

# Yes, I am *Wahhābī*!

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(may Allāh preserve him)

Despite my resistance to new labels which separate Muslims and do not unite them... I must announce openly and clearly – without any biasness or partisanship: That I am a Wahhabist, amongst those who love Shaykh Muhammad ibn ‘Abdil-Wahhāb (may Allāh have mercy upon him) and his *Da’wah*.

If Wahhabism means *Da’wah* (Calling) to *Tawhīd* (Pure Monotheism)... and to the correct ‘*Aqīdah* (creed)... and abandoning *shirk* and *Barā’ah* (disassociating) from it and its people... as the *Da’wah* of the Shaykh was... Then, yes! I am a Wahhabist!

If Wahhabism means *Da’wah* to the Qur’ān and Sunnah... and holding on to the foundations, guidance, and understanding of *As-Salaf As-Sālih* (the Pious Predecessors)... and forsaking biasness towards a *Math’hab*... as the *Da’wah* of the Shaykh was... Then, yes! I am a Wahhabist!

If Wahhabism means waging *Jihād* (Holy War) against the oppressive *Tawāghūt* (false governments which have claimed to be gods)... and to wage *Jihād* against shirk and the pagans... as the *Da’wah* of the Shaykh was... Then, yes! I am a Wahhabist!

If Wahhabism means the middle-path... not leaning towards extremism nor deficiency... as the *Da’wah* of the Shaykh was... Then, yes! I am a Wahhabist!

Indeed I have pondered over the situation of those who attack the Shaykh and his *Da’wah*, and I found them to be:

- a) Either a *kāfir* (infidel, disbeliever)
- b) Or a *Shū’rī, Rāfidhī*
- c) Or an extremist *Sūfī*
- d) Or a deviant heretic
- e) Or a *jāhil* (ignorant) who repeats what he hears without knowing anything regarding the Shaykh and his *Da’wah*.

And this is an evil wretchedness... destroyed is the one who is satisfied of standing there (against the *Da’wah* of *Tawhīd*), or being from the numbers of those people... or even merely increases their numbers by anything whatsoever!

Why are they attacking the Shaykh... and indeed how many are these attackers in this era... We have been hearing for a while now from these types of people which were just mentioned... slandering, sensationalizing, and reviling the Shaykh and his *Da’wah*... till such a point, that the terms, “Wahhabist” and “Wahhabism” have become curse words and insults in the usage of many people! Without them

even bringing a single, small, authentic, evidence which would justify all those oppressions, revilement, and curses... and hatred!?

Here are the sayings of the Shaykh, and his writings in between our hands in front of us... easy to reach for whosoever wants it... all of it speaks the truth, and calls to the truth, and commands the truth... Bring us one mistake which contradicts the Qur'an or Sunnah which is directly from the Shaykh and his *Da'wah*- which would justify all your hatred, abuse, and sensationalism ... If you are indeed truthful!

But if you cannot find anything - and you can never find anything - Then we will know that the reason for which you abused the Shaykh and his *Da'wah*, was due to what he was upon of the truth which did not please you nor did it please your *Tawaght* and your *Shayatin*!

And if it is said: "*Look at the oppression and mistakes of those who ascribe themselves to the Shaykh and his Da'wah these days!*"

I say: The Shaykh and his *Da'wah* are not hurt if there are those in this era - according to their claim of being ascribed to the Shaykh and his *Da'wah* - who give a bad name to the Shaykh and his *Da'wah*... for they are only sinning against their ownelves, not against others. It is not permissible for a man to be held accountable and responsible for the crimes of others... and if that was permissible... then who in the world today would be safe from being taken to account and punished?!