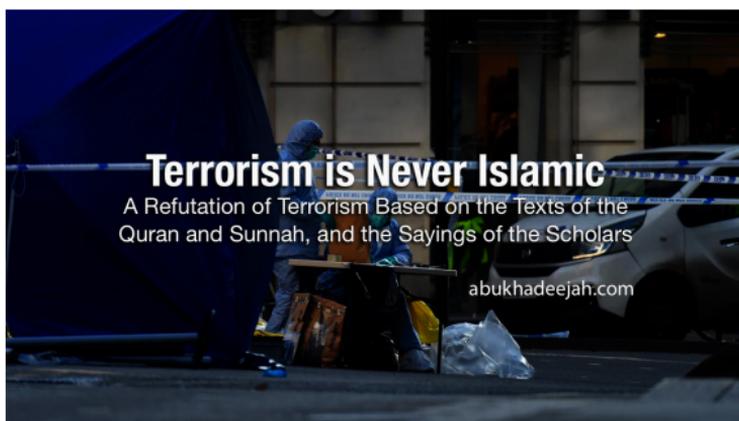


Terrorism Is Never Islamic

A Refutation of Terrorism Based on the Texts of the Quran and Sunnah, and the Sayings of the Scholars

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All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all creation. May Allah extol the Messenger in the highest company of Angels and grant him peace; and likewise, his family, his Companions and all those who truly follow him until the Day of Resurrection.

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Introduction

From the outset, in this article, I intend to take a textual (theological) approach in responding to the ideologies of terrorism. Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamā'ah, Ahlul-Hadīth (i.e. the Salafis) regard terrorists, inciters, revolutionaries and insurgents to be from the sect known as the Khawārij which arose in the time of the Sahābah — they plotted and schemed against the Caliphs, and assassinated the third and fourth Caliphs — 'Ali and 'Uthmān (رضي الله عنهما) — both of whom were Companions of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and married to his daughters. They rebelled against the early Muslim Rulers and against Muslim societies considering them to be sinful and corrupt and outside of the Shariah Law. They excommunicated the Rulers and anyone else who disagreed with their extremist political views, declaring them to be unbelievers and apostates.¹ So I take a textual

¹ In the Shariah this is referred to as *takfeer*.

approach because the extremists, terrorists, suicide bombers, murderers and insurgents claim they have proofs from the Shariah Law, i.e. from the Qur'an and Sunnah (the Prophetic Way) to engage in these wicked deeds. So, I intend to refute this false claim. Furthermore, I will to expose the myth propagated by pseudo-academics and rabble-rousing journalists who claim that Islam itself calls to these acts of mindless violence.

These individuals know little or nothing of the classical Qur'anic exegesis (*tafseer*), or the Sunnah of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) or his Seerah (biography) let alone the belief and methodology recorded in the books of the early Muslim scholars. So how is it possible for a person to conclude that Islam is an extreme religion without this basic knowledge. Jihād is

Removing Muslims from the fold of Islam without clear cut proof is from the major sins and an act of deviation from the creed.

only understood by studying the texts in light of the teachings of the early traditional Muslim scholars. For example, how many of these young radicals know that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) was commanded with the “great Jihād” whilst he was living in Makkah? He was born in Makkah, his mission began in Makkah at the age of 40 when he received revelation from Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى), he stayed there for thirteen years calling to Islam, to the worship of Allah alone, he refuted the idol-worshippers and nullified their arguments through the Qur’an and Sunnah. He was living in a non-Muslim environment where idols were erected and worshipped around the K’abah, and there were only a handful of Muslims. And, he was commanded with Jihād in this period. Allah said to him:

فَلَا تُطِعِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَجَاهِدْهُمْ بِهِ جِهَادًا كَبِيرًا

“So do not obey the disbelievers – and strive against them in Jihād [with the Qur'an] a great Jihād.” (Al-Furqān: 52)

This was not Jihād with the sword because fighting was not legislated until the Prophet had migrated to Madinah and had established a Muslim nation with an army, then they were given permission to fight.

So, in Makkah, the Jihād (or struggle) was to convey the teachings of Qur'an and the revelation, so as to establish the proof against their false practices of idolatry. Muslims learn the Seerah (life of the Prophet) and learn the Sunnah so as to implement it whenever they find themselves in a situation similar to the situation of the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and his Companions (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ). When these extremists choose their own separate way and oppose the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and his Companions, then they are truly blind in their misguidance. Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) stated:

وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ الرَّسُولَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُ الْهُدَىٰ وَيَتَّبِعْ
غَيْرَ سَبِيلِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ نُوَلِّهِ مَا تَوَلَّىٰ وَنُصَلِّهِ جَهَنَّمَ وَسَاءَتْ
مَصِيرًا

“Whoever opposes the Messenger after the right path has been shown clearly to him, and then he follows other than the way of the believers, We shall keep him in the path he has chosen, and burn him in Hell– what an evil destination.” (An-Nisā: 115)

Terrorists, Insurgents, Lone-Wolves And Those Who Rebel Against The Rulers Are All Khawārij Who Have No Concern For The Religion And Its Teachings

Shaikh Al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah (died 728H رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said, **“The Khawarij are more harmful to the Muslims than other people– and there is none more wicked to the Muslims than them, not the Jews nor the Christians. They strived to kill every Muslim who did not agree with them. They made permissible the spilling of Muslim blood, and the taking of their wealth and property, and the killing of their children, declaring them to be unbelievers.** The Khawarij took this path as their religion due to their extreme ignorance and their misguided innovation...”² Most people wrongly assume

² Minhāj As-Sunnah 5/248

that the terrorists' sole target are the non-Muslims. Nothing could be further from the truth. That fact is that the Khawārij focus their attacks against Muslim societies and they occasionally branch out (or lash-out) against the non-Muslims. That is why most of the terrorist attacks take place in Muslim countries.

The goal of the terrorist Khārijites is to seize authority and implement their own cult-religion. The great scholar of Sunnah and Seerah, the historian and Quranic commentator, Imām Ibn Katheer (died 774AH, رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) stated³ what the Khawārij would do to the people if they attained authority:

قال الحافظ ابن كثير الدمشقي — رحمه الله — في كتابه
"البداية والنهاية" (١٠ / ٥٨٤ - ٥٨٥) عن ما سيفعله
الخوارج بالأمة إذا قوا

³ Al-Bidāyah wan-Nihāyah, 10/584-585.

إذ لو قوّوا هؤلاء لأفسدوا الأرض كلها عراقاً وشاماً،
ولم يتركوا طفلاً ولا طفلة، ولا رجلاً ولا امرأة، لأن
الناس عندهم قد فسدوا فساداً لا يصلحهم إلاّ القتل
جملة

“If they ever gained strength, they would surely corrupt the whole land, including Iraq and Syria (Shām) – they would not leave a child, male or female, neither a man or a woman, because as far as they are concerned, the people have caused corruption **that cannot be rectified except by mass killing.**”

Today we can see this mindset in the ideology of ISIS, Al-Qaeda, An-Nusra and other extremist insurgencies in Iraq, Syria and elsewhere. These terrorists who, in the name of Islam, have instituted the mass killing of Muslims on the basis that rectification cannot take place except by the death of the masses.

The murder perpetrated by the Khawarij is worse than the murder committed by the

sinners such as thieves or drug gangs because the sinners do not claim that they have license to kill from the Qur'an whereas the Khawārij claim that Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, has commanded them with these actions and they expect reward from Him in the Afterlife!

There are numerous Prophet narrations about the Khawārij:

حَدَّثَنَا سَهْلُ بْنُ أَبِي سَهْلٍ، حَدَّثَنَا سُفْيَانُ بْنُ عُيَيْنَةَ، عَنْ أَبِي غَالِبٍ، عَنْ أَبِي أُمَامَةَ، يَقُولُ شَرُّ قَتْلَى قُتِلُوا تَحْتَ أَدِيمِ السَّمَاءِ وَخَيْرُ قَتْلَى مَنْ قَتَلُوا كِلَابَ أَهْلِ النَّارِ قَدْ كَانَ هَؤُلَاءِ مُسْلِمِينَ فَصَارُوا كُفْرًا قُلْتُ يَا أَبَا أُمَامَةَ هَذَا شَيْءٌ تَقُولُهُ قَالَ بَلْ سَمِعْتُهُ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Abu Ghālib narrated from the Companion of the Prophet, Abu Umāmah (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) that he said about the Khawārij, **"They are the worst of killers who are slain under the sky – and the best of people are those who were killed by them – they are but the dogs of Hell. They**

used to be Muslims, but they became unbelievers.” Abu Ghālib asked: “O Abu Umamah, is that your opinion?” He said: “Rather I heard it from the Messenger of Allah.”⁴

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو كُرَيْبٍ، حَدَّثَنَا وَكَيْعٌ، عَنِ الرَّبِيعِ بْنِ صَبِيحٍ، وَحَمَّادِ بْنِ سَلَمَةَ، عَنْ أَبِي غَالِبٍ، قَالَ رَأَى أَبُو أُمَامَةَ رُءُوسًا مَنْصُوبَةً عَلَى دَرَجٍ مَسْجِدِ دِمَشْقَ فَقَالَ أَبُو أُمَامَةَ كِلَابُ النَّارِ شَرُّ قَتْلَى تَحْتَ أَدِيمِ السَّمَاءِ خَيْرُ قَتْلَى مَنْ قَتَلُوهُ، ثُمَّ قَرَأَ يَوْمَ تَبَيَّضُ وُجُوهُهُ وَتَسْوَدُ وُجُوهُهُ، إِلَى آخِرِ الْآيَةِ قُلْتُ لِأَبِي أُمَامَةَ أَنْتَ سَمِعْتَهُ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ لَوْ لَمْ أَسْمَعْهُ إِلَّا مَرَّةً أَوْ مَرَّتَيْنِ أَوْ ثَلَاثًا أَوْ أَرْبَعًا حَتَّى عَدَّ سَبْعًا مَا حَدَّثْتُكُمْ

Abu Ghālib also stated: “Abu Umamah saw heads of the Khawarij hanging on the streets of Damascus. He said: **“They are the dogs of the Hellfire and the worst of those killed under**

⁴ Reported by Ibn Mājah, no. 181, hasan.

the sky. The best of men are those whom these [Khawarij] have killed.” He then recited: **“On the Day when some faces will become white and some faces will become black”**⁵ until the end of the Ayah. I said to Abu Umāmah, “Did you hear this from the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)?” He said: “If I had not heard it but one time, or two times, or three times, or four times – until he counted seven occasions – I would not have narrated it to you.”⁶

The terrorists, insurgents and extremists invent lies against Allah, His Book and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) — then they passed it off as if it is Islam. The simple-minded and foolish Muslims, or sincere but unsuspecting, or those new to Islam, or those who have spent most of their young lives on streets hustling and selling drugs and engaged in sins are convinced by

⁵ Āli ‘Imrān:106

⁶ Reported by At-Tirmidhi, no. 3270, hasan.

the extremists who target them. Imām Ahmad Ibn Hanbal (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) stated, **“The Khawārij are an evil people. I do not know on this earth any people more evil than them.”**⁷

Imām Al-Ājurī (died 360AH, رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said: “Neither the scholars of old nor of our times ever differed about the Khawārij. They regarded them as an evil people who were disobedient to Allāh, the Mighty and Majestic, and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) even though they prayed, fasted and exerted themselves in worship – all of this was of no benefit to them. Even though they were apparent in enjoining the good and forbidding the evil, it did not benefit them because they were a people who used to interpret the Qur’ān according to their desires.”⁸ The truth is that they enjoin only evil,

⁷ See As-Sunnah of Al-Khallāl.

⁸ Kitābush-Sharī‘ah of Al-Ājurī. Chapter: “Rebuking the Khawārij, and their evil doctrine, the permissibility of killing them, and the reward for

and they do not recognise good.

They kill the innocent and destroy property. Shaikh Abdul-Mushin Al-'Abbād (from the great scholars of Madinah) stated over 15 years ago when these extremists were killing Muslims and foreigners in Saudi Arabia: "That which has taken place of suicide bombings, destruction in the city of Riyadh, and what was discovered in Makkah and Madinah of weapons and explosives in the early part of this year (2003) — then all of it is the result of these extremists beings misled and misguided by Shaytān, who beautified transgressing beyond bounds for them. So, these events that have occurred are from the most disgraceful of crimes and causes of corruption in the earth. So with which intellect and in the name of which religion can suicide bombings, the killing of Muslims, the killing of non-Muslims who are under the protection of covenants and agreements,

killing them and for the one killed by them." (1/325).

terrorising those who lived in security, turning women into widows, children into orphans and the destruction of buildings ever be considered Jihād!?”⁹

Another senior Saudi Scholar, Shaikh Sālih Al-Fawzān commented: “They call this terrorist act Jihād and striving in the cause of Allah! In reality, it nothing except jihad and striving in cause of the Devil. And Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) stated the punishment of the Khawārij in the Qur’an:

إِنَّمَا جَزَاءُ الَّذِينَ يُحَارِبُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَيَسْعَوْنَ فِي
الْأَرْضِ فَسَادًا أَنْ يُقَتَّلُوا أَوْ يُصَلَّبُوا أَوْ تُقَطَّعَ أَيْدِيهِمْ
وَأَرْجُلُهُمْ مِنْ خِلَافٍ أَوْ يُنْفَوْا مِنَ الْأَرْضِ ذَلِكَ لَهُمْ خِزْيٌ
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَلَهُمْ فِي الآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

“The recompense of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and spread mischief in the land is that they shall be killed

⁹ Slightly bridged.

or crucified, or their hands and their feet be cut off on the opposite sides, or be exiled from the land. That is their disgrace in this world, and a great torment is theirs in the Hereafter.”¹⁰

Ibn al-Jawzī (d. 597 AH) said:

“There are many long stories about them and their strange methodologies. I will not elaborate by mentioning them. Rather, the intent here is to study the deception of the Devil, and how he deceived these fools, who reacted hastily to all that they encountered. They believed that ‘Alī bin Abī Tālib (the fourth Caliph) was wrong, and those who were with him from the Muhajirūn and the Ansār (the Companions) were also wrong, and that they themselves were upon the truth. **They permitted spilling the blood of children, yet they did not allow the eating of any fruits from trees without paying for it first.**

¹⁰ Al-Mā'idah:33.

They tired themselves out in worship and would frequently stay awake at night, yet they raised their swords against the Muslims!

Even the Devil could not have imagined the extent of this evil. We seek refuge in Allāh from being forsaken.”¹¹

¹¹ Talbīs Iblīs of Ibn Al-Jawzī Chapter: “The Devil’s deception of the Khawārij” p. 91.

The Condemnation Of The Extremists And Khawārij In The Shariah Proves That They Are Not Upon The Truth

Imām Muslim (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) has a chapter in his Sahīh entitled:

باب التَّحْرِيزِ عَلَى قَتْلِ الْخَوَارِجِ

“An Exhortation to Kill the Khawārij” followed by the hadith of ‘Ali Ibn Abī Tālib (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) who stated that he heard Allah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say:

سَيَخْرُجُ فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ قَوْمٌ أَحْدَاثُ الْأَسْنَانِ سَفَهَاءُ
الْأَحْلَامِ يَقُولُونَ مِنْ خَيْرِ قَوْلِ الْبَرِيَّةِ يَقْرَأُونَ الْقُرْآنَ لَا
يُجَاوِزُ حَنَاجِرَهُمْ يَمْرُقُونَ مِنَ الدِّينِ كَمَا يَمْرُقُ السَّهْمُ
مِنَ الرَّمِيَّةِ فَإِذَا لَقِيْتُمُوهُمْ فَاقْتُلُوهُمْ فَإِنَّ فِي قَتْلِهِمْ أَجْرًا
لِمَنْ قَتَلَهُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

“There will arise at the end of the time a people young in age and foolish in thought,

but they will speak as if their words are the best among the creation. They will recite the Qur'an, but it would not go beyond their throats — and they will pass through the religion as an arrow goes through the prey. So, when you meet them (i.e. in battle), kill them, for by killing them, you will get a reward from Allah on the Day of Judgement.”¹²

The Khawārij in every age claim that they fight, kill and terrorise to establish Shariah Law. In reality, this is nothing but a smokescreen and deception they use to gain authority and spread corruption based on their warped doctrine.

They claimed they wanted Shariah Law in the in the time of the fourth Caliph, 'Ali (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) as occurs in a narration from Imām Muslim:

قَالُوا لَا حُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ قَالَ عَلِيٌّ كَلِمَةً حَقًّا أُرِيدَ بِهَا بَاطِلٌ

¹² Muslim, no. 1066; Bukhāri no. 5057.

إِنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَصَفَ نَاسًا إِنِّي
لَأَعْرِفُ صِفَتَهُمْ فِي هَوْلَاءِ يَقُولُونَ الْحَقَّ بِالسِّنِّهِمْ لَا
يَجُوزُ هَذَا مِنْهُمْ – وَأَشَارَ إِلَى حَلْقِهِ

The Khawārij said: **“There is no judgement except that of Allah.”** ‘Ali (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) responded: **“It is statement of truth but what they intend by it is falsehood. Verily, the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) described their characteristics and I found these characteristics in them. They say words with their tongue that are true, but it does not go beyond this part of their bodies”** — and ‘Ali pointed towards his throat.¹³

Many Scholars have declared the Khawārij insurgents to be non-Muslims and infiltrators who enter Islam to mislead the youth and cause them to exit the Religion — just as the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) stated:

¹³ Sahih Muslim, no. 1066.

يَمْرُقُونَ مِنَ الدِّينِ كَمَا يَمْرُقُ السَّهْمُ مِنَ الرَّمِيَّةِ

“They pass clean through the religion just as the arrow passes through the prey.”¹⁴

¹⁴ Sahih Muslim, no. 1066.

Ahlul-Bid'ah And The Khawārij Are Driven By Shaytān To The Edge Of Insanity Like Someone Afflicted With Rabies

Mu'āwiyah Ibn Abī Sufyān (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا) said that Allāh's Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

وَإِنَّهُ سَيَخْرُجُ مِنْ أُمَّتِي أَقْوَامٌ تَجَارَى بِهِمْ تِلْكَ الْأَهْوَاءُ
كَمَا يَتَجَارَى الْكَلْبُ لِصَاحِبِهِ وَقَالَ عَمْرُو الْكَلْبُ
بِصَاحِبِهِ لَا يَبْقَى مِنْهُ عِرْقٌ وَلَا مَفْصِلٌ إِلَّا دَخَلَهُ

“There will appear among my ummah people who will be overcome by desires like rabies which penetrates its victims. There does not remain a vein or a joint except that it penetrates it.”¹⁵

They will recite the Qur'an thinking it is in support of their ideas, yet it goes against them. They will fill their sermons with recitation of the

¹⁵ Abu Dāwūd, no. 4597, hasan.

Allah's Book, but they will not understand it as it was intended by Allah.

يُخْرِجُ قَوْمٌ مِنْ أُمَّتِي يَقْرَءُونَ الْقُرْآنَ لَيْسَ قِرَاءَتُكُمْ إِلَى
قِرَاءَتِهِمْ بِشَيْءٍ وَلَا صَلَاتُكُمْ إِلَى صَلَاتِهِمْ بِشَيْءٍ وَلَا
صِيَامُكُمْ إِلَى صِيَامِهِمْ بِشَيْءٍ يَقْرَءُونَ الْقُرْآنَ يَحْسِبُونَ أَنَّهُ
لَهُمْ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِمْ لَا تَجَاوِزُ صَلَاتُهُمْ تَرَاقِيَهُمْ يَمْرُقُونَ مِنَ
الْإِسْلَامِ كَمَا يَمْرُقُ السَّهْمُ مِنَ الرَّمِيَّةِ

'Ali (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said: O people, I heard the Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say: "There will arise from my Ummah a people who will recite the Qur'an, and your recital will seem insignificant as compared with their recital, your prayer nothing as compared with their prayer, and your fast nothing as compared with their fast. **They will recite the Qur'an thinking that it supports them, whereas it is an evidence against them, and their Prayer (Salāh) does not get beyond their collar bone.** They will shoot through Islam just as the arrow passes through the prey." Alee (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said: "By Allah, I believe that these [Khawārij] are those people

for they have killed people and raided their animals. So, go forth in the name of Allah to fight against them.”¹⁶

¹⁶ Sahih Muslim, no. 1066.

The Stance Of The Muslims Towards The Terrorist Khawārij Groups: Question Their Islam!

The great Reviver of the Sunnah and Scholar of Islam, Shaikh Al-Islām, ‘Abdul-‘Azīz Ibn Bāz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) was asked concerning the terrorist group “Jamā’at Al-Jihād” and whether Muslims should help them, support them and co-operate with them? He answered: **“They are not to be co-operated with, nor are they to be given the Salām of greeting. Rather, they are to be boycotted, and the people are to be warned against their evil for they are a fitnah (tribulation) and are harmful to the Muslims — they are the brothers of the Devils!”**¹⁷ So, this is the Salafi position towards the Khawārij.

Shaikh Ibn Bāz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) also said: “That which is

¹⁷ From the taped cassette (no.11), recorded in the month of Dhul-Hijjah 1408H (1987CE) at At-Taw’iyyat Al-Islāmiyyah.

apparent from the Prophetic narrations is that they are unbelievers. The correct and apparent view from the textual evidences is that on account of their extremism and their expulsion of Muslims from the fold of Islam and declaring Muslims to be from the eternal inhabitants of the Hellfire, that they are [in reality] unbelievers.” Other scholars regard them to be from the most deviated and extreme sects of the Muslims.

That which places the belief and Islam of the Khawārij on a knife-edge are the numerous narrations in condemnation of them to such an extent that there is no group that the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) condemned more than the Khawārij — and the books of hadīth oft-repeat these warnings. The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said about them:

الْخَوَارِجُ كِلَابُ النَّارِ

“The Khawārij are the dogs of the Hellfire.”¹⁸

He also said in a variant of the above narrations:

يَخْرُجُونَ مِنَ الدِّينِ كَمَا يَخْرُجُ السَّهْمُ مِنَ الرَّمِيَّةِ ثُمَّ لَا
يَعُودُونَ فِيهِ هُمْ شَرُّ الْخَلْقِ وَالْخَلِيقَةِ

“They will pass clean through the religion just as the arrow passes through the prey, **and they will not come back to it**. They are the worst among the creation and all the creatures.”¹⁹ He also stated that they will target Muslims:

يَقْتُلُونَ أَهْلَ الْإِسْلَامِ، وَيَدْعُونَ أَهْلَ الْأَوْثَانِ، لَئِنْ أَنَا
أَدْرَكْتُهُمْ لَأَقْتُلَنَّهُمْ قَتْلَ عَادٍ

“They will kill the Muslims but will not disturb the idolaters. If I should live to encounter them, verily I will kill them as the people of 'Ād were

¹⁸ Ibn Mājah, no. 173, from Ibn Abī Awfā.

¹⁹ Muslim, no. 1067, from Abu Dharr.

killed.”²⁰

²⁰ Sahih Al-Bukhāri, no. 3344.

They Will Appear In Every Age, And The People Of Truth And Hadīth Will Cut Them Off

They began by the rebelling against the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), then against Uthmān (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) resulting in his assassination, then against 'Ali (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ), when they became a fighting force. And one of them (Abdur-Rahmān Ibn Miljim) eventually killed 'Ali (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ), and since then, they have appeared in each generation rebelling against the Muslims and their rulers. And there will come a day when the Anti-Christ will appear in their ranks.

Abdullāh Ibn 'Umar (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا) said that the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

يَنْشَأُ نَشْءٌ يَقْرَءُونَ الْقُرْآنَ لَا يُجَاوِزُ تَرَاقِيهِمْ كَلِّمًا خَرَجَ
قَرْنٌ قَطَعَ قَالَ ابْنُ عُمَرَ سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - يَقُولُ كَلِّمًا خَرَجَ قَرْنٌ قَطَعَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ
عِشْرِينَ مَرَّةً حَتَّى يَخْرُجَ فِي عِرَاضِهِمُ الدَّجَالُ

"A group will emerge who will recite the Qur'an but it will not go beyond their throats. Every time a faction amongst them emerges it will be cut off." Ibn 'Umar said I heard Allah's Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) say: **"Every time a faction amongst them emerges it will be cut off."** He said it more than twenty times. Then he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **"Until the Dajjāl (Anti-Christ) appears amongst them."**²¹

²¹ Ibn Mājah, no. 179, hasan.

The Khawārij Terrorists Carry A Huge Burden Of Sin For The Innovations And Deviations They Spread

The Messenger of Allah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

مَنْ أَحْيَا سُنَّةً مِنْ سُنَّتِي فَعَمِلَ بِهَا النَّاسُ كَانَ لَهُ مِثْلُ
أَجْرٍ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا لَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَجْرِهِمْ شَيْئًا وَمَنْ
أَبْتَدَعَ بِدْعَةً فَعَمِلَ بِهَا كَانَ عَلَيْهِ أَوْزَارٌ مِنْ عَمَلٍ بِهَا لَا
يَنْقُصُ مِنْ أَوْزَارِ مَنْ عَمِلَ بِهَا شَيْئًا

“Whoever revives a Sunnah of mine which people then act upon, will have a reward equivalent to that of those who acted upon it, without their reward being lessened in the slightest. And whoever introduces an innovation (i.e. a bid’ah) that is acted upon, will have a burden of sins equivalent to that of those who acted upon it without the sin of those who acted upon being reduced in the

slightest."²²

²² Ibn Mājah, no. 209.

Five Signs Of An Extremist Khārijite

1. He will constantly focus on the political situation in the Muslim lands, advocating uprising and revolution.
2. He will vehemently criticise the Muslim rulers and ignorantly declare them to be apostates who do not follow Shariah Law.
3. He will praise the founders of the modern-day extreme political ideologies such as Sayyid Qutb, Hasan Al-Banna and Al-Maududi.
4. He will declare Muslims who contradict his extremist political views to be unbelievers (this is called takfeer).
5. He will glorify the acts of violence perpetrated by terrorists and insurgents, such as suicide bombings and beheadings.

A Muslim cannot stand by and let a criminal act take place. Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) and His Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) have instructed the Muslims to help stop oppression and the killing of innocent people.

The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **“There is not a people amongst whom sins are committed and they are stronger than those who commit them yet they do not prevent them except that Allah will punish all of them.”**

We ask Allah to enable every Muslim and non-Muslim to fully understand these words and to comprehend the true Islamic position with respect to the people of misguidance. We also ask Him to grant every person the ability to grasp the true message and beauty of Islam as it was revealed to the noble Prophet of Islam (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

We ask Allah to grant us the success to worship Him and obey Him as He deserves - we ask Him to forgive us and show us His mercy. And all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

And may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon the Messenger, his family, his Companions and true followers.