

Refutation of doubt that Shaykh 'Abdil-Wahhaab made takfeer of Muslims

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

A Refutation of the doubt that Shaykh Muhammad bin 'Abdil-Wahhaab made takfeer of Muslims

The second doubt is that they say the Shaykh (Muhammad bin 'Abdil-Wahhaab) made takfeer of the Muslims. We say:

Who are the Muslims who the Shaykh declared to be kuffar? Clarify to us!

If you mean that the Shaykh declared the grave-worshippers to be disbelievers; then these people have been declared disbelievers by Allaah! And the Messenger of Allaah, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), declared them to be disbelievers! And the scholars of the Muslims have declared them to be disbelievers with consensus. Thus the one who invokes other than Allaah, worships other than Allaah, or seeks deliverance from other than Allaah... from the dead and seeks protection with the shrines and graves, or worships with innovations and superstitions and deviates away from the Sunnah of the Messenger, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*); then the Shaykh, (*May Allaah have mercy on him*), was not alone in declaring him to be a disbeliever and to be misguided. Rather, Allaah has declared him to be a disbeliever in the Qur'aan, and the Messenger, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), declared him to be a disbeliever in the Sunnah, and the Muslim scholars have declared him to be a disbeliever by consensus. That the one who invokes other than Allaah, or slaughters for other than Allaah, or makes a vow for other than Allaah, or seeks deliverance from the dead... or seeks deliverance from the dead and performs Tawaaf (circumambulation) around their graves and seeks aid from them; such a person is a mushrik! According to the Shaykh and according to others from the Imaams.

So the Shaykh didn't unrightfully declare him to be a disbeliever. He didn't declare any true Muslim to be a disbeliever; someone who says 'La Ilaha illa Allaah' truly, and worships Allaah and does not associate partners with Allaah. He didn't declare any Muslim to be a disbeliever and to Allaah belong all praises! So their statement that the Shaykh declared Muslims to be disbelievers has been proven false. We say: No! He only declared the mushrikeen (the polytheists) to be disbelievers.

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His books are available, his refutations are known, and his speech is written down; that he did not declare to be a disbeliever except the one whom Allaah declared to be a disbeliever in the Qur'aan, or whom the Messenger, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), declared to be a disbeliever in the Sunnah. Or whom the scholars have a consensus for declaring takfeer upon; and they are the worshippers of graves, who build upon the graves and worship them besides Allaah, which is equal to (the worship of)...

[Al-Lat, and Al-'Uzza (two idols of the pagan Arabs). And Manat (another idol of the pagan Arabs), the other third.]¹

...and comparable also to the worship of idols which were in al-Jaahiliyyah (pre-Islaamic ignorance).

Allaah the Majestic and Most High says:

[And they worship besides Allaah things that hurt them not, nor profit them, and they say: "These are our intercessors with Allaah." Say: "Do you inform Allaah of that which He knows not in the heavens and on the earth?" Glorified and Exalted be He above all that which they associate as partners with Him!]²

He called it Shirk and He made Himself far and above and higher than it. And they say: "(they are our) Intercessors." This is how the grave worshippers are today, they say: "We only want from them intercession so they intercede for us with Allaah." "We sacrifice for them, and seek their deliverance and we know that they don't possess anything, but we only want them to be our intercessors!" This is what the mushrikoon used to say before... it's the same thing!

Allaah the Perfect and Exalted says:

[And those who take Auleeyaa' (protectors and helpers) besides Him]³

He (Allaah) the Majestic and Most High says:

[Surely, the religion (i.e. the worship and the obedience) is for Allaah only. And those who take Auleeyaa' (protectors and helpers) besides Him (say): "We worship them only that they may bring us near to Allaah." Verily, Allaah will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. Truly, Allaah guides not him who is a liar, and a disbeliever.]⁴

¹ Soorah an-Najm [53:19-20]

² Soorah Yoonus [10:18]

³ Soorah az-Zumar [39:3]

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He (Allaah) called them liars and declared them to be disbelievers! And they say:

["We worship them only that they may bring us near to Allaah."]⁵

Look! They themselves admitted that they worship them! Is the one who worships other than Allaah... is he a Muslim? Huh? They admitted saying:

["We worship them!"]⁶

They admitted that they worship them and whoever worships other than Allaah is a disbeliever! And this is what the Shaykh and what other than him from the Imaams of Islaam have said. So he never declared any Muslim to be a disbeliever, and to Allaah belong all praises. He only declared the mushrikeen to be disbelievers; those who worship other than Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, and they sacrifice and make vows, and perform tawaaf (circumambulation) and they seek deliverance from the dead. This is the one whom the Shaykh declared to be a disbeliever, and he was not the only one to do so, may Allaah have mercy upon him. He only called to that which the Messenger, (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), called towards, from calling to Tawheed and forbidding of Shirk.

Allaah the Majestic and Most High says:

[Worship Allaah and join none with Him in worship]⁷

[And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We inspired him (saying): La ilaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allaah)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)."]⁸

This is what the Shaykh called towards; the worship of Allaah alone and the prohibition of worshipping other than Him. And this is the meaning of 'La ilaha illa Allaah', its meaning is an-Nafy (negation) and al-Ithbaat (affirmation); the negation of Shirk and the affirmation of Tawheed. Is this not the meaning of 'La ilaha illa Allaah'? This is the call of the Shaykh; he forbade Shirk and ordered with Tawheed. Is this declaring takfeer upon the Muslims? This is declaring takfeer upon the kuffar! Those who worship other than Allaah the Mighty and Majestic...

And here they are now...it is present right now! It is present right now their act at the graves and shrines. So how then can they be mistaken! And they are, now, upon what the Jaahiliyyah was upon, in the time of Aboo Lahab and Aboo Jah! They are upon what the Jaahiliyyah was upon! They worship other than Allaah the Mighty and Majestic and invoke other than Allaah. Completely as the Jaahiliyyah was upon! In fact, worse than what the people of al-Jaahiliyyah were upon!

⁵ Soorah az-Zumar [39:3]

⁶ Soorah az-Zumar [39:3]

⁷ Soorah an-Nisaa [4:36]

⁸ Soorah al-Anbeyaa [21:25]

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Subhanallaah! They say: “you are declaring us to be disbelievers”, yet they worship other than Allaah! Is the one who invokes other than Allaah... is he a disbeliever or is he a Muslim? Everyone will say that he is a disbeliever, and that he is a mushrik. These people say: “No! We want to stay upon what we are upon and you don’t say anything to us, and whoever says anything then he is declaring the Muslims to be disbelievers!”

The Shaykh, Muhammad bin 'Abdil-Wahhaab, (*May Allaah have mercy on him*), was not alone in this. Rather, this is the call of the Messengers and the call of the Imaams after them. He did not call to anything outside the call of the Messengers, and that is the call to Tawheed (singling out Allaah alone in worship) and the prohibition of Shirk.