
Sacred Texts Taken out of Context

The Deadly Methodology of Ruthless Criminals
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Sacred Texts and Ruthless Criminals

- What are the sacred Texts?
- Who is/are the ruthless criminal(s)?
- What does it mean by taking out of context?

Case Study:

A Muslim says: Prayer will lead us to destruction

Another Muslim says: Drinking wine is permissible

Are they correct?

Sura Maun, verse 4: **فَوَيْلٌ لِلْمُصَلِّينَ**

Sura Nisa, verse 43: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْرَبُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْتُمْ سُكَارَى حَتَّى تَعْلَمُوا مَا تَقُولُونَ**

How can we protect ourselves from these groups of criminals?

Ask Those who Know (scholars) if you don't know

A scholar is the one who fears Allah and is the one whom the other scholars say he is a scholar.

He knows the language of revelation and has the firm Aqeedah of Ahl-as-sunnah wal-Jamah.

He directs people to the Kitab and Sunnah and teaches people based upon sacred texts. He differentiates between Tawheed and Shirk, Sunnah and Bid'ah. Verifies the authenticity of the Prophetic statement. [i.e. will explain the deviance of those who take texts out of context]

He teaches people the small matters before the big ones (Rabbani Scholars)

Examples of scholars: The companions, the successors, the successor of the successors, and major scholars of every generations.

History of Criminals who take texts out of context

Sura Maidah (5:12-15)

12. Indeed Allâh took the covenant from the Children of Israel (Jews), and We appointed twelve leaders among them. And Allâh said: "I am with you if you perform *As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât)* and give *Zakât* and believe in My Messengers; honour and assist them, and lend to Allâh a good loan. Verily, I will remit your sins and admit you to Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise). But if any of you after this, disbelieved, he has indeed gone astray from the Straight Path."

13. So because of their breach of their covenant, We cursed them, and made their hearts grow hard. **They change the words from their (right) places and have abandoned a good part of the Message that was sent to them.** And you will not cease to discover deceit in them, except a few of them. But forgive them, and overlook (their misdeeds). Verily, Allâh loves *Al-Muhsinûn* (good-doers - see V.2:112).

14. And from those who call themselves Christians, We took their covenant, **but they have abandoned a good part of the Message that was sent to them.** So We planted amongst them enmity and hatred till the Day of Resurrection and Allâh will inform them of what they used to do.

15. O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Now has come to you Our Messenger (Muhammad SAW) explaining to you much of that which **you used to hide from the Scripture and passing over** (i.e. leaving out without explaining) **much**. Indeed, there has come to you from Allâh a light (Prophet Muhammad SAW) and a plain Book (this Qur'ân).

The Methods of Deception

- To read part of the verse, leave part of the verse
- Not collecting all information in a comprehensive fashion
- Not using the proper context
- Not using the Sunnah to explain the Quran
- Rejecting classical Explanation!
- Taking the Quran and sunnah but interpreting in a new way, i.e. Rejecting the interpretation of those whom Allaah sent to preserve the texts.

*With clear signs and Books (We sent the Messengers). And We have also sent down unto you (O Muhammad SAW) the reminder and the advice (the Qur'ân), that **you may explain** clearly to men what is sent down to them, and that they may give thought. Sura Nahl: verse 44*

Case Study: You Only we Worship, You Only We seek help from

A Khawarij versus a person having Khareji attributes

An extreme group who was predicted by our prophet and labeled as the “dog of the hellfire” {ibn Maajah and authenticated by Al-Albaani]

Their traits:

- Challenge and fight the Muslim authority!
- Call Muslim scholars kuffar, coward, government stooges
- Shedding blood of the Muslims!
- Look very religious, call to Quran but has nothing do with the religion. [hint: taking texts out of context!]
- have shaven head, will come out when there is dispute amongst the Muslims!
- could have one or more of these traits!

A person/group having Khareji attributes

This one/group can have some more attributes of Khawarij but not a full fledged Khawarij. For example, we have hypocrites and those who have hypocrisy in them. Regardless, both khawarij and those who have khareji tendency are dangerous and harmful for the ummah!

The Importance of Recognizing the Scholars of this Ummah and learning from them

Yazid al-Faqir said: This view of the Khawarij had obsessed me, and we set out **in a large group** intending to perform the Hajj and then going to the people (for the propagation of the views of the Khawarij). He said: We happened to pass by Medina and found there Jabir b. 'Abdullah sitting near a column narrating to the people (the ahadith of) the Prophet. When he mentioned the inhabitants of Hell, I said: O companion of the Messenger of Allah what is this that you narrate, whereas Allah says: **"Verily whomsoever Thou shall commit to the Fire, You indeed humiliate him"** (al-Qur'an, al-Imran. 192); رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ مَنْ تَدْخُلُ النَّارَ فَقَدْ أُخْزِيْتَهُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ and **All those who endeavored to get out of that would be thrown back into it** (al-Qur'an, Al-Hajj. 20)? كَلَّمَا أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ غَمٍّ أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ So what is it that you say? He said: Have you read the Qur'an? I said: Yes. He said: Have you heard about the position of Muhammad (ﷺ), i.e. to which Allah would raise, him? I said: Yes. He said: Verily the position of Muhammad is that of great glory and that is by which Allah would bring out whomsoever He would wish to bring out. He then described the Path (the Bridge) and the passing of the people over it, and said: I am afraid I may not have remembered (other things) but this much is still in my memory that people would come out of the Hell after having gone into it, and he said: They would come out of it as if they were the wood of the ebony tree. He (the narrator said: They would enter a river, one or the rivers of Paradise, and would bathe in it, and then come out as if they were (white like) paper. We then turned back and said: Woe be upon you! How can this old man tell a lie against the Messenger of Allah? We turned back (from the views of the Khawarij), and by Allah every one of us abandoned this (band of Khawarij) except one man. [Saheeh Muslim]

benefits: Need of scholars, going to scholars, youth should be fearful of who they listen to, solution is in the sunnah, high hope for all these crooked people, that one day they will hear the true message and will REPENT!

How the Ulama spoke against Khawarij

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri: While the Prophet (saw) was distributing (war booty etc.) one day, Dhul Khawaisira, a man from the tribe of Bani Tamim, said, "**O Allah's Meessenger! Act justly.**" The Prophets said, "Woe to you! Who else would act justly if I did not act justly?" `Umar said (to the Prophet (ﷺ)), "Allow me to chop his neck off." The Prophet said, "**No, for he has companions if anyone of (you compares his prayer with) their prayer, he will consider his prayer inferior to theirs, and similarly his fasting inferior to theirs, but they will desert Islam (go out of religion) as an arrow goes through the victim's body** (games etc.) in which case if its Nasl is examined nothing will be seen thereon, and if its Nady is examined, nothing will be seen thereon, and if its Qudhadh is examined, nothing will be seen thereon, for the arrow has gone out too fast even for the excretions and blood to smear over it. **Such people will come out at the time of difference among the (Muslim) people** and the sign by which they will be recognized, will be a man whose one of the two hands will look like the breast of a woman or a lump of flesh moving loosely." Abu Sa`id added, "I testify that I heard that from the Prophet and also testify that I was with `Ali when `Ali fought against those people. The man described by the Prophet was searched for among the killed, and was found, and he was exactly as the Prophet had described him." (Sahih Al-Bukhari)

Bukhari **Chapter:** The signs of Prophethood in Islam **Chapter:** Whoever gave up fighting against Al-Khawarij in order to create intimacy, and not to run people away from him **Chapter:** Saying "Wailaka.

Muslim: **Chapter:** Khawarij and their Attributes

Sunan An-Nasaee: **Chapter:** The One Who Unsheathes His Sword and Starts to Strike the People With it

The Hukm is for Allaah

Sura Maidah: Those who don't rule by the law of Allaah they are "Kafiruun: verse 44" "Dhalimuun: verse 45" and "Faasiqun: Verse 47"

Abu Sa'eed said: "I heard the Messenger of Allah [SAW] say: 'Whoever among you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand; if he cannot, then with his tongue; if he cannot, then with his heart- and that is the weakest of Faith.'" [Abu Dawud, Ibn Majah, verified to be authentic by Al-Albaani]

Conclusion: We need to fight, revolt, commit suicide mission, assassination, strike terror etc... to scare the regime or to kick them out! Outwardly, it looks like they are for the truth, they are going to bring change, so lots of ignorants follow them. Specially, they look bold, brave and are the spokes men of oppressed people! They ridicule the scholars, energise the youth with banners/slogans containing "laa ilaaha illallaah"

The prophet (saw) taught: Umm Salama (wife of the Holy Prophet) that he said: Amirs will be appointed over you, and you will find them doing good as well as bad deeds. One who hates their bad deeds is absolved from blame. One who disapproves of their bad deeds is (also) safe (so far as Divine wrath is concerned). But one who approves of their bad deeds and imitates them (is doomed). People asked: Messenger of Allah, **shouldn't we fight against them?** He replied: **No, as long as they say their prayer.** [Saheeh Muslim]

When you look at their warfare in Muslim lands:

- a) they are rejected, warned against by the trustworthy, noble scholars of Ahl-As-sunnah
 - b) they don't have any goal, even if they fight to remove a bad leader "who is the good leader they are going to bring"
 - c) they open doors of bloodshed, chaos, and unimaginable headache!
 - d) Don't be fooled by their sweet talks, fiery speech and colorful banner!
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What the scholars say...

Shaykhul-Islam 'Abdul-'Azeez Ibn 'Abdullaah Ibn Baaz (d.1420H) – rahimahullaah was asked, “Is it from the methodology of the Salaf to criticize the rulers from the pulpits? And what is the methodology regarding advising the rulers?”

So he answered, “It is not from the methodology of the Salaf to criticize the rulers from the pulpits, because that would incite chaos, and it would involve not listening and obeying in that which is good. And this would mean becoming engrossed in that which harms and does not benefit. However, the way of advising that the Salaf followed was to write to the ruler, or to convey it (the advice) to the Scholars who would then convey it to him, until he has been directed towards good. So opposing the evil can be done without mentioning the doer. So adultery, intoxicants and interest can be opposed without mentioning the one who is involved in them. And it is enough of an opposition to sins that they be warned against without mentioning that so and so is involved in them, whether it is the ruler, or other than the ruler.

And when the fitnah (trial, discord) occurred in the time of 'Uthmaan (radiyallaahu 'anhu), some people said to Usaamah Ibn Zayd (radiyallaahu 'anhu), ‘Will you not speak to 'Uthmaan?’ So he said, ‘Do you think that I have not spoken to him, just because you have not heard it from me? Verily I will speak to him concerning what is between him and me, without opening an affair which I would not like to be the first to open.’ So when they (the Khawaarij) opened it, evil took place in the time of Uthmaan (radiyallaahu 'anhu). They opposed 'Uthmaan openly, thus completing the fitnah, fighting and corruption which has not ceased to affect the people to this day, was brought about. And this caused the fitnah to occur between 'Alee and Mu'aawiyah and 'Uthmaan was killed for these reasons... Furthermore, a large number of Companions and others besides them were killed due to this open rebellion and the open proclamation of the faults of the ruler, until the people began to hate the one charged with authority over them and killed him. We ask Allaah for success.” End of the words of Ibn Baaz.

Saheeh Muslim: Chapter: Exhortation to Kill the Khawarij

'Ubaidullah b. Abu Rafi', the freed slave of the Messenger of Allah (saw), said: When Haruria (the Khawarij) set out and as he was with 'Ali b. Abu Talib (Allah be pleased with him) they said, "There is no command but that of Allah." Upon this 'Ali said: **The statement is true but it is intentionally applied (to support) a wrong (cause).** The Messenger of Allah (saw) described their characteristics and I found these characteristics in them. They state the truth with their tongue, but it does not go beyond this part of their bodies (and the narrator pointed towards his throat). the most hateful among the creation of Allah is one black man among them (Khawarij). One of his hand is like the teat of a goat or the nipple of the breast. When 'Ali b. Abu Talib (Allah be pleased with him) killed them, he said: Search (for his dead body). They searched for him, but they did not find it (his dead body). Upon this he said: Go (and search for him). By Allah, neither I have spoken a lie nor has the lie been spoken to me. 'Ali said this twice and thrice. They then found him (the dead body) in a rain. They brought (his dead) body till they placed it before him.

Sunan-An-Nasee: فَإِذَا لَقَيْتُمُوهُمْ فَاقْتُلُوهُمْ هُمْ شَرُّ الْخَلْقِ وَالْخَلِيقَةِ - when you meet them kill them, they are the worst of the creation! [Anas Ibn Malik, Abu Bakrah, Ali Ibn Abee Talib, Suwaid Ibn Ghafalah, Abu Dhar, Abu Sayeed]

Can anyone kill the khawarij?

Should the khawarij be killed wherever they are found?

Do all leaders in Islam have the same rights as the state leader of Islam?

Conclusion

- Learn who the scholars of Ahl-As-sunnah are! Their fatwa is a protection against these extremist group.
 - Don't be fooled by a banner, flag, appearance.
 - Always judge and verify what you hear with the Quran and Sunnah.
 - Stay away from khawarji or people with Khareji tendency, they are dangerous, they can influence you. (but, can't and shouldn't I give da'wah to them, shouldn't I call them to Islam!)
 - Devote your time in beneficial things: learning, education, calling to Allaah, patience etc...
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Next halaqah: Groups that want to destroy the future of Islam in America and the West

Abdul-'Azeez Ibn 'Abdullaah Ibn Baaz (d.1420H) –
rahimahullaah

“So my advice to al-Mas’aree, al-Faqeeh and Ibn Laadin and all those who traverse their way is to leave alone this disastrous path, and to fear Allaah and to beware of His revenge and His anger, and to return to guidance and to repent to Allaah from whatever has preceded from them.”
