
Defence of Shaykh al-Albaanee

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Shaykh Abdul-Qaadir as-Sindhi staunchly defending Shaykh al-Albaanee against the person who was the prime reason for Shaykh al-Albaanee leaving Madinah

“Dr. Falaah Ismail Mundakar said, ‘We used to study with our Shaykh, Shaykh Abdul-Qaadir Habeebullaah as-Sindhi, and he was from the major scholars, he used to teach us, ‘Nukhbatul-Fikr,’ in the Haram [of Madinah] and the people used to want to devour his speech and explanations of mustalah, the science of hadeeth and the narrators, it being so sweet. The Shaykh had moved from a house which was close to one that was far, and I had a car but he didn’t ... so it was an opportunity for me to take him to his house. We left the Haram and stood there waiting while the brothers left to go and bring the car close to the Gate of Umar since it was next to the street.

Then one of the Shaykhs and judges came, and there is no harm in naming him, it was Atiyyah Muhammad Saalim, he came—and he was a judge who lived and was connected to Madinah, he came and gave a very warm salaam to the Shaykh and I gave him salaam [too].

He said [to Shaykh Abdul-Qaadir], ‘O Shaykh! Where is the treatise? Where is the book? Fear Allaah! Why are you hiding knowledge?! I want to print it, I will print it at my own personal cost, give me the book! Bring it out! Produce the knowledge and do not hide it.’

Shaykh Atiyyah was a judge, and all of the Shaykhs were apprehensive of the judges because they always sit with the princes and the government.

Shaykh Abdul-Qaadir started to excuse himself saying, ‘Wallaahi, I will soon search ... I don’t know where I put it ... I will search for it amongst my papers ...’

Shaykh Atiyyah left and [then] Shaykh Abdul-Qaadir said to me, ‘Ahhh! Do you know what he wants?’

I said, ‘No, Wallaahi O Shaykh, I don’t know.’

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He said, 'Did you see him?'

I said, 'Yes, I saw him.'

He said, 'However many souls he had ... even if he had a hundred souls and dropped right here and one soul after the other left him ... the souls left him and he died—I will not give him the book!'

I said, 'O Shaykh, what is this book?'

He said, 'O Shaykh, they were some words that I had written to my brother, my beloved, Shaykh Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee where I answered him in some issues, he [i.e., Shaykh Atiyyah] came while I was writing and he saw it with me in the library and from that day on he's been after me.'

Then Shaykh Abdul-Qaadir said to me, 'By Allaah, if he were to die, and then be brought back to life, and then die and be brought back to life [again]—I will not give him the book, I will never distribute it.'

I said to him, 'Why, O Shaykh of ours?'

He said, 'Because he wants to quench his rage! By Allaah, he doesn't want it as a matter of knowledge between us and our Shaykh [al-Albaanee], if he wanted it for the sake of knowledge and to sincerely advise, it would've happened.'

[Then] he said to me, 'Do you know that he is the reason that the Shaykh [i.e., al-Albaanee] had to leave Madinah or don't you know that?'

I said, 'Wallaahi, I had heard.'

He said, 'He is the reason, the prime reason that Shaykh al-Albaanee was made to leave Madinah—I'm going to give it to him?!'

I said, 'No, and may Allaah reward you with good, don't give it to him!''¹

¹ Al-Imaam al-Albaanee, Shaykhul-Islam wa Imaamu Ahlis-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah fi 'Uyoon A'laam al-'Ulamaa wa Fuhood al-Udabaa, pp. 118-120.