

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Imām Muqbil Ibn Hādī al-Wādi‘ī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

“Beware of the propaganda that is [designed] to sow [the seeds of] dissension between whites and blacks... You are a Muslim and your brother is a Muslim, regardless of whether he is white or black.”

I remember sitting in front of our Shaykh, the Imām Muqbil Ibn Hādī al-Wādi‘ī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) when he articulated this heartfelt advice to the brothers and sisters in America. It was relevant then and it is even more significant now, at a time when individuals who claim to be from *Ahl al-Sunnah* are retweeting Louis Farrakhan, uniting on racial lines whilst overlooking creedal issues and using similar rhetoric to that of the NOI and other racists.

By Allāh, any movement founded upon nationalism or tribalism is a vulgar call, and it will collapse and eventually perish. History has shown us that these movements give no importance to the correctness of Islamic creed, but rather strive for unification based upon the supremacy of one race over another.

Allāh said,

﴿يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ

أَنْفُسُكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honorable of you with Allah is the most pious of you. Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.” [Al-Ḥujurāt: 13]

The upliftment of any community lies in clinging to the Book of Allāh and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allāh (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) upon the understanding of the Salaf. If rectification is pursued through man-made theories or concepts such as psychology, sociology, humanology, philosophy and the like, then it only leads to further humiliation. ‘Umar (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) said,

“We were the lowest of people and Allāh gave us honor and ascendancy through Islām. Whenever we seek honor through anything else, other than that which Allāh honored us with, then Allāh will humiliate us.”¹

¹ Collected by al-Ḥākīm (1/61-62) and others. Refer to *al-Ṣaḥīḥah* (no. 51) of Shaykh al-Albānī.

Imām Muqbil Ibn Hādī al-Wādi‘ī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said, advising the brothers and sisters in America,

“We also advise them to endeavor to speak the Arabic language. The Arabic language is the language of our Prophet Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and it is the language of the Qur’ān. We advise them to exert themselves and strive to acquire beneficial knowledge and to learn the Arabic language.

Similarly, we advise them to persevere with their children and to focus on educating them.

[Beware of] the false propaganda that is present in America, and other than America, like that which is designed to sow [the seeds of] dissention between whites and blacks. This is propaganda from the period of pre-Islamic ignorance. You are a Muslim and your brother is a Muslim, regardless of whether he is white or black. Yes.

Our Prophet Muḥammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said,

“A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim. He does not oppress him nor humiliate him nor look down upon him. Piety is here, [and he pointed towards his chest]. It is a serious evil for a Muslim that he should look down upon his Muslim brother. Everything of the Muslim is inviolable for his brother: his blood, his wealth and his honor.”¹

If they are able to travel to the scholars, [then they should do so] because strangeness assists in the attainment of knowledge. I ask Allāh that he preserves us and them and that He protects us and them from every evil and harm. I ask Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) to give us and them understanding in the religion. And all praise is due to Allāh, the Lord of all of the creation.”²

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¹ Collected by Imām Muslim (no. 2564).

² http://www.muqbel.net/sounds.php?sound_id=41