
The Reality of Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury, Nadir Ahmad, Their Associates and the Operation Known as Madeenah.Com / FatwaOnline

Part 1: Brief Introductory Notes and a List of the Students Affiliated With Madeenah.Com

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Understanding the Reality of Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury, Nadir Ahmad and Their Operation Known as Madeenah.Com / FatwaOnline.Com

Alhamdulillah was Salaatu was Salaamu alaa Rasoolillaah, wa ba'ad:

A number of articles appeared recently and were distributed through the website Madeenah.Com, and the Fatwa-Online mailing list. Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and Nadir Ahmad are the writers of the article. The general theme of these articles is the claim that the various statements published on Madeenah.Com in criticism of Salafi Publications are from the intent and angle of refuting the opposer (*ar-radd alaa al-mukhaalif*) and are not to be considered "attacking the Salafis." To an onlooker who does not know what has been happening behind the scenes, this appears to be believable until you step back slightly, understand the wider picture, look at the history of these people as it relates to "*ar-radd alaa al-mukhaalif*", and a look at the chronological order of events (as it relates to their activities), which is what these articles will shed light on inshaa'Allaah. Once, we have done this, inshaa'Allaah, the sincere person will come to realize that far from being the self-claimed rectifiers, these individuals have turned out to be mischief makers, as already pointed out by the likes of Shaykh Ubayd, Shaikh Muhammad bin Haadee (who called some of them "*liars, transgressors*"), Shaykh Ahmad as-Subay'ee, Shaykh Muhammad al-Anjaree and a number of other Mashaayikh. Indeed, it puzzles a person to think why these three individuals have started writing these recent articles when their reality has already been made clear by some of the very Shaykhs they were initially trying to use as part of their agenda.

Some Historical Details

We should note first of all that right until the very end of 2003, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury of Fatwaonline / Madeenah.Com¹ was actively promoting the events, lectures and conferences of Salafi Publications, and this mutual cooperation (and communication) was present ever since we actively promoted his website back in the late 90s, and commended his efforts and spoke well of him, and gave him an open platform to our online audience. However, for some extremely strange reason in 2004 we saw him completely cut off ties, almost overnight. No warning, nor advice, no communication, a very strange display of character. He became involved along with Tahir Wyatt as two instrumental figures behind much of the activity that would later transpire.² It slowly began to emerge as time passed by that these students,³ far from wishing sincere advice

¹ Madeenah.Com was started in early 2005.

² A network of a dozen or so of them formed over 2004. Some of them were perhaps sincere and later regretted their involvement in the group, however the remainder had come together upon a common interest and a few of them were the real driving forces, in particular Tahir Wyatt. It is strange to see Tahir Wyatt come out very openly in the form of these recent articles published on Madeenah.Com. It is out of character for him. Usually his mischief-making is always behind the scenes, using other (obviously less astute) individuals to keep his own hands clean. Allaah knows best where this openness and courage has suddenly come from, but if anything, it is a clear sign of desperation, as something has clearly rattled his cage.

³ The story as to how all of these individuals came together is a long one, however, one should realize that all of these individuals were relatively new to the da'wah, and they lacked clarity in the affairs of manhaj which have been the chief issues affecting the Salafi da'wah in recent decades. Some of them have admitted this in writing to us in the past before their opposition to us. It was easy for many of them to be mobilized by others whose intentions were not so sincere. If you look at the da'wah of most of these people today (which inshaa'Allaah we will document with evidences in this series), you will appreciate what we have just said.

and rectification, they actively sought the downfall of Salafi Publications and their efforts.⁴ In fact Shadeed Muhammad (who remains part of this group) clearly admitted in his moment of remorseful honesty in person,⁵ in front of the brothers at Salafi Publications and others on the 25th February 2010 in Birmingham⁶ that **the intent behind Madeenah.com specifically became to counter the da'wah efforts of Salafi Publications**. Although very evasive, when probed with direct questions such as, "Were you part of the agenda to bring down Maktabah Salafiyyah," Shadeed Muhammad's verbatim response was a firm "*Absolutely, absolutely.*" He also stated in that same meeting that if we thought he was bad (as in with respect to the level of his involvement in this agenda), we should wait until he tells us about the activities of Tahir Wyatt (although he never did).

After their initial activity in the first six months of 2005 (when they came out in the name of wanting unity, rectification and brotherhood),⁷ with the passing of time it soon became clear when their goals were not being realized as easily as they thought, that they were not genuine and intended something crooked.⁸ Both Shaykh Ubayd and Shaykh Muhammad spoke explicitly on this matter and their statements are well known and spread, along with the audio recordings. The statements of these scholars who spoke regarding those behind and affiliated with Madeenah.Com⁹ should have been enough for them to stop their "*hateful large-scale attack*" to use the phrase of Shaykh Ubayd from October 2006. These were the very scholars that these individuals were working upon in order to polarize them against Salafi Publications.¹⁰ As a reminder, here are the statements of the Scholars when they became aware of the true and real agenda of these students:

Shaykh Ubayd al-Jaabiree on These Students¹¹

⁴ This also included the cowardly efforts of Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and others in trying to make other Salafis to disassociate from and sever links from Salafi Publications, which shall be mentioned a little later inshaa'Allaah. These are the type of people which if you were to address them face to face and ask them to be up front and direct and speak their minds, they would cower away, hardly able to speak, but as soon as the backs are turned, it's a different story altogether.

⁵ He also wrote something with a similar meaning in a bayaan he issued a few months later (cited later in this article), however, he was not as open, frank and direct in this bayaan which was for public consumption as he was in this private meeting with around seven or so brothers from Maktabah Salafiyyah.

⁶ This meeting commenced around 9pm and lasted for around an hour and a half.

⁷ In this timeframe there were numerous bayaans issued and inshaa'Allaah we will dedicate a separate part in these series to look at that in detail.

⁸ It so happened that many of the dozen or so people involved in this little game lost steam and they started breaking off one by one. They were not really united in their hearts, but only came together because each one of them had a common interest in countering the da'wah of Salafi Publications. There were some sincere brothers who got involved with them, but who opposed them and left them as soon as their evil intentions became clear, may Allaah reward those brothers.

⁹ Bear in mind that Fatwaonline.com (and it's mailing list) is Madeenah.com - they are one and the same, since articles on Madeenah.Com are mass distributed through Fatwaonline. In general, one represents the views of the other, unless proven otherwise. Especially since none of them have shown any open opposition to what is mailed across the world in their name! Nearly six years have passed and we have seen only one or two brothers remove their names from that list, but overall those remaining have all chosen to stay put and allow things to be posted under their united banner of Madeenah.Com.

¹⁰ We should emphasize that we love and wholeheartedly accept genuine, sincere advice whose intent is to truly benefit the one being advised, and to benefit the da'wah, and none of the sons of Adam are free of mistakes and errors, and thus, we, like all others are in need of advice, direction and correction, which is always accepted warmly and without any hesitance and resentment. However, when there are murky waters and wider agendas at play, one has to tread carefully and recourse to the senior scholars.

¹¹ Dated: Sunday 8th October 2006. Audio is here:

And we know in these days what has afflicted Maktabah Salafiyyah in Birmingham, from a people who ascribe to the Sunnah. And these (people), **I don't know what has carried them to (make) this audacious attack.** And we, all praise is due to Allah, know the Maktabah for years, and that which we advise everyone who is affiliated with the Maktabah, regardless of whether it is someone who is part of it, or one who listens to its lessons (that are organised by it), or who is close by it, that they don't pay any attention to this audacious attack...

This is because, the Maktabah, and all praise is due to Allaah, Allaah has paved the way for it in the last few years, from the people of knowledge and excellence who have become tied with it and who have acknowledged [and partaken in] its striving in calling to Allaah, the Sublime and Exalted...

And I emphasize that you do not pay attention this hateful, large-scale attack, from some of those who ascribe to the Sunnah. And we know them to be students from the Islamic University (of Madeenah). And we know others, but we do not like to name anyone. And here, may Allaah bless you, I note regarding my saying, "Some of them are from the Islamic University of Madeenah", that it is not permissible that it be understood from this that the University is responsible for them. These actions of theirs are from themselves, and the University is not responsible for the behaviour of individuals or groups from amongst its students.

Shaykh Muhammad bin Hadee on These Students¹²

I say, those whom the questioner has asked about, I know about them, I also know their problem, and to the well-informed (i.e. myself) have you come upon. And our brothers from al-Maktabah as-Salafiyyah in Birmingham, I know them fully (completely). I know them for more than 13 or 14 years, no, around 15 years (in fact). And I know them, and I know the soundness of their way, and their methodology which they are upon. And those whom you have mentioned (Madeenah.com), I know, some of them used to be with us (i.e. present with us) in al-Madinah, **and in this topic [i.e. of da'wah to Allaah and refuting opposers], they amount to nothing when compared to our brothers at the Maktabah Salafiyyah.**¹³ For our brothers in al-Maktabah as-Salafiyyah in Birmingham there is [in their da'wah] **truthful striving and good, beneficent deeds and many blessed and thanked for affairs, in disseminating the true, sound, Salafi Da'wah to people in all areas of the West, [all of] which is to be thanked for, and which is to be mentioned about them in goodness, for may Allaah reward them with goodness,** and specifically the brothers, Abdul-Wahid Abu Khadeejah, and Dawud Burbank, and likewise the brother Bilal Abu Hakeem, and besides them from the Salafi brothers who are with them, co-operating with them in al-Maktabah as-Salafiyyah, from those whose names I have forgotten right now.

As for those whom you have mentioned, then they have erred with the extremity of error. And I mentioned this to some of them when they were here, and I have given direction to some of them, and I explained to them in that regard, however, they refused that they should

http://www.salafitalk.net/st/uploads/ShUbaid_SalafiPubs1.mp3

¹²Dated: Sunday, 16th/J2/1431H (5th May 2010). Audio is here:

<http://sunnahpublishing.net/audio/binhadionmadinah.wma>

¹³ Keep this statement of Shaykh Muhammad in mind and ask yourself when have you ever seen Tahir Wyatt, or Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury or Nadir Ahmad or Shadeed Muhammad write refutations against the likes of Ihyaa al-Turath, al-Ma'ribee, al-Maghrawi, the Jam'iyyah Ahl al-Hadeeth or others, from those people who bring and perpetuate confusion in this da'wah by either propounding or acting upon false principles in their da'wah? Forget the likes of these, let us be very generous, when have you ever seen Tahir Wyatt or Muhammad Chaudhury expend efforts to pursue a particular Raafidee, or Khaarijee, or Ash'aree, or Soofee by name in a manner that that they have pursued the brothers at Maktabah Salafiyyah. Their claim of "refuting the opposer" in their recent articles would have been believable if we had seen such efforts from them in their history towards the hizbiyyeen and the innovators.

accept. So the likes of those, if they do not return (from their way), then it is not desirable for them to be put in front of the people (to teach, give lectures)...

The point here is that those who accuse the brothers with harshness (tashaddud) and exaggeration (ghuluww), and extremism (tatarruf), then they are in reality, erroneous. **And some of them, and I say this with all truthfulness, are liars, transgressors.** So we ask Allaah, the Sublime and Exalted, for guidance for the one who erred (amongst them), and we ask Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, for guidance for the one who lied and transgressed, and that He returns him to the way of truth and correctness, and if not, then may Allaah relieve us and relieve the Muslims of his evil, indeed He is Jawaad, Kareem...

And this position of yours is a correct position. **So if they [Madeenah.Com and associates] do not return (to what is correct) and do not repent, then they are not to be put in front of the people, nor are they to be co-operated with, rather they are to be warned against, I say, in addition to that, they are warned against so that the people can beware of them, because if the people do not beware of them, they will fall into their snare, and go astray as a result of them.** We ask Allaah for pardon and safety, and all praise is due to the Lord of the Worlds.

One should also note that these statements were made after Tahir Wyatt and his group had started in their work to try and mobilize the Shaykhs against Salafi Publications. However, as time passed by these Shaykhs became weary of their insincerity and games, hence, the statements above. There was also the statement by Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee, endorsed by Shaykh Abdullaah al-Bukhaaree:¹⁴

Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee's Letter

In the name of Allaah, the One Full of Mercy, the Merciful (to His Slaves).
The Shaykh, the Doctor
Muhammad bin Haadee al-Madkhalee
Member of Teaching Staff
Faculty of Hadeeth at the Islamic University

No: _____
Date:25/4/1430H
Attachments: _____

All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and may the prayers and salutations be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companionship.

To proceed:

To the generality of our Muslim brothers who will see this, I say: Indeed I am acquainted with my brothers from al-Maktabah as-Salafiyah [Salafi Publications], in Birmingham in the state of Britain, with an acquaintance of long standing, and they are - until now, at the time of writing these lines - upon the best of condition in terms of active zeal in calling people to the correct Islamic religion, and calling the people to the Salafee aqeedah.

Their active zeal in that regard is well-known to me, and they have efforts worthy of thanks, they are to be thanked with regard to their connecting the Muslims around them with the Mashaayikh, the Scholars, and [for] establishing lessons for them with the people of knowledge. And similarly, [for] their eagerness in this affair, every time they come to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Umrah and visitation, they establish for them [the Muslims] beneficial knowledge-based seminars with the Salafi Mashaayikh until they [the Muslims]

¹⁴ Dated 25/4/1430H (21/4/2009CE): View handwritten letter and endorsement here: <http://salafitalk.net/st/uploads/sp-shaikhs-madinah-april-2009.jpg> - and this statement was issued with Shaykh Muhammad's full awareness of the insincerity, lies and transgressions of this group.

return, having benefited [from that]. So may Allaah reward them with good for this action of their's and may He bless their efforts.¹⁵

And in closing this writing I counsel them with continuation upon this way and [with] striving in calling to Allaah and guiding the people to the truth, and [with] eagerness to increase in beneficial knowledge and righteous action. And may Allaah send prayers and salutations upon His Servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, his family and his companionship.

Written by his hand: Muhammad bin Haadee al-Madkhalee

On the evening of Tuesday, 25/4/1430H

[Signature]

Shaykh Abdullah al-Bukhaaree's Endorsement

In the Name of Allaah, to proceed: I have read what has been written by our brother, the Shaykh, the Doctor, Muhammad bin Haadee, may Allaah grant him success, and I agree with what he has written and counselled [with]. I ask Allaah to grant success and right direction to all. And may Allaah send prayers upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and all his companionship.

Written by Abdullaah bin Abdur-Raheem al-Bukhaaree

27/4/1430H

[Signature]

Moving On...

When it transpired that the activities of these individuals had been exposed,¹⁶ and the statements above constituted the greatest of expositions of them, it appears that they only became more

¹⁵ The reader should note that these statements were made after that period of around 2005-2008 when these individuals had been running around creating confusion. During this period, those affiliated with Madeenah.Com were scaremongering and pressurizing the newer students in Madinah University who they knew had associations with us, and boasting that "*The Maktabah is going to get refuted, they are going to get destroyed, they are finished...*", and were insisting that they abandon us otherwise "*you will be getting it too and you will go down with them*". This is a well-known matter to all involved and it shows the insincerity behind what these people were up to, and far from being correcting one who errs from Ahl al-Sunnah, it was actually a call for disassociation, boycotting and attempting to destroy, and this is what they have continued to do to this day. Some of them who were sincere abandoned the group when their evil intentions became apparent and no longer hidden. However, at the end of it all, this did not change the view of our Noble Scholars towards us as you can see, and in reality, it was a smiting upon their noses and lips when these types of statements emanated from Shaykh Ubayd and Shaykh Muhammad. One would have expected that they would have stopped their cowardly games, but unfortunately, this has not been the case. **All they are doing is "Shaykh hopping", moving from one, or one set of Shaykhs to another, playing their games, until they realize their objectives which have so far, walhamdulillah, failed.** It becomes increasingly clear now that it is in reality an issue of manhaj which they have a problem with. Because if it was an issue of the necessity of refuting the opposer as they are now describing their activities, and at the same time they know full well that all of these Scholars who they were trying to mobilize against us consider us Salafi and upon the Sunnah and continue to commend our efforts and encourage others to cooperate with us, then why have these individuals not acted upon this advice if they were sincere, and at the same time show their open support, defence, loyalty and allegiance to those whom these very Scholars consider hizbiyyeen, deviants, astray and warn against them and their da'wah.

¹⁶ It has been brought to our attention that Shaykh Abdullaah al-Bukhaaree requested these individuals to remove his name from their website, Madeenah.Com. Perhaps this is the reason why to maintain that air of credibility, they have now made prominent the name of Shaykh Khalid ar-Raddaadee on their site

determined in their deception and games. Since the Scholars appear only to be a means to an end for them (judging by their actions), we saw these people abandon some of these same Scholars such as Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee who himself subsequently pointed out to us that he has not seen any of these individuals again after many years!

At this stage (around 2009, and certainly by 2010) it became fairly clear to Tahir Wyatt and his colleagues that what they had achieved previously of tumult and confusion in the years gone by (their objective partly achieved) had now crumbled and fell to the wayside as these Scholars (whom they used to frequent) spoke against them in severe terms whilst defending Salafi Publications from their "*hateful large-scale attack*" as Shaikh Ubayd described it, and asked for them to return and repent.¹⁷ **One should note here again that these Scholars appear only to be a means to an end for these individuals and their dubious intentions, otherwise why would they quote and utilize Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee and Shaikh Abdullaah al-Bukhaaree in their initial campaign against Maktabah Salafiyyah and then when they realized that these Mashaayikh saw through them and had not fallen for the deception, they stopped quoting them in their subsequent speech when they had good positive words to say and pretty much abandoned some of these Shaykhs (like Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee).** Why not be just and accept the later statements of these Shaykhs and that of Shaikh Rabee' bin Haadee instead of holding on to criticisms which they themselves engineered and orchestrated in the first place?¹⁸

banner, and the real question is what is the level of two-facedness they are showing to Shaykh Khalid and to what extent Shaykh Khalid is really aware of their activities and their associations, promotions and allegiances with the hizbiyyeen and whether the Shaykh actually sanctions and approves of everything that is done and spread by Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury, Nadir Ahmad, Abdur-Raof Muhammad and the others. It is likely that he is unaware of their sideline operation called Fatwaonline and what is distributed through it, and this what we assume from the Shaykh, inshaa'Allaah. We are certain that if the Shaykh knew of their cooperation with and support of the followers of al-Maghraawee and al-Ma'ribee and their defence of Suhayb Hasan and their propagation of events that he attends and the rest of their activities, their game would be finished for good.

¹⁷ One should also realize that by Allaah's blessing our connections to these Scholars, such as Shaykh Rabee' and Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee and Shaykh Ubayd go back a long time to the early to mid-90s, and we had the blessing of going through that period of turmoil in the 90s with the fitnahs of the Qutbiyyah, Surooriyyah, Takfiriyyah, Bannaa'iyyah with the guidance and direction of the Scholars and as a result of which we had a tight connection with them walhamdulillaah. These individuals came on to the scene later, and many of them came from certain backgrounds, some were Sufis, like Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury, others were Deobandis, and others were not even in the da'wah or even practicing the religion (as is the case of some of them) until well into the late 90s. These people never really fathomed or grasped what this whole "manhaj" thing was about and nor did they study it, and some of them have admitted this to us in the past and it is on record, that they clearly had problems in studying or grasping these issues, or that they had grossly neglected this area. For this reason, most of them were very easily led in the direction they subsequently went to (of corruption in al-walaa wal-baraa') and the reader will appreciate this when we document the nature of their da'wah and their cooperation, defence and support of the people of innovation at the same time that they have been making their hateful large-scale attack to destroy Salafi Publications.

¹⁸ To give you an example, they claimed that in introducing one of Abu Hakeem's lectures in the city of Bristol, one of the brothers (also a student at Madinah University) referred to him as "masdar al-hidaayah" (the source of guidance) which the Scholars were, naturally, very surprised at. That's until you realize that in English, it was said that "so and so has been a source of guidance for us..." meaning in knowledge and direction, which applies to every Scholar and Student who calls to Allaah upon Tawhid and Sunnah, and it is common even in Arabic to refer to them as "*lanterns of guidance*" as Ibn Mas'ood advised, "*Be you lanterns of guidance...*" as related by Ibn al-Qayyim in al-Fawaa'id and Ibn Taymiyyah in Majmu' al-Fataawaa, and this certainly means "be you sources of guidance for the people". This in no way, from near or from far, equates to treating someone as being "*the source of guidance*" as in *tawfeeq* [which would be kufr], or as being equivalent to revelation or a recipient of revelation which is how it was put to the Shaykhs in

What Is the Great Fitnah that Our Scholars Have Been Warning Against?

The reader should understand that the great fitnah¹⁹ of the last century which our Scholars have been waging a war against comprises the evil and corrupt principles inherited from Hasan al-Banna by people like Salmaan al-Awdah, Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq (Ihyaa at-Turaath al-Islaamee), Adnaan Ar'oor, Abu al-Hasan al-Ma'ribee and more recently Ali Hasan al-Halabi and those who uphold the principles of these latter two.²⁰

The chief characteristic of this way which our noble Scholars, at the head of them, Shaykh Rabee, have repeatedly pointed out, refuted and warned against is corruption in *al-walaa wal-baraa* (allegiance and disavowal). All these people came out as being very stern and harsh against the generality of the Salafis,²¹ seeking their faults, disparaging them, belittling them, mocking them and their Scholars yet showing great lenience, inclination, sympathy, cooperation and allegiance towards innovators, hizbees, callers to misguidance and people who are not upon this noble Salafi Manhaj, who do not value it nor its Scholars. Whilst making a display of association with the great scholars like Shaykh Ibn Baz, Shaykh al-Albaani, Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen, these figureheads were in allegiance with those who opposed the manhaj of the Salaf and of these great Scholars, and who were in opposition to their advices, rulings and verdicts, and they continued to confuse and deceive others by their apparent attachment to these Scholars.

This orientation, methodology and behaviour is still found amongst many people today and *alhamdulillah* for the Salafi Manhaj and its scales of judgement, for by them we are able to clearly see whether what people write and beautify in their speech agrees with what they do in practice, in their actions, allegiances and da'wah or whether it is nothing but deception and lies.

translation. The purpose here is to show that these "students of Madeenah" really had an agenda and their activities and interactions with the Shaykhs was for this specific agenda, which later became plainly evident, when some of these Shaykhs they involved spoke against them.

¹⁹ As in, the great fitnah against the methodology of the Prophets in da'wah to Allaah, and against the Salafi Manhaj and its principles and its adherents.

²⁰ There are many who may not propound or defend the principles of these two, however, practically speaking, their da'wah, and their walaa and baraa is founded upon and operates upon the principles of these two innovators, al-Ma'ribee and al-Halabee.

²¹ Regarding this term, "the Salafis", despite all of the propaganda by Madeenah.Com, "the Salafis" walhamdulillah are not a handful of people in one city in the West, rather "the Salafis" are a very large number of people who are united upon a single way, who honour and respect the Salafi manhaj, and who are behind the Scholars who uphold that manhaj. In particular those Scholars who are at the forefront of clarifying the methodologies of the Salaf as a result of which we have a da'wah that is upon clarity, whose adherents love each other for the sake of Allaah, and amongst whom there is mutual love and cooperation and they are found walhamdulillah in all corners of the globe. Unfortunately, this type of clarity is not to the liking of Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhary and their likes, who quite often display greater closeness towards the callers to misguidance and their followers than those who (even if they may have shortcomings, as no one is free of them) are upon the Salafi manhaj, loving it, venerating it, calling to it, defending it and honouring it and its Scholars. This is the legacy of al-Ma'ribee no doubt. For this reason, when you see that Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee, after the period in which these individuals were playing their games, he said what he said in commendation of Salafi Publications, then this really grieved Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and Nadir Ahmad, and out of hypocrisy in action, we see them today continuing to treat Salafi Publications as those who must be warned against at every expense and continuing to play games and using deception in order to confuse people in the West who do not really know the full details of what has been transpiring behind the scenes over the years.

Pay attention to what Shaykh Rabee' Ibn Haadee said:²²

We have been afflicted in these days with those who falsely accuse true Salafis of being extreme and harsh in al-Jarh wat-Ta'deel (praising and criticising) and in other areas. He wages war against them in the most severe fashion whilst he makes peace with the people of innovation and desires, heaping praise and commendations upon them. So (you find that) he falls into tamyee' when dealing with the people of innovation and at the same time he shows a destructive form of extremism towards the people of Sunnah and the truth...

Token Attachments Towards the Scholars

Today, we have many people making a token attachment to Shaykh Rabee' bin Haadee and other noble Scholars, using their general statements to confuse and deceive others,²³ **but never, ever propagating the specific refutations of these scholars against the individuals** who are responsible for importing destructive Ikhwanee principles into the Salafee da'wah. Yet, these same people (who make this token attachment) are constantly plotting and showing opposition against those who value this type of clarity in manhaj and in da'wah, and all that can be seen in their actions, their allegiances, their da'wah is the very thing that Scholars like Shaykh Rabee' have been warning against, refuting and exposing for many long years. When we look at the activities of Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and others we see that this is the stark reality. Don't be surprised that Shaykh Ubayd and Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee whom these individuals initially tried to mobilize against Salafi Publications spoke very harshly against them, ("*...this hateful large-scale attack...*", "*...some of them are liars, transgressors...*") when their realities became known.

The Necessity of Correction of Errors²⁴

This is obligatory upon all, and we say without hesitation:

²² This was posted on Sahab.Net on 23rd Muharram 1430 (21st January 2009) and was translated and published on Troid.Org.

²³ Notice how Madeenah.Com post very generalized statements of Shaykh Rabee' but never once do we see them propagating the Shaykh's refutations against al-Ma'ribee or al-Halabi and their likes or against the organizations and Jam'iyahs who are upon those evil, wasteful methodologies which are aimed at diluting the Salafi manhaj in order to give ease to the people of bid'ah and hizbiyyah. On the contrary we see the likes of Tahir Wyatt and Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury either befriending the likes of these people or promoting their da'wah activities.

²⁴ Following a meeting that was orchestrated by this group with Shaykh Khalid ar-Raddaadee and which was done in an underhanded manner, we went to see Shaykh Rabee' the very same evening (the Shaykh happened to be in Madinah at the time), likewise we sat with Shaykh Ubayd the same evening and likewise, we spoke to Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee the following day who was very displeased at these undertakings by this group. All of them told us not to pay any attention to any of this, not to get involved in signing any bayaans and nor write any clarifications and to ignore any and all demands that were being made. Shaykh Muhammad said the next time we are in Madinah we should visit him and he would deal with the situation. From this point the situation was now in the hands of Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee. We subsequently visited the Shaykh in April 2005. Now as things did not go according to the plan of these students, and as things were now in the hands of Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee who is an extremely astute and intelligent Shaykh, this group suffered a huge defeat in the sense that the agenda did not become so easy to pursue any more. **It is from this point that they gradually stopped frequenting Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee, a point that the Shaykh himself later made to us in person, that he has not seen some of these individuals after three years and as a result of which he became aware of their insincere intentions.**

Indeed if Salafi Publications have mistakes and errors, small or large, they must rectify them and return to the truth. If they have errors they must be advised and corrected in the legislated manner of the Sharee'ah, whilst their honor is maintained, since they are upon Salafiyyah and they are not warned against, but their error is corrected. They are not abandoned and vilified, even if the mistake is proven to be true. If, however, they have opposed the aqeedah and manhaj of the Salaf, and then persist upon that, then they must be warned against. We say that openly and clearly, without hesitation or decoration - may Allaah protect us from misguidance and keep us upon His obedience. So ar-Radd 'alaa al-Mukhaalif (refuting the opposer) wherever justified is accepted as long as it is done in accordance to the legislated methodology.

One would assume then - since Madeenah.com (and Fatwaonline.com) have spent so much effort in trying to bring out the mistakes of Salafi Publications and continue to highlight them under their claimed banner of "refuting the opposer" - that they are willing to present proof for what they placed upon their website and sent out on their mailing list such as the speech of Shaykh Waseeullaah²⁵ through which a gross slander was conveyed to thousands of people. This was displayed on Madeenah.com and later removed, but not before sending it out to over 8,000 mailing list recipients. Cunningly however, they kept the title heading in place and it remains on the site along with a disclaimer which has its own story and which we will discuss separately.²⁶ This action of theirs took place after they lost all hope from being able to achieve their objectives through those particular Shaykhs of Madinah alone, as Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee had put an end to that.

The So-Called Claim of "Refuting the Opposer"

It is also pitiful that they should try to append things that can no longer be attributed to Salafi Publications, such as the previous praises for Ali Hasan al-Halabee from 1993 to 2001. This individual was praised at a time when many of the scholars were praising and supporting him using various honorific descriptions.²⁷ Then when the affair of this man became clear during his defence of and allegiance with Abul-Hasan al-Ma'ribee in 2002, and his lies became apparent, we took the evidence-based statements of the scholars and abandoned him and his colleagues. From that time in 2002, Salafi Publications kept away from Saleem al-Hilaalee and Ali Hasan, and

²⁵ Shaykh Waseeullaah is another means to an end for them because Shaykh Waseeullaah has taken a position against Salafi Publications due to the fact that they, on the basis of the refutations of numerous scholars, at the head of them Shaykh Muqbil bin Haadee, have spoken against the Ikhwani methodologies and deviations of the Jam'iyyah Markaz Ahl al-Hadith, and its figureheads such as Suhayb Hasan. A clear example of how they put Shaykh Waseeullaah into an awkward position by publishing one of his answers to a question regarding Salafi Publications will be covered in another part in this series. It shows that it matters little to them that Shaykh Waseeullaah should be fed lies which are subsequently transmitted, albeit, without intent and purpose (on behalf of the Shaykh), and which then puts the Shaykh in an awkward position of having to withdraw the statement. One should also note that there are a lot of people who have allegiances with the Jam'iyyah Ahl al-Hadeeth, and who are upon hizbiyyah, and who have historically harboured resentment and grudges against Salafi Publications - the likes of these people have found recourse with Shaykh Waseeullaah and seen him as an instrument for their own goals. Shaykh Waseeullaah was no doubt mistaken about Suhayb Hasan, and the other scholars like Shaykh Muqbil, Shaykh Ubayd, Shaykh Rabee', Shaykh Muhammad bin Haadee, Shaykh Muhammad al-Anjaree were correct, which has now made itself even more manifest in the debacle over Usamah Hasan's statements regarding the origins of Adam ('alaih salaam) and the dreadful position taken by Suhaib Hasan in the matter.

²⁶ Their deception in this episode will be exposed in another part in this series inshaa'Allaah.

²⁷ Shaykh Muhammad al-Banna (rahimahullaah) described Ali Hasan al-Halabee as "the Ibn al-Qayyim of the era" (26th September 2000) and others, such as Shaykh Sa'd al-Husayyin, referred to him as "Aalim, Muhaddith."

stopped inviting them or attending any of their gatherings, since it was clear that they were defending the innovator al-Ma'rabi upon falsehood.²⁸

Hence, in line with the Sharee'ah, we praise a man when he displays the Sunnah and acts in its defence and is praised by the Scholars and we abandon him when he opposes the Sunnah and wages war against its people and is dispraised by the Scholars. It is strange, or perhaps not, depending on how you look at the situation, that these individuals from Madeenah.Com should highlight such an affair and use it against Salafi Publications, especially since they themselves continued to promote Ali Hasan even after he had shown his open allegiance to the innovator Abul-Hasan al-Ma'rabi (and al-Qoosee, al-Maghraawee)! They support the activities, conferences and events of those who support them and are allied with them and invite some of them to their venues.

The same is the case with others whom the scholars praised due to their adherence to the Sunnah, and then dispraised them when they persisted in opposition to the Salafi manhaj and declaring war against it and its Scholars - such as Faalih al-Harbi and Fawzi al-Bahraini. So upon direction from the Scholars, without any hesitation, Salafi Publications translated the refutations of the scholars and openly distanced themselves from those being warned against.

As for this slogan being raised by Madeenah.Com of "ar-Radd alal-Mukhaalif" in their recent articles, by Allaah what a deceitful slogan on their behalf, even if in and of itself it is a great and lofty slogan. Where are their knowledge-based refutations against al-Ma'rabi or Ali al-Halabi or al-Maghraawee or al-Qoosee or Ihyaa at-Turaath or Suhaib Hasan or Abu Usamah adh-Dhahabi or Abdullaah as-Sabt or their followers in the West, be they individuals or organizations? When did we see them write articles, warnings, and distribution of PDFs to thousands against these opposers who are mixed up in the Ikhwani principles of al-Ma'ribee and who operate their da'wah upon them? Since when have we ever seen them distribute and propagate the statements of the Scholars, the detailed criticisms, in particular those of Shaykh Rabee', regarding these people and their Ikhwani deviations? Answer: Never and nowhere! Rather Madeenah.com (Fatwaonline.com) promote events where many of these misguided souls appear in person and they promote the organisations that are active supporters of the people of misguidance! And at the same time, they, with great zeal, seek to disparage and belittle and make the people flee from those who conveyed the clarity of the Scholars in these matters.²⁹

²⁸ Madeenah.com (fatwaonline), on the other hand, till this day take an openly supportive stance towards the organisations and Islamic Centres that defend Ali Hasan, al-Ma'rabi, al-Qoosee and al-Maghraawee.

²⁹ One of those affiliated with them, Shadeed Muhammad, wrote in a statement he made in 2010 the following:

I realized while being in the Islamic University that a lot of students, including myself, have a limited scope on the da'wah in the West and tend to look at things from one angle, naturally so, due to the fact that they lack experience, no matter how much they think they may know. Upon graduating from the Islamic University and returning to America, I realized that the demands of the da'wah are far more than what I anticipated. It really requires for one to be mature and have an open mind about things and people...I started to see that the position(s) I held about people were really not warranted. I was aware of the personal incongruous attacks made against the brothers at Salafi Publications and their efforts in the da'wah. Those articles that were posted tarnished the honor of our brothers and even some of the scholars requested for those articles to be removed from the site...Without any consideration for the da'wah as a whole in the West, this opportunity paved the way for a launch of attacks and discredits directed towards the brothers at Salafi Publications from various websites, ultimately damaging the way that people viewed them as well as the da'wah of Salafiyah. This

Rather, the first time that they have ever come out in order to author articles³⁰ has not been to refute any of the people of innovation as far as we know, rather it is to attack and bring down Salafis who are known to be upon the truth that they know, calling to it, defending it (and who at the same time are not free of error like anybody else)

This was the very type of behaviour and orientation for which Shaykh Rabe'e and other noble Scholars were refuting people like Salman al-Awdah, Abdur-Rahman Abdul-Khaaliq, Abu al-Hasan al-Ma'ribee and now Ali Hasan al-Halabi. It is known as corruption in *al-walaa wal-baraa*. Take a step back, dear reader, is it not somewhat strange (to say the least) that Salafi Publications is refuted under the guise of ar-Radd 'alal-Mukhaalif, whilst many of these misguided callers and organisations are allowed to flourish without even a passing comment?! It is strange that they continue to disparage Salafi Publications, having cut off from them, stopped advertising their conferences, and demand from others to cut off all links to them³¹ - yet they remain quiet about

clarification was per the advice of our Sheikh, Muhammad Ibn Hadi Al Madkhali (Hafithahullah) in an attempt to bring about reconciliation between the brothers.

Also in a sitting with the brothers from Salafi Publications and others on 25th February 2010, before Shadeed Muhammad wrote the above statement, he admitted in his moment of remorseful honesty in Birmingham that the intent behind Madeenah.com became specifically to counter the da'wah efforts of Salafi Publications. Shadeed was not forthcoming about this initially and was trying to avoid speaking frankly, but when very direct questions were put to him, he was forced to acknowledge that this was indeed the case. From this you should now see a clear picture emerging in which the deception of Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury, Ismail Yusuf and Nadir Ahmad (and their associates) becomes ever more apparent.

³⁰ We are not speaking here of distribution of statements of the scholars against deviant sects whose deviation is already clear to Ahl al-Sunnah, but we are speaking of actually going out of one's way to **author an article or a refutation** by oneself against someone else by name or against an organization. We have never known these individuals - within the limits of our knowledge, and Allaah knows best - to author a refutation against a person by name or an organization by name prior to the time that they launched their hateful and calculated attack against Salafi Publications. And we are not speaking about those whose deviation is clear like the Khawaarij, the Raafidah, the Sufis, the Deobandis, and so on, we are speaking about those who became known for deviation and hizbiyyah, calling to it, and whom the Scholars exposed, refuted and warned against. In the midst of all of that time we saw nothing but deafening silence and no zeal, and no activity from these people in this arena. Then, the very first time - and Allaah knows best - that we saw them come out with such prolonged determination, zeal, intent, and with such striving and effort is when it is against Salafis who have been upon the truth that they know, following the Scholars, and refuting within the best of their ability, the innovators, deviants and hizbees who deserve to be refuted, guiding themselves in that through the Scholars they follow. **This observation itself falsifies every slogan they are raising and brandishing right now**, and all Salafis in all parts of the West who have gheerah (concern, care, jealousy) for the Salafi manhaj can see this truth just by digging into the history of these individuals and their activities online and offline. Indeed, it is not an exaggeration to say that these individuals have not shown such amount of effort and determination against the Khawaarij, the Raafidees, the Soofees, the Ash'arees (and others) as they have against Salafi Publications over these last six years.

³¹ It got to such a stage of desperation for them that at the height of their nefarious activity they were very keen to see the brothers at Troid.Org remove all links they had to the SalafiPublications.Com website. The brothers concerned refused to be pressurized in this manner and responded with a firm "No". The mentality of these students is quite nicely summed up by the brother from Troid who wrote about his encounter with them when they hosted him in Madinah, with a view to winning him over:

Years later, I finally met with an individual involved with Fatwa Online. In having discussions with him we found that the conversations often and quickly turned to the issues of Abu Khadeejah, Maktabah Salafiyyah and focusing negatively on their efforts, efforts which we see as the most consistent and most clear in spreading the salafee da'wah and connecting the people to their Scholars in the West dating back more than 15 years! In one instance, I had

most of the callers to bid'ah who brought turmoil to the Salafi da'wah in recent times. They are cosy, cooperative and gentle with clear callers to innovation and misguidance and with those who organize conferences with them.

By Allaah, if these individuals were truthful in their recent articles about refuting the opposer (ar-Radd 'alal-Mukhaalif), then we would have seen from them multiple times more effort, zeal, determination against those whose errors are calamities, innovations, and misguidance.³² In reality, it will become clear that they are not truthful at all, neither in their speech nor their actions. Rather, they are acting upon an agenda, which has already been exposed by the Scholars, and is becoming worn out as the days go by. All they are doing is moving on from one set of Scholars (who came to know their reality) to other Scholars for their objectives. In reality they have two faces, one shown to the Scholars and the rest shown to the West.

Readers should take what has preceded so far as an illustration of the lengths these people have been going to in order to play deceitful games with and between the Scholars as part of their hate-filled agenda to mobilize the Scholars against Salafi Publications. The real reason behind this agenda is that people like Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and their likes are averse to a da'wah which is based upon clarity, because if that type of clarity becomes rooted in the hearts and minds of the Salafis in the West in general, **it is a direct threat to the kind of da'wah that people like Madeenah.com wish for in the West.** Their da'wah calls for leniency and cooperation with the people of misguidance, a watering down of the demarcation between Ahl ul-Haqq and Ahl ul-Baatil – that is why one finds them promoting events organized by people of desires, the followers of al-Ma'ribee, al-Halabee, al-Maghraawee, Ihyaa Turaath and Green Lane Mosque whilst at the same time they ignore events organized by Salafi Publications, Troid, and

breakfast with one of the representatives of fatwa online in which it was the first time we met, the conversation turned quickly to speaking about Abu Khadeejah this and Abu Khadeejah that...and when we had barely met! I just remembered years early, how Abu Khadeejah how spoken so well of the same individual, protecting his honour and encouraging us with cooperation and good thoughts wallaahul musta'aan. So we respected our brothers and their efforts in giving da'wah, we gave them our attention and listened to what they had to say and we did not find except that their contention (with Maktabah Salafiyyah) seemed personal and misplaced and that is was a debacle that they would support and promote Green Lane Masjid and speak against Masjid as-Salafi. Lastly, there should be no doubt in anyones mind that Maktabah Salafiyyah (and TROID for that matter) sought to cooperate with Fatwa Online for many years, turning a blind eye to much, until it became something no longer possible due to the allegiances they (Fatwa Online) attached themselves too. We ask Allaah for safety, ameen.

Refer to: <http://www.salafitalk.net/st/viewmessages.cfm?Forum=9&Topic=7567> for the full post. And to clarify further that from 2005 onwards it was Fatwaonline / Madeenah.com (led by Tahir Wyatt and Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and the others they roped in to the agenda) that boycotted and warned against Salafi Publications, and demanded that all links be severed from them – not the other way around! Then they proceeded over the next several years to support the centres aligned to hizbees and innovators and they expected the Salafi Maraakiz in the West to remain quiet whilst they continued to promote the people of misguidance! **And now they claim that it was they who have remained silent and patient for years! In truth, they were really creating mischief behind the scenes with deception and cunning whilst claiming rectification to onlookers.** They question begs: Do they actually believe their own propaganda? The reality is that the generality of the Salafis in the West are not as dumb as Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and the others think they are, because alhamdulillah, from all the emails, phone calls, and text messages we receive and continue to receive from all the various places in the globe, it is clear that the deception and two-facedness of these people is fairly plain and clear to see. That much is plainly evident from the sum whole of their past activities, and in what the Scholars who know them extremely well have said about them, as quoted at the beginning of this article.














³² On the contrary, we see them continuing to promote their conferences and supporting them.

various Maraakiz of Salafiyyah in the UK and USA who make clear their love, veneration and upholding of the Salafi manhaj and who value clarity.

It is precisely against this clarity in da'wah and the distribution of the refutations of the Salafi Scholars against the deviants that people like Shadeed Muhammad (who is part of the Madeenah.Com group) are trying to attack in hidden subtle ways, because they resent this type of da'wah and it does not fit in with their own da'wah which, as we shall prove, identifies strongly with the false principles of al-Ma'ribee and al-Halabi and is an orientation which shows nothing but narrowness, sternness, severity, upon the Salafis who value clarity in issues of methodology, and who propagate the refutations of the Scholars and yet vastness, openness, friendliness to the hizbiyyeen.

The Da'wah and Allegiance of These Individuals

Indeed, actions can speak louder than words! They say that "*a picture speaks a thousand words*" - and we will see this in reality when we display in pictures before you one by one in what follows in other parts of this series, so you can judge for yourself the walaa' and baraa' of these people. They will disparage Salafi Publications (under the slogan of refuting the opposer) yet cooperate openly with people of misguidance and promote their events and appear alongside them. Below are the names displayed on the Madeenah.com website of its members, translators and representatives of their da'wah and call. This is a screenshot from their site:

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|  Abdul-Aziz bin Abdur-Rauf Shakir
from New York, USA
- Graduate, Faculty of Hadeeth |  Mu'awiyya Tucker, Abu Yahyaa
from London, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Sharee'ah |
|  Abdur-Raof Muhammad, Abu Sumayyah
from Birmingham, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Hadeeth |  Nadir Ahmad, Abu Abdul-Waahid
from Ottawa, Canada
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Hadeeth |
|  Ahrar Mohammed Shareef, Abu Abdullaah
from Toronto, Canada
- Final Year, Institute of Arabic Language |  Naveed Ayaaz, Abul Abbaas
from Nelson, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Sharee'ah |
|  Farhan Safdar, Abu Hudhayfah
from Leicester, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language |  Rashid Ahmad Ahmadi, Abu Yusuf
from California, USA
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Hadeeth; PGDip, Da'wah |
|  Ismaa'eel bin Yusuf, Abul-Qayyim
from Birmingham, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Hadeeth |  Tahir Wyatt, Abu Abdur-Razzaaq
from Philadelphia, USA
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Hadeeth;
PGDip, Da'wah;
Masters in 'Aqeedah |
|  Madeenah.Com Administration
from The Islaamic University of Madeenah,
- al-Madeenah an-Nabawiyyah, Saudi Arabia |  Zulfiker Ibrahim al-Memoni al-Athari
from Leicester, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language; |
|  Mohammed Akhtar Chaudhry, Abu Abdullaah
from London, England
- Graduate, Institute of Arabic Language;
Graduate, Faculty of Sharee'ah | |

In what follows in the other parts of this series inshaa'Allaah, we will proceed to examine and evaluate the reality of this slogan of "refuting the opposer" which Tahir Wyatt, Muhammad Akhtar Chaudhury and Nadir Ahmad are using to deceive the generality of the Salafis in the West

in order to hide and conceal their own corruption in *al-walaa wal-baraa'* and their own personal agendas.³³

³³ Before we take this particular issue up, we may have a few other issues to address first and hence for the next couple of articles we will address those issues and then come back to going through these listed students and showing what manhaj they implement when it comes to their da'wah and their allegiance.