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Al-‘Allāmah, al-Shaykh Rabī‘ ibn Hādī al-Madkhalī Refutes Dr. Ibrāhīm al-Ruḥaylī on the Evil Innovation of Removing the Sunnī from Salafiyyah due to Fisq
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Dr. Ibrāhīm [al-Ruḥaylī] stated: “It should be known that the true people of *Ahl-Sunnah* are those who adhere completely to *al-Islām*, in belief and character; thus, it is a deficiency in understanding to believe that the *Sunnī* or the *Salafī* is the person who has established the creed of *Ahl-Sunnah* without giving concern to the Islāmic character, conduct, and manners and giving the Muslims their mutual rights.”

Shaykh Rabī‘ replied: “Whoever has established the creed of *Ahl-Sunnah* and has traversed upon their *Manhaj* (methodology) in *al-Walā wa al-Barā* and there occurs from him some shortcomings in character, this does not remove him from the sphere of *Ahl-Sunnah* to that of the people of innovation. We do not know of anyone from *Ahl-Sunnah* who made *al-Tabdī’* (ruling a person an innovator) of a person who fell short in matters of character; and even if a *Sunnī* fell into something of sin, this does not cause him to leave the realm of the *Sunnah*.

With this, the contemporary people of *Sunnah*, like their predecessors, hold the correct creed and traverse upon the sublime legislated *Manhaj* (methodology), carrying out these great deeds and noble manners that the sects of *Fitan* (tribulations) and misguidance have not attained.

Yet, the people *Fitan* (tribulations) and lies unjustly accuse them of not possessing good manners and being weak in character. This criminal act against *Ahl-Sunnah* is a not a product of today’s time; rather, it is a repeat of the lies of the people of falsehood from the *Mu’tazilah* and others, at the head of them al-

Jaḥīz and al-Nazām. These slanderers of *Ahl-Sunnah*, past and present, are the vilest of the people in character by way of lying, deceit, and falsehood in their statements and actions; these are the evil characteristics found in the adversaries of *Ahl-Sunnah* today, and every people have their heir, not to mention those who come in the guise of *Salafiyyah*, from those we who we alluded to in the beginning of this treatise.”¹



¹ Refer to *Bayān lima fī Naṣīḥah Ibrāhīm al-Ruḥaylī min al-Khalal wa al-Ikhlāl* (p. 20-22)