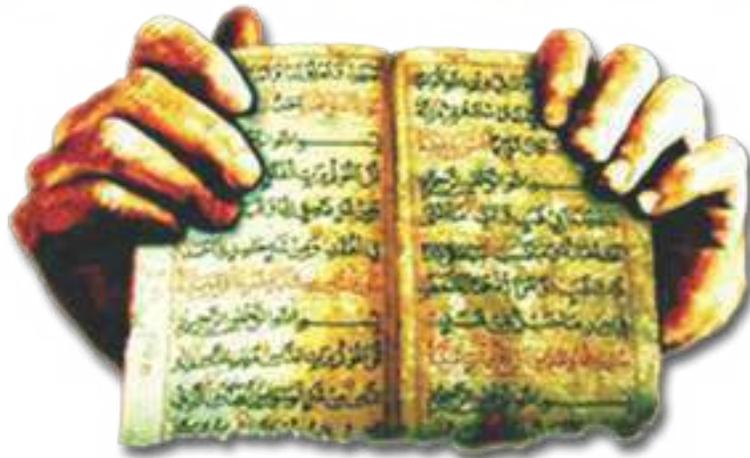


The Siege on **TAWHEED AL-HAKIMIYYAH**



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It is common knowledge that *Tawheed* is the foundation of our *deen*. Much like a building, if you remove one part of the foundation the building will instantly, if not soon, crumble into dust. This is because every part of the building's foundation is crucial and has been put there for specific reason in order to guarantee that the building remains upright and strong. So just like with this example of a building, if you remove a single part of the foundation of this *deen* then society, the people within it, and the barriers that separate truth from misguidance will surely fall.

All one has to do is look back into our own history. You will see that all of those who decided to remove even one part of the foundation were met with destruction, suffering, and eventually their demise.

This was a *fitnah* that they had brought upon themselves. By removing the foundation, they allowed themselves to crumble. This is the justice of Allah. In addition, you will notice almost all of these different people throughout history had one thing in common when it came to removing the foundation *Tawheed* from the society. It all began with them first removing Allah's legislation from the land and then making themselves the legislator of that society. By doing this they committed the worse of offenses against Allah. They made themselves *Taghout* and those who followed them became *Mushrikeen*.

The word 'deity' includes any one who makes himself a legislator with Allah, **ruler or ruled**, a representative in parliament, or the person who selects him, because he exceeded his limits.

So when looking at it in depth, all major downfalls in the history of the Muslim Ummah began with first removing that single part of the foundation. Even though they did not remove *Tawheed* entirely, but by removing just that single part of it they became *taghoot* and lead those who willingly followed them into polytheism. This illustrates the extreme importance of *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah*, the obligation of believing in Allah and that to He alone belongs the *tashree'* (legislation) and the *hukm* (judgment). It should be known and stressed that all other forms of government, other than that which Allah decreed for the Believers, are not of Islam and should be rejected by the Believers. Those who lead these man-made legislations have made themselves *Taghoot* and those who follow these legislations as believers in this man-made law, they have made themselves polytheist and have fallen into the worse of sins: *Shirk al-Akbar* (major polytheism).

Allah, Glorified is He, said regarding those among the Christians and the Jews who rejected His religion,

﴿They took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allah﴾ (9:31).

The Shaykh, Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi, may Allah preserve him, said regarding this verse,

“Although they did not prostrate, or bow down to their priests, they followed them and agreed with them in the forbiddance of the licit and with the permission of the illicit. Allah therefore considered that as making them lords and gods, because obedience in legislation is a worship, and must not be for anyone except Allah, since Allah is the only One who can enact legislation.”¹

In our day and time there is what many would consider a “siege” against *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah*. A siege, an attack, an ideological war being waged against the very foundation of the Islamic religion. This siege is one being conducted by both the Disbelievers and their allies. This is a plot conjured up in order to completely remove the foundation of the religion. The people I am speaking of are those upon the *manhaj* of *Madkhaliyyah*, even more specifically the House of Saud.

This sinister plot has been in effect since before 1926. Allow me to give you a brief history of the events that lead to this travesty in our period:

It all began with the man named ‘Abdul ‘Aziz al-Saud. He was a man who wanted complete control of the Arabian Peninsula and to create a nation that would rise up to the status of the other nations in the world. Much like the way we view these modern day “superpowers”. He himself had only sixty men at his side at the time and he knew that this would not be enough to make his vision a reality. However, there was a *Mujahideen* group known in the land that were called ‘*Al-Ikhwan*’. The *Ikhwan* were well known for their expert fighting capabilities and even were more well known for their strict teaching’s of pure Islam. They followed the teaching of Shaykh Muhammad ibn ‘Abdul Wahab, may Allah have mercy upon him, and sought to implement pure Islam back into the land. So because ‘Abdul ‘Aziz convinced them that his intentions were the same as theirs, he was able to enlist the entire *Ikhwan* as an army in a conquest of Arabia.

¹ “Democracy: A Religion,” p.5

By 1926 they had captured Mecca and Madinah and had gained control of the land. Yet the *Ikhwan* knew that this was not enough. They wanted to spread the rule across the globe, creating once again an Islamic Empire like the world once knew. So they had planned to attack and force out the occupying British settlers living within Arabia. ‘Abdul ‘Aziz however had different plans. He was now making a large steady income from having control of both Mecca and Madinah. He was enjoying the power that he had in the land which they already controlled. He did not want to do anything that would risk him losing what he had in this *dunya*.

So he commanded the *Ikhwan* to not attack the British and to abandon all ideas of a global Islamic Empire. The *Ikhwan* were shocked and furious. They began to speak against ‘Abdul ‘Aziz in order to expose his true intentions.

The *Ikhwan* made it very clear that ‘Abdul ‘Aziz had fallen into deviancy and was no longer a suitable ruler for an Islamic nation. Upon hearing these things ‘Abdul

‘Aziz quickly traveled to Riyadh in order to speak to the ‘*Ulema*’ of the region. Here he told them to compare him to the *Ikhwan* in order to determine who is right and who is wrong. This is when the infamous *fatwa* was passed in 1927 stating that the *Ikhwan* could not rebel against the Rulers.

The *Ikhwan* were finished off by 1932, the year which ‘Abdul ‘Aziz al-Saud established the nation of Saudi Arabia. From that moment to this present day with the continued aid of paid scholars, the House of Saud has been waging a siege against *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* and have taken a position as *taghoot* in the land according to many of the Scholars of our time.

When looking back at personalities such as *al-Ustadh Sayyid Qutb* and *Maulana Maududi*, the importance of *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* was highly stressed in their works. Muslims who became exposed to these teaching began to question the legitimacy of the Arab nations who had been claiming for so long that they were “Muslim” countries.



It was when more were beginning to accept - what the disbelievers first coined as the '*Salafi Jihadi*' *da'wah* - and furthering the education of what was occurring in the *Ummah*, and recognizing the deviancy in the Saudi regime - much like that which the *Ikhwan* saw and spoke against - that *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* became a threat.

Afterwards, the screams of "*Bid'ah*" became the Madkhali slogan every time *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* was brought up to them. They do not deny that *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* exists, but what they do oppose is separating it into a category in order to stress its importance.

One has to ask: What is the big deal? What is wrong with stressing the importance of something that many of the Muslims lack knowledge on?

The reality is that this issue that they have with *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* has nothing to do with the religion of Islam at all. It seems to be more of a power struggle since by eliminating the knowledge of *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah*, the people will no longer question the authority of the rulers. By eliminating the knowledge of *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* then they will no longer face a threat like they faced with the *Ikhwan*.

Due to this, it is my opinion that teaching *Tawheed al-Hakimiyyah* as a 4th category of *Tawheed* has now become a necessity so that we may save the foundations of this religion.

