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بسُمِ ٱللهِ ٱلرَّحْمَنُ ٱلرَّحِيمِ

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

Question: Mentioning the `Aqeedah (creed) of true Muslims and that of nonconformists, the author of Ma`arij Al-Qabul states the following phrase: "We call Allaah and His Messenger (peace be upon him) as witnesses." Is there anything wrong with this phrase?

Answer: The author, may Allaah forgive and be merciful to him, erred in writing this phrase. It is not permissible for anyone to call the Messenger (peace be upon him) to witness after his death, for he (peace be upon him) cannot know the Ghayb (the Unseen) or what his Ummah (nation based on one creed) did after his death. The Messenger of Allaah (peace be upon him) is reported to have said: A group of my Sahaabah (Companions) will be driven away from Hawd (the Prophet's Basin in the Hereafter) on the Day of Resurrection. I will say, '(These are) my Sahaabah.' It will be said, 'You do not know what they have done after you.'

May Allaah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions.

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