Shaykh Rabī in the Islāmic world. He also knows that

¹ Full Arabic text is here: <http://www.manhaj.com/manhaj/?uyryh>.

greatness of respect that the Major scholars have for him, his knowledge, his striving and his efforts in combatting Ahl al-Bida' within the Islāmic world. He also knows the mighty battles he has courageously tackled and the controversies he addressed. He also knows that he [Shaykh Rabī'] has the greatest of standing in the [field] of the science of ḥadīth, and Sunnah, 'aqīdah, and al-jarḥ wal-ta'dīl—it not being possible for [someone like] Shaykh Muḥammad bin Hādī to contend with him. Had it not been for the status of Shaykh Rabī' and his efforts, Muḥammad bin Hādī would not have any status among the students of Shaykh Rabī' across the Islāmic world.

Thus, is it befitting for a man whose da'wah has reached the horizons [of the earth] that Muḥammad bin Hādī should take the lead in standing against him by way of this fitnah which has no basis for it? And to preoccupy him and preoccupy the Islāmic world with an issue which has no weight? Do you desire to to put an end to that da'wah so that becomes like yesterday gone? And to reject all of those efforts that were spent over all the years that have passed with the flimsiest of reasons and empty words? Nobody from the people of knowledge has rejoiced in what you have done, at all, O Shaykh Muḥammad. Rather, the ones who have rejoiced with that and galloped with it are the enemies of the da'wah, those who desire to put an end to it through the hands of its own people so that the field is open for

them to say whatever they wish, [being] secure and at ease, without anyone refuting them or criticising them.

You have presented a major scholar to the people with the appearance of a confused, hesitant person who does not judge with truth and does not look at evidence. Until [through this representation of yours] you granted all of the previous Ahl al-Bida‘ the chance to invalidate the judgements of this scholar regarding them—those judgements [of his] that were based upon evidences, witnesses and factual indicators—so that they can [now] say that he judged against us with that which is not present with us and accused us of what we are innocent of.

You have actualised for them what they were unable to do for the length of [all] previous day and years by entering the ranks of his [Shaykh Rabī’s] students, then giving rise to a dispute based on nothing save personal motivations and personal disputes which have no connection to ‘aqīdah, tawhīd or manhaj.

And if the occurrence of some errors from the Salafī callers was presumed to have taken place in all of what has passed, then the affair in rectifying them is lighter and easier than rectifying the original, outright people of innovations. In gentleness comes all of goodness and knowledge is kinship between its people.”

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NOTE: The ignorant and oppressive blind-followers of Muḥammad bin Hādī have played a great role in the undermining, belittlement and attacking of Shaykh Rabī by spreading the doubts concocted by Muḥammad bin Hādī after he realised that he had been exposed as empty handed for his unjust, oppressive judgements upon Salafis for their perceived, alleged or actual mistakes. However, to mask what really amounted to attacks on Shaykh Rabī, they erected “bogeymen” to sustain those attacks. Hence, they attacked the students of knowledge and callers in all places who were with Shaykh Rabī upon truth, justice and adherence to the uṣūl of Ahl al-Sunnah in this subject area. They attacked them and declared them “Ṣa‘āfiqah” because they conveyed statements from Shaykh Rabī who is the one who said all those words about Muḥammad bin Hādī: that he made tabdī, that he has zero evidence, that his manhaj is more vile than that of the past Ḥaddādīs, that he broke the back of Salafiyyah, that he split the whole world and so on. These people should be recognised for what they are, just as has been said about them by Shaykh Rabī and by Shaykh Ḥasan and Shaykh ‘Alī in this bayān, that these people have not received a nurturing upon Salafiyyah and that this fitnah has exposed their ignorance and weakness in Salafiyyah. In addition, it has also exposed many of them as people of personal interests and ambitions.