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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Refuting and criticising an article published in "Al-Musawwir" magazine

All praise be to Allaah, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allaah, his family, his Companions, and those who follow his guidance.

"Al-Musawwir" magazine has published an article in its issue no. 2166 on Friday April 15, 1966 A.D./1385 A.H., page 15 under the title:

The imported principles by Ahmad Baha' al-Deen

He wrote: *"News from Saudi Arabia declares that the vice president of the Islaamic University there published an article two months ago in all newspapers in which he deemed lawful to kill anyone who says that the earth is round or that the earth circulates around the sun and not the opposite. To announce such an opinion in 1966, seems bizarre, especially in the age of space. The holder of that opinion has only one merit counted for him; that this opinion seems to be reasonable in light of the thoughts and opinions spreading in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia nowadays. The rulers of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have nothing to worry about but the imported ideologies and ideas. They only call for Islaamic alliance under the pretext of guarding Muslims against the danger of the extrinsic ideas, while, for sure, they intend socialism. They do not bother themselves to study the concept of socialism or social equity; rather, they adamantly reject it on the grounds of being imported...and so on."*

In reply to this, I say (Shaykh Bin Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹) that this is a great lie. The article referred to by the author was published in all local newspaper in Ramadhaan 1385 A.H. and read by all inside and outside the Kingdom. There is no mention in it of the earth's roundness or that it is lawful to kill whoever holds this. The quotation I cited from the speech of the great scholar Ibn al-Qayyim (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) includes proof that the earth is round. Thus, how on earth could Ahmad Baha' al-Deen or those who have transmitted this news to him propagate such falsehood and attribute it to an article that was published and read by people everywhere,

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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may Allaah be Glorified! I wonder how brazen-faced is that slanderer! However, there is no wonder that such a lie is being woven by advocates of atheism and destructive ideologies. Allaah (عزوجل)² says: **[It is only those who believe not in the Aayaat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allaah, who fabricate falsehood, and it is they who are liars.]**³ It is also authentically reported that the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)⁴ said: **[Three are the signs of a hypocrite: when they speak, they tell lies; when they promise, they break their promise; and when they are entrusted, they betray.]**⁵ I only deemed it lawful to kill whoever claims that the sun is static and refuses to repent of this after clarification. This is because denying the circulation of the sun constitutes a denial of Allaah (سبحانه), His Great Book, and His Honourable Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ). It is well established in the Deen (religion of Islaam) by way of decisive evidence and Ijmaa` (consensus) of scholars that whoever denies Allaah, His Messenger, or His Book is a Kaafir (disbeliever) and their blood and wealth become violable. It is the duty of the responsible authority to ask them to repent of this; either they repent or be executed. Thanks to Allaah that this issue is not debatable among scholars.

As regards the author's saying: *"To announce such an opinion in 1966, seems bizarre, especially in the age of space...and so on."* I say that, undoubtedly, spreading Al-Haqq (Truth) in this age and calling people to it has become bizarre at a time when Islaam is suffering from desolation; callers to truth are a few while tempters of falsehood are so many. This goes in line with what our Messenger Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) told us in the Saheeh (authentic) Hadeeth: **[Islaam began as a stranger and will be back a stranger as it began so give glad tidings to the strangers.]**⁶ In another narration: It was said, **['O Messenger of Allaah! Who are the strangers?']** He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) replied, **'Those who perform righteous deeds when others make mischief.'**⁷ In a third narration, he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also said: **[Those who mend what others have ruined of my Sunnah.]**⁸ Accordingly, this honourable Hadeeth makes it clear to men of understanding that calling to Al-Haqq and refuting falsehood woven by people when Islaam is strange is the core of "reform" which the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) encouraged and praised those who undertake it. It is also apparent in this great Hadeeth that people of Haqq must exert great effort therein to clarify the rulings of Islaam, call to it, spread virtue, and prohibit vice. They should set themselves aright to be of those who abide by righteousness when people are depraved and fix them when they are perverted. Allaah (سبحانه)⁹ is the One Who grants success.

² (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Glorified and Exalted be He

³ سورة النحل – Soorah an-Nahl [16:105]

⁴ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁵ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, Saheeh Muslim, Sunan at-Tirmidhee, Sunan an-Nisaa'ee and Musnad Ahmad

⁶ Saheeh Muslim, Sunan Ibn Maajah and Musnad Ahmad

⁷ Musnad Ahmad

⁸ Sunan at-Tirmidhee

⁹ (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) Exalted be He

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As for the criticism the author made of those who oppose the imported ideologies and ideas and his accusation of the rulers of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of fighting these imported ideologies and ideas such as socialism. He also claimed that they only call for Islaamic alliances under the pretence of protecting Muslims from the danger of these imported ideas and so on. In response to this, I say: These imported ideologies and ideas include truth and falsehood at the same time. It is not permissible for Muslims to accept them blindly or totally reject them. Rather, this matter should be elaborated so that what benefits Muslims and complies with Allaah's Sharee'ah (Islaamic law) should be accepted and utilised. Islaam is the Perfect Deen of Allaah that calls to what is good and upright. On the other hand, it prohibits whatever harms Muslims and spoils their community. Also, this Deen has ordained its followers to abide by that which benefits them, seek Allaah's Help in that, prepare against their enemies all the power they can, beware of them, and cooperate in righteousness and Taqwaa (fear or wariness of offending Allaah). They must hold fast together to the Rope of Allaah (i.e. this Qur'aan) and not be divided among themselves. Along with this, Allaah (سبحانه) has warned them against following the evil desires of their enemies, clarifying that such enemies can avail them nothing against Him. It is an eminent truth that the wholesome concepts and ideologies have been originally brought forth by Islaam, they are not imported from them; rather, it is Islaam that has precedence over them in that, even if this is not known to its followers. The enemies simply get the ideologies that are consistent with the Sharee'ah, spread them among people, and give them a false impression that they are their originators and callers. However, the fact is that Islaam has the upper hand over them since it has guided them (i.e. the enemies of Islaam) to the origins and fruits of that. Nevertheless, they attributed them to themselves and denied ascribing the right to the legitimate owners out of ignorance or grudges. When the Saudi government combats socialism or other destructive ideologies, it does not do so because they are imported but because they are atheist systems that disagree with the Sharee'ah, reject the divine codes, oppose Allaah (سبحانه), and deny His Existence. Aside from this, they prohibit what He has enjoined as lawful and permit what He has prescribed as forbidden. Even if some of those ideologists cover themselves for certain reasons, the matter is still clear in their books which reveal their call, through their leader (Marx), the atheist Jew who declared it openly and invited to it, but it is as Allaah (عزوجل) says: **[Verily, it is not the eyes that grow blind, but it is the hearts which are in the breasts that grow blind.]**¹⁰ The Saudi government has imported many other useful things and does not oppose them when it finds them useful. Regarding the writer's claim that the rulers of Saudi Arabia only called for Islaamic alliance under the pretence of fending off the danger of the imported ideas, it can be refuted by clarifying that they have not called for an Islaamic alliance, rather, Islaamic solidarity, cooperation, and support to which Allaah and His Messenger ordained us to pledge our allegiance. Again, Allaah has commanded Muslims to abide by Allaah's Rope and be not scattered and to help one another in virtuousness and Taqwaa and stand together as

¹⁰ سورة الحج – Soorah al-Hajj [22:46]

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a solid structure against their enemies. They should also fight any idea or conviction that contradicts their Deen. This, however, cannot be deemed as an alliance, it is something more supreme, for it is a sanctified duty and a foreordained obligation imposed on all Muslim kings, leaders, and scholars. They must abide by Allaah's Deen, protect it and call to it, and be joined together in confronting their enemies and thwarting their plots and conspiracies in accordance with Allaah's Saying (عزوجل): **[You [true believers in Islaamic Monotheism, and real followers of Prophet Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)] and his Sunnah] are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; you enjoin al-Ma'roof (i.e. Islaamic Monotheism and all that Islaam has ordained) and forbid al-Munkar (polytheism, disbelief and all that Islaam has forbidden), and you believe in Allaah.]**¹¹ Allaah (سبحانه) also says: **[Truly! This, your Ummah [Sharee'ah or religion (Islaamic Monotheism)] is one religion, and I am your Lord, therefore worship Me (Alone).]**¹² [Tafseer Ibn Katheer] And: **[And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allaah (i.e. this Qur'aan), and be not divided among yourselves]**¹³ The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also said: **Indeed, Allaah is pleased with three things from you. That you worship Him (Alone) and not associate anything with Him; that you hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allaah and be not divided among yourselves; and that you give sincere advise to those whom Allaah put in charge of your affairs.**¹⁴ It was also related by Imaam Muslim in his Saheeh book of Hadeeth without the part in which the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **...and that you give sincere advise to those whom Allaah put in charge of your affairs.**¹⁵

He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also said: **'A believer to a believer is like a building whose different parts support one another.'** And he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) intertwined his fingers.¹⁶ There is also his saying (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ): **The similitude of believers in regard to their mutual love, mercy, and compassion is that of the body; when any of its parts complains, the whole body calls upon one another (sharing) with (it) sleeplessness and fever.**¹⁷ There are many Ayahs and Hadeeths mentioned to that effect.

When his majesty, King Faysal, the sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - may Allaah grant him success - called for the Islaamic solidarity and the unification of Muslims together in the face of the pending dangers, he has fulfilled a great duty and a respectable praiseworthy pursuit. All Muslim leaders, scholars, and persons of distinction should support him in that and join their efforts with him to make the Word of Allaah prevalent, grant victory to His Deen, rule according to His Sharee'ah, besides purifying the `Aqeedah (creed)

¹¹ سورة آل عمران – Soorah Ale-Imraan [3:110]

¹² سورة الأنبياء – Soorah al-Anbeeyaa [21:92]

¹³ سورة آل عمران – Soorah Ale-Imraan [3:103]

¹⁴ Related by Imaam Maalik in "Al-Muwatta'" and Imaam Ahmad in his Musnad through a Saheeh (authentic) Isnaad (chain of narrators).

¹⁵ Saheeh Muslim, Musnad Ahmad and Imaam Maalik in al-Muwatta

¹⁶ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, Saheeh Muslim, Sunan at-Tirmidhee and Sunan an-Nisaa'ee

¹⁷ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, Saheeh Muslim and Musnad Ahmad

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of people from destructive ideologies, deviant ideas, and false conventions. All of them must set up their efforts and make their forces ready to this imminent danger. They ought to be fully equipped, have a significant political, economic and industrial weight among the international community, as well as mastering the elements that empower them and enable them to withstand danger in keeping with the instructions of their Din and the guidance of the Qur'aan. Allaah (عزوجل) says: **[O you who believe! Take your precautions]**¹⁸ He (سبحانه) also says: **[And make ready against them all you can of power]**¹⁹ The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **Verily, strength is in archery. Verily, strength is in archery.**²⁰ He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) also said: **A strong believer is better and more beloved to Allaah than a weak believer, yet, both are good. Persist in doing that which benefits you, seek the Support of Allaah and do not feel helpless.**²¹

I ask Allaah (عزوجل) to grant all Muslim kings, presidents, leaders, scholars, and others success in leading this Ummah (nation based on one creed) to righteousness, safety, and happiness in this worldly life and in the Hereafter. I also implore Him to unite their word, give them a good understanding of His Deen, and fortify everyone against the evils of their souls, their misdeeds and the plots of their enemies. Indeed, Allaah is All-Able to do anything. May peace be upon Allaah's Servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

¹⁸ سورة النساء – Soorah an-Nisaa [4:71]

¹⁹ سورة الأنفال – Soorah al-Anfaal [8:60]

²⁰ Saheeh Muslim, Sunan Aboo Daawood, Sunan Ibn Maajah, Sunan at-Tirmidhee, Musnad Ahmad and Sunan ad-Daarimee

²¹ Saheeh Muslim, Sunan Ibn Maajah, and Musnad Ahmad