



## Imaam Ibn Baaz on the Bid'ah of al-Muwaazanah

### INTRODUCTION

All Praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him, seek His aid and His Forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evils of our souls and the evils of our actions. Whomsoever Allaah guides there is none to misguide and whomsoever Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah, alone, without any partners and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

**Imaam Abdul-Azeez Ibn Baaz** was asked:

“It is obligatory to mentioned both the good and the bad points about the Innovators and their books, or just their bad points?”

The Shaikh replied, “It is well known from the statements of the people of knowledge that they criticise the bad points in order to warn (others), and also they explain the errors in which they (those who erred) fell into, again for the purpose of warning against them. **As for what is good in them, then that is known (from them already), and such good is accepted.** However, the purpose is to warn from their errors, (such as) the Jahmiyyah, the Mu'tazilah, the Raafidah and what is similar to them. However, if the need should arise to explain what they have of the truth, then it is explained. And when someone asks, ‘What do have with them of the truth? In what matters do they agree with Ahl us-Sunnah’, and the one who is asked knows this, then he makes it clear. **However, the greatest goal is to explain the falsehood that is with them, so that the questioner can take caution and so that he does not incline towards them.**”

Then another questioner said, “There are some people who enjoin ‘counterbalancing’ (al-Muwaazanah), meaning that when you criticise an innovator to warn people from him, that it is obligatory upon you to mention his good points so that you do not treat him unjustly?”

The Shaikh replied, “No, it is not necessary, it is not necessary. And this is why when you read the books of Ahl us-Sunnah you will find the purpose behind them to warn. Read in the book of al-Bukhaaree ‘Khalq Af'aal ul-'Ibaad’ and ‘Kitaab ul-Adab’ (the Book of Manners) in the Saheeh and ‘Kitaab us-Sunnah of Abdullaah bin Ahmad and ‘Kitaab ut-Tawheed’ of Ibn Khuzaimah and the refutation of Uthmaan bin Sa'eed ad-Daarimee against the Ahl ul-Bid'ah... and other such books. They mention this for the purpose of warning from their falsehood and the intent is not to enumerate their good points. The intent is to warn from their falsehood. And their good points have no value in relation to one who disbelieves - when his innovation makes him a disbeliever, his good deeds are nullified and when it does not make him a disbeliever then he is in a precarious situation. The intent is to expose the errors and deviations - which it is necessary to warn against.”

**Source:** “Manhaj Ahl us-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah Fee Naqd ir-Rijaal wal-Kutub wat-Tawaa’if” of Shaikh Rabee’ bin Haadee

What will the sect of Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq answer?! What will his partisans answer when they hear what he has stated that the claim that there is evil in the existence of multiple parties and groups and in the Ummah is “destruction” and “an action of destruction” and that the presence of groups such as Ikhwaan, Tabligh and Hizb ut-Tahrir is “manifest goodness”?!

O Ahl us-Sunnah, how easily you are led astray by being deceived by the good in people? Do you not see why Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq and his Firqah assaulted the likes of Shaikh Rabee’ bin Haadee and others, those who demolished this bid’ah of al-Muwaazanah? Because they stood to uncover this deception and this treachery to the sons of Ahl us-Sunnah coming from the direction of those who attempted to bring the manhaj of Hassan al-Bannaa into the ranks of the Salafis? But most people know not!! And in their ignorance, claim that these are only differences in manhaj-based issues?!!

When a man splits and creates a sect, that is one thing, but when a man comes along claiming Sunnah and Salafiyyah and then justifies the existence of the sects, then that is something else – rather it is more evil and more far-reaching in misguidance. And this is the affair of Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq, the Innovator of Hizbiyyah into the religion of our Lord.

This is why it has been stated, “...**perhaps amongst the severest of tribulations that Allaah’s Messenger warned us against is the fitnah of ‘Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq, in this time, who has made his fitnah revolve around the Salafi Da’wah and its students...**” (Shaikh Rabee’ bin Haadee in An-Nasr ul-Azeez, p.52).

Refer to NDV090001 and MSC060011 for more information in this regard.