

Combatting Extremist Kharijite (Renegade) Ideology During the 1990s: Warning From the Ideology of the Terrorists

During the early 1990s a series of dubious individuals, ignorant pseudo-scholars appeared in Britain. With a command of the Arabic language and able to deceive people into thinking they were scholars, they acquired followings. They include **Abū Ḥamzah al-Miṣrī**, **Abū Qatādah**, **Omar Bakrī** and others. They were promoting the doctrines of misguided thinkers such as Sayyid Quṭb, Abū A'ālā al-Mawdūdī and Taqī al-Dīn al-Nabahānī who were responsible for creating political movements based upon distorted understandings of basic Islāmic tenets. They presented the idea that all contemporary Muslim societies are non-Islāmic and illegitimate, that these societies are led by rulers, (or classes, families or political parties) that have usurped divine authority. They gave the Muslim declaration of faith ("None has the right to be worshipped but God alone") a purely political explanation. On the basis of this political explanation, they excommunicated whole societies, governments and their institutions.

They actually revived the doctrine and methodology of the very first sect to break off from Islām, the Khārijites (extremist renegades) and their methodology centres around exaggeration in two basic concepts. Ḥākimiyyah (lawgiving) and takfīr (expelling a Muslim from Islām). This innovated, heretical doctrine does not actually originate with so-called "Wahhābī" Muslims or "Salafists". These individuals, Quṭb, al-Mawdūdī, al-Nabahānī, were from Ṣūfī, Ash'arī, Māturīdī backgrounds and they are the pioneers of this distorted idea