

## **The Decisive Word on Yusuf Al-Qaradawi**

**Shaikh Muqbil bin Haadee Al-Waadi'ee**

### **Question:**

*What is the decisive word on Yusuf Al-Qaradawi? Is he an innovator or not? And what is your opinion concerning those who say that he is an enemy of Allaah, from the children of the Jews and who give him the nickname "Al-Qaradhee" referring to Banu Quraidha (a Jewish tribe at the time of the Prophet)?*

### **Answer:**

Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, since we came to know of him and heard about him, is a partisan (hizbee) and an innovator.

As for saying that he is an enemy of the Sunnah, then we cannot say that he is an enemy of the Sunnah. Nor can we say that he is from the children of the Jews. We must be fair, as Allaah says (what means):

***"And do not let your hatred of a people cause you to be unjust. Rather, be just, that is closer to Taqwaa."*** [Surah Al-Maa'idah: 8]

And He says (what means):

***"And when you say something, be just."*** [Surah Al-An'aam: 152]

And He says (what means):

***"O you who believe, stand out firmly for justice as witnesses to Allaah even though it be against your own selves, or your parents or your kin, be he rich or poor. Allaah is a better Protector to both (than you). So follow not the lusts (of your hearts) lest you avoid justice. And if you distort your testimony or refuse to give it, then verily Allaah is All-Aware of what you do."*** [Surah An-Nisaa: 135]

And the Prophet (sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) commanded Abu Tharr to speak the truth even if it was bitter.

**Therefore, I do not advise that his tapes be listened to, nor that his lectures be attended, nor that his books be read, because he is foolish.** He has a book in

which he makes it permissible to have numerous groups (*jamaa'aat*), even though the Prophet (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said (what means):

***“The Hand of Allaah is with the Jama'aah (those upon the Truth)”***

And he did not say: “with the *Jamaa'aat* (Groups)!”

And the Prophet (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said (what means):

***“Whoever separates away from obedience (to the Leader) and splits away from the Jamaa'ah (those with the leader)...“***

And he did not say: “from the *Jamaa'aat* (Groups)!”

And as occurs in the hadeeth of Ibn 'Abbaas (*radhyAllaahu 'anhu*), the Prophet (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said (what means):

***“Whoever sees something from his Ameer (Leader) which he hates, then let him be patient with it, for indeed the one who splits away from the Jamaa'ah by a handspan and then dies, he does not die except the death of Jaahiliyyah.”*** [Reported by Al-Bukhaaree]

And likewise in the hadeeth of Mu'awiyah, when the Prophet (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) was asked about the saved sect, he responded (with what means):

***“It is the Jamaa'ah.”***

Therefore the Muslims are one group, so it is not permissible for Al-Qaradawi to strive to split the ranks of the Muslims and to divide them. And he only weakens them by splitting them up. Allaah says (what means):

***“And hold tightly onto the Rope of Allaah, all of you together, and be not divided.”*** [Surah Aali 'Imraan: 103]

And He says (what means):

***“Verily those who divide their Religion and become sects, you have no concern with them in the least.”*** [Surah Al-Ana'aam: 159]

**And what is more despicable than this is what has been reported on him in a newspaper that he said: “We do not fight the Jews because of Islaam, but rather we fight them because they have occupied our lands.”**

I say: How terrible is this rotten fatwa! And the Lord of Glory says in His Noble Book:

***“Say: If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your kindred, the wealth that you have gained, the commerce in which you fear a decline, and the dwellings which you enjoy are dearer to you than Allaah and His Messenger, and striving hard and fighting in His Cause, then wait until Allaah brings about His Decision (i.e. torment). And Allaah guides not the people who are sinful evil-doers.”*** [Surah At-Tawbah: 24]

So the Religion takes precedence over the land and country, but however it is the *hizbiyyah* (partisanship) that causes one to become deaf and blind. Furthermore, we have written a treatise refuting him which is titled: **“Silencing the Howling Dog Yusuf bin ‘Abdillaah Al-Qaradawi.”** [*Iskaat-ul-Kalb al-'Aawee*]

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