

Why Is Ed Husain Rebutted

Indeed, this man is an affiliate of Quilliam Foundation – an organisation that claims to be fighting extremism and deradicalizing extremists in the name of Islam, however they are nothing else but deviants seeking to kill two birds with one stone- hiding behind this battle against extremism and at the same time sheltering people who call to the path of the heretical philosophers. There is no doubt that the one upon such a path will harbour enmity towards the people who follow the sound Salafi Methodology. Ed Husain jumped out from the frying pan into the fire – an enemy of Salafiyyah whilst he was affiliated with the Khaarijites- Radicals of Hizb at-Tahreer – and he still an enemy of Salafiyyah whilst affiliated with Quilliam Foundation – promoters of the heretical philosophers.

Ed Husain stated – whilst rebutting the Radicals, but also manifesting his hatred towards the people of Sunnah – that: “There are many such lessons of compassion, kindness and care in the life of the prophet that are airbrushed by today’s fanatics. The bigotry of the **Salafi jihadis** can only be challenged and eventually uprooted by educating them on the prophet of Islam described in the Qur’an “as a mercy to the worlds”. Many in the world today would be rightly asking “where is this mercy?” For what we see is beheadings, wars and suicide bombings in the name of religion. Sadly, we will continue to witness such evil unless we address the motivations of the Salafi jihadist killers. They kill in the name of religion; we cannot respond by citing the virtues of Darwin, secularism and materialism. The only language these radicals understand is that of religion. It is by mustering the best of religion that we defeat the worst of it”. [End of quote]

In the above quote Ed Husain seeks to distort **Salafiyyah** by claiming that there is a group to be categorized as “**Salafi Jihadists**”. This is a mighty slander indeed, because the **Salafi Methodology** is free from the religious innovations and satanic ideas of the Jihadis and all other deviants, including Ed Husain and his associates. We have already responded to this mighty and wicked slander of his. See Quote 7 in this link: <https://salaficentre.com/2020/10/27/19-brief-rebuttal-against-ed-husain-13-brief-comments-on-ed-husains-ambiguous-statements-and-satanic-insinuations-regarding-freedom-of-speech-extremism-salafism-caliphate-and-security/>

As for engagement in his dangerous philosophy, Ed promotes the heretical philosophers such as the likes of Ibn Sina, Al-Farabi and their ilk; rather Ed Husain even promotes Darwin’s Kufr – the theory of evolution! Here are examples of his misguidance [23 articles in Response to Ed Husain’s Ideas Regarding Philosophy, Renaissance and Saudi Arabia <https://salaficentre.com/2020/10/01/on-philosophy-renaissance-and-saudi-arabia-section-1-eleven-short-responses-to-ed-husains-a-caller-to-one-of-the-paths-of-iblees-at-quilliam-foundation-satanic-insinuat/>

Second, before reading the articles written by Shaikh Dr Abu Iyaad and Shaikh Abdul Waahid Abu Khadeejah [may Allaah preserve both of them], one needs to know the dangerous path which this person has chosen for himself after disassociating from the dangerous path of the Radicals, because one finds that Ed either speculates or utters something that is tantamount to clear deviation whenever he opens his mouth. He has speculated and sought to please the enemies of Islaam so much that whilst seeking to defend the French ideologues who mock at the Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], the wicked liar claims that the Prophet was the first person who fought for freedom of speech! We have already rebuttal this satanic statement. See Quote 4 in this link: <https://salaficentre.com/2020/10/27/19-brief-rebuttal-against-ed-husain-13-brief-comments-on-ed-husains-ambiguous-statements-and-satanic-insinuations-regarding-freedom-of-speech-extremism-salafism-caliphate-and-security/>

Indeed, a person who utters the likes of these statements is one whose heart has definitely been afflicted with the ideas and disease of the heretical philosophers.

Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saaleh Al-Uthaymeen [rahimahullaah] said: “There is nothing- based on what I can see – that is more harmful to the Muslims in their creed than theological rhetoric and philosophical logic. Many of the senior scholars of philosophical rhetoric affirmed – at the end of their lives – that they wished to die upon the religion [i.e. the religion that is in conformity with what is found in the Qur’aan, authentic Sunnah and understanding of the pious predecessors] and return to their natural disposition [i.e. Islaam as revealed in the authentic texts]. Shaikhul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah [rahimahullaah] said, ‘The ones it is feared for the most that they will fall into misguidance are those scholars of philosophical rhetoric at the intermediate level, because those who did not engage in it were safe from its evils; and those who engaged in it and reached a high level became acquainted with its corruption and falsity, and thus left it’. He [Shaikhul Islaam] spoke the truth, because this is what is feared in every affair of knowledge. It is what is feared for the ones at the intermediate level in knowledge- those who are exploring the path (of knowledge), because indeed they consider themselves as ones who have entered into affairs of knowledge and do not leave the affair to others [i.e. they enter into affairs that are above their ability to deal with], whilst – in reality- they have not reached the highest level in knowledge and are not grounded; so they become misguided and misguide others’”. [Ref 1]

Allaamah Rabee Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee [may Allaah preserve him] said: “Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, ‘The people in their pursuit of knowledge and religion have two innovated paths and a path legislated in the Sharee’ah. The path of the Islamic legislation is to look at that which the Messenger brought, utilise it as evidence and act upon that which it necessitates; therefore, there has to be knowledge based on that which he [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam] came with and to act upon it, and only one of them is not enough. This path is built upon the sound intellectual proofs and the sound proofs that are based on absolute certainty [in conformity with the revelation], for indeed the Messenger [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam] clarified the sound intellectual proofs whose limits are determined by the [infallible] divine texts and the Messengers clarified the sound rational proofs which the people are in need of, just as Allaah put forth in the Qur’an every kind of similitude. This is the straight path which Allaah commanded His servants to ask Him to guide them to. As for the two innovated paths, one of them is the path of the people of innovated theological speech and views, for indeed there is much falsehood in this. Many of its people become negligent in the deeds commanded by Allaah and His Messenger, so they remain upon corruption in knowledge and deeds. These people stray towards false Judaism. The second is the path of people who employ ways of strengthening the soul, the people of the Soofi paths and innovated acts of worship. These ones stray towards false Christianity, because they say that if a person purifies his soul based on the manner in which they have stated, then the sciences of the religion will come to him in abundance without learning. The acts of worship of many amongst these people are innovated; rather they are in opposition to that which the Messenger [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam] came with and thus they remain upon corruption in their deeds and corruption due to deficiency in knowledge, since they do not know what the Messenger came with. These people often malign one another and every group speaks ill against the other, whilst each of them claims to be following the Messenger [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam]; however, what the Messenger [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam] came with is neither in agreement with what these ones say and what those ones say.

Allaah said:

مَا كَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ يَهُودِيًّا وَلَا نَصْرَانِيًّا وَلَكِنْ كَانَ حَنِيفًا مُسْلِمًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ

Ibrahim (Abraham) was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim Hanifa (Islamic Monotheism – to worship none but Allah Alone) and he was not one who associated partners to Allaah in worship. [Surah Aal Imraan. Aayah 67]

Neither the Messenger of Allaah [sallal laahu alayhi wasallam] nor his companions were upon the path of the people of religions innovations amongst the proponents of Theological Rhetoric and Views, nor upon the path of the people of religious innovations amongst the proponents of innovated worship and Soofiyyah; rather he was upon that which Allaah sent him with based on the Qur'aan and Sunnah. [Ref 2]

[Ref 1: Sharh Hilyati Taalibil Ilm page 28. paraphrased]

[Ref 2: Al-Mukhtaaraat Al-Bahiyyah Min Kutub Shaikhil Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah. 290-291. Slightly paraphrased]