

# الرد على البيان انتشر من جهة غلاة واتسابستان

In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful and Mercy-Giving

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**Must read!!!** I apologize to the entire group for allowing things to get this far out of hand. I, \*\*\*\*\*, am free from post promoting individuals that oppose the methodology of implementing Islaam in accordance with Pious Predecessor, like Bilal Phillip(BP). And I am free from individuals that mock and belittle our Scholars and the students that defend and encourage us to seek their guidance. I do appreciate our brother, Amjad \*\*\*\*\*, may Allah reward him with good, attempt to address the mistakes of our brother BP, may Allah guide him and us to what is correct. I have and will continue to remove any individual not active in \*\* Sports as I see fit. I will also remove anyone that posts anything not related to \*\* Sports activities or empowering our youth in an attempt to keep this area a safe space to share info about \*\* Sports

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**Disclaimer:** I hope I will be forgiven if this document, my counter to the above clarification, comes across as somewhat facetious. It is just that I find it very hard to take these things seriously. SP is a living, breathing caricature. It is a cult like all other cults so obviously designed to keep the choir singing to the tune of its clergy, their coffers brimming to the full, and their coitus on tap, that only the most wretched and unfortunate souls tolerate it many years beyond their delayed adolescence. I find everything about them pathetic and worthy of ridicule, from the way they communicate in their own invented SPin-glish to the way they distinguish between truth and falsehood (if it pleases them, agrees with their desires and raises their brand profile, it's the truth, else, its falsehood); from their binary presentation of matters that are inherently complex and sophisticated and deserving of nuanced understanding and distinction to the way they claim to worship and serve only a higher power, whilst seemingly incapable of evidencing that except through the veneration and idolisation of the sanctimonious idiots and teachers who lead them. Then there's the utter derision and suspicion of all those outside their commune, an exercise essential to maintaining a cult's grip on power. We could go on.

For the record, I'm not trying to convince anyone of my own worthiness in the slightest. I know I possess multitudinous flaws and I defy anyone who can claim to succumb to more sins on a consistent, daily basis than I do. My learning, memorisation and worship are all also inexcusably poor, especially considering the humungous opportunities, resources - both material and human, and time I am constantly blessed with and afforded. I have no excuses as to my own failings. However, two traits that I'd like to think I do possess in short supply - probably because my existing plethora of personality disorders leaves little room for anything else - are dishonesty and cowardice. Due to an aversion to these inter-linked traits (lies being the armour of cowards), one can assume the role of iconoclast on occasions such as this, especially in support of the true Islamic authority that is being flagrantly usurped.

Not that deviation and heresy can only be recognised and called out by accredited clerics. Many if not most falsehoods are obvious. Our objection to some individuals engaging in *jarh wa tajreeh* (refutation and more refutation) even when the matter is allegedly "clear" is that, in many instances, their propensity to abuse their position or embark upon the effort for political gain will continue to render their motives suspect and, therefore, they end up strengthening, not undermining, what would otherwise be a belief, practice or understanding worthy of exposition and censure. And all of that is assuming they refute according to a correct methodology and upon sound knowledge. If its half-arsedness can be excused, this clarification/rebuttal will prove such an assumption too generous. Those who already know this but remain silent are silent devils.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Assalamu alaykum

I read with some sadness the statement reproduced at the top of the preceding page. It was issued following an altercation that occurred on a WhatsApp sports group yesterday, Friday 25 September 2015. I have major grievances with its injustice and double-standard, which I wish to briefly highlight here. But first, allow us to indulge in a little related history.

### **Background**

When I first arrived in Riyadh around ten or so years ago, I began frequenting some of Shaykh Fawzan's classes in the Malaz area. On one such visit, I happened to bump into a certain brother Amjad from Burminem (yea, that's how I'm spelling it). This Amjad is one of the three trustees of the SP jamat cum cult, as you can see here:

<http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/ContactAndTrustees.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=1083080&SubsidiaryNumber=0&TID=1780924>

Burminem Amjad is the first Amjad named. The second Amjad is from my hometown region of Teesside Sharif. A brilliant mind misled by a raucous heart. The entry for third trustee gives the legal birth name of Abu Khadeejah (henceforth, and for the sake of brevity, AK).

I had come to consider Burminem Amjad as a friend on a previous overseas excursion, so I thought he would greet me with hugs, smiles and pleasantries when I caught him outside Fawzan's mosque. Instead, after a rather awkward hug and a forced smile, he decided he couldn't speak to or be seen with me as I was a "hizbi". Why was I a hizbi, I enquired? Because, as Burminem Amjad explained, I had spoken against AK.

As I tried explaining to Burminem Amjad, it was AK who had first spoken ill of me, forcing me to respond in kind. A simple case of tit for tat. My pertinent tit for his pernicious twat, if you will. But Burminem Amjad, as if cast under a dark SPell, seemed totally bewildered. He could not comprehend how a man could have a legitimate beef with his master, and so sought to deny me my right to object to AK's having oppressed me in the first instance. Suffice it is to recall our Lord and Master's noble speech in Sura ash-Shura [42], ayah 42:

**The way (of blame) is only against those who oppress men and wrongly rebel in the earth**

Meaning, the burden of sin falls upon he who initiated the wrongdoing. Or as Abu Hurayra narrated from his friend *salAllahu alayhi wa sallam* in the *hadith* recorded by Muslim:

When two persons indulge in abusing each other, the one who initiated the wrongdoing is to blame, unless the one who was wronged oversteps the mark in retaliation.

Incidentally, and rather significantly, AK's problem with me stemmed from my insistence that he return disputes back to the scholars; specifically those involving taking brothers "*off the manhaj*." Considering the stakes, such excommunication was something that the newly-formed SP clique were starting to busy themselves with all too eagerly. Not to mention that

all this was at the expense of constructive *d'awa*. The unlicensed *tabd'i* (accusing a person of heresy and dissent from orthodoxy) and *hajr* (boycotting) was all the more unhealthy when factoring in just how young, ignorant, financially hard-up and susceptible to take things personally we all were back then. Youth is, after all, a branch of foolishness, as Ibn Mas'ud said.

Anyway, as I was making no headway with Burminem Amjad, and he was insisting that I, his former friend and short-term travel companion, was a deviant, I challenged him to take the dispute to Shaykh Fawzan, who was likely still in his masjid. Amjad refused. *"It has to stay between the brothers,"* he quietly suggested. The hell it does, I objected, *"We either take this to the scholars or we take it to the sharia courts."*

Of course, Burminem Amjad retreated shyly into the night faster than a self-harming, menstruating virgin suffering from hemorrhoidal diarrhoea and nose bleeds on vampire night. I never had the displeasure of facing down an SP lackey in the KSA since that day. Until today, that is.

### **The WhatsApp Sports Group**

Last week, I was invited onto a WhatsApp Sports group by its founding admin. A well-meaning, good-doing bloke and model father, he is one of a handful of African Americans whose Africanness I find myself genuinely colour-blind to and whose Americanness I genuinely don't feel any pity for. I've blankety-blanked out his name and that of his WhatsApp group from his own statement up top, as I suspect he authored it under a degree of duress from his SP inquisitors. It wouldn't be the first time a grown man has behaved against his better nature for fear of being refuted and boycotted by AK's devotees.

Nevertheless, I am hopeful that, once he learns just how irrelevant SP and their supporters are, and how much of a blessing it is to be free of their crooked company and their brotherhood of the bent, the sports group admin will readily distance himself from the oppression which, for the time-being, bears his name. Matter of fact, I'm confident that someday soon, we'll laugh off the episode over a coffee and a light grapple - though not necessarily at the same time.

Yesterday, one message on this brother's WhatsApp group caught my attention. It was from a certain "Amjad Saudi", since clarified in the group's statement above top as bearing the same fore and family name as the Burminem SP trustee mentioned earlier. His message consisted only of the following link:

<http://www.abukhadeejah.com/bilal-philips-the-deceitful-defender-of-ahlul-bidah/>

Now, before we get in to the meat of the linked to material, I objected, as some others did, to the group being hijacked by such irrelevancies. Admittedly, I did so in a far more scolding and rather harsher manner than others, but that was because my correction was against the oppressive nature of the link more so than its irrelevance. As my shaykh, Imam al-Albani noted:

But there has arisen an earnest concern for the Islamic legislation in the one who is making the correction which has caused him to use harsh speech. Another may be at ease and not find himself feeling the same jealousy (for the religion) that caused the first person to use such speech

As with my objection to Burminem Amjad's championing AK's oppression around a decade prior, so too I objected to this Amjad's (surely not the same individual?) glorification of AK's oppression on our WhatsApp group.

Then, as now, my point of contention was that refuting those known for benefitting the religion and championing the *d'awa* is the strict preserve of the people of knowledge. But if you read the above statement/*bayaan*, I am presented as the one at fault, warned against and to be dissociated from, whilst the wicked betrayal of the Sunna and its scholars that caused my corrective reaction was apparently acceptable and warranted!?! I and others were censured and ejected from the group while this Amjad who drew first blood on WhatsApp was not only left in, but effectively lionised.

Of course, the well-known Islamic imperatives of exhibiting and seeking fairness and justice in such disputes, such as via striving to attain clarity from all sides - particularly from those whose side of the story has not been heard, giving precedent to principles over personalities, exploring avenues for reconciliation, advising and admonishing rather than abandoning and cutting off, and other such noble courses of action, were completely sidestepped. But that's what we have come to expect and know of SP sycophants.

Very cunningly, they hurl all manner of accusations and abuse in both private and public, accusing you of deviation without a shred of evidence – other than your failure to recognise the de facto infallible authority of their holy men - and then suddenly, as you are attempting to clarify the truth as you know it, they block you and ban you on the grounds that the deviant's opinion need not be entertained. It's a circular, self-serving methodology and one completely at odds with the just methodology of the imams of the Sunna from the pious past and of those more recently deceased. It is at variance with the unambiguous revealed Speech of Allah and His Messenger in both letter and spirit, such as the admonition of Sura al-Maida, verse 8:

**O you who believe! Stand out firmly for Allah and be just witnesses and let not the enmity and hatred of others make you avoid justice. Be just: that is nearer to piety, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is Well Acquainted with what you do.**

And is it too much to hope and expect that those engaging in combat sports would have more manhood than they otherwise show? They ought not to be given to cowering before other mortals, confusing service for servility, brotherliness for brown-nosing and duty for its dastardly dereliction. Will they not heed the words of our Lord God when he compels us (in Sura Maida, verse 54):

**Fear not men but fear Me!**

Real men, no less believing martial arts practitioners, need not lower themselves before individuals who are no better and perhaps a lot worse than themselves. How utterly shameful it is for those who assert to be pursuing more supposedly manly forms of physical activity to nullify it entirely by debasing themselves at the feet of cowards; cowards in the service of cretins; cretins whom the people of knowledge have labelled "Abu Khabeetha", "fattaan" and "jaahil" amongst other shiny chestnuts.

Hence, while I do appreciate the sentiment of the *bayaan* and continue to hold dear its apparent author I reject its double standard, its premise and its purpose.

Amjad the Instigator, if anyone, should have been ejected for usurping the rights of the scholastic authorities, promoting a disgraced Hadaddi's oppression of an outstanding serviceman of Islam, and entering into the WhatsApp sports group an affair that is not from it. As the reigning mufti of KSA, Shaykh AbdulAziz Aal Shaykh, observed:

And there is a group that says: "We are upon the correct creed, the creed of *Ahl-us-Sunna wal-Jam'a*, and we follow the pious *Salaf*." But if you look to their actions, you will see they are not those of the *Salaf*; and if you look at their manners and character, you will see they are not those of the *Salaf*... they unleash their tongues in every backbiting, name-calling, transgression and "he said, she said", and their general dealings with the people are not good.

### **AK vs BP**

As for the linked piece itself, *Bilal Philips the Deceitful Defender of Ahlul-Bid'ah*, it is archetypal example of the injustice and trickery typical of the *ghulaat* (extremists/exaggerators) and liars in general.

Firstly, and in summary, if you look to all the evidence that AK brings against Dr Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips (BP), you will note at least three ruses.

#### **a) BP is being judged for statements he made between 1987 and 2001**

AK was not himself a true sunni for much of this period. Back then, during the early 1990s, he was still an ikhwani with jihadi tendencies. A jihadi with a very small "j", we hasten to add, for when he did make it to Bosnia, he wept like a child and pleaded to be taken away from the conflict zone - though not before he insisted on being photographed posing with the guns he was too afraid to use in the defence of any believing Bosniak.

Shortly after his return to the UK, AK pulled his head out from between his legs and frog-marched from one form of ikhwaniism into another, as he became a die-hard supporter of JIMAS. At the time, the UK's fledgling English-speaking Salafi community had decided that JIMAS had become little more than a personality cult vehicle for Abu Muntasir. I know all this because I was around at the time, and was and remain on good terms with some of those of AK's colleagues who advised and compelled him to walk towards the light.

Eventually, thanks in no small part to the efforts of those mutual friends of ours, AK entered into Islamic orthodoxy, of sorts. Alas, his ego or ignorance or both were such that he felt the need to fashion a particular brand of pseudo-Salafism around his own predilections, prejudices and perversions. These predilections, prejudices and perversions, as we would later learn from the scholars, such as the Imam of Medina and the most knowledgeable man alive on the Sunna of Allah's Messenger, Shaykh AbdulMuhsin al-Abbaad, are in some cases reprehensible innovations, as all innovations indeed are. But that's a different matter.

Suffice to say, refuting someone based on any position they may or may not have held well over a decade and even two and nearly even three decades ago would place AK in a far more precarious predicament and firmly within the deviants' camps than many of those whom he obsessively disparages.

**b) some of the quotes that AK uses to refute BP are benign**

That is, they are only “deviant” if you have already decided that the person making those statements is a deviant. Otherwise, you would give him the benefit of the doubt and interpret them in a better way – the way they were clearly intended and commonly explained.

For example, the issue of the “Salafi” self-appellation. You can find statements from Fawzan and more famously from Ibn Uthaymin, perhaps amongst many others, discouraging the use of the label. Note, they – the two said shaykhs mentioned and Shaykh BP also - took issue with necessitating the usage of the label, or using it in a partisan fashion, not with what the label itself represents.

Even the section heading accusing BP of “**NEGATING THE EXISTENCE OF GROUPS OF INNOVATION, DEVIATION AND MISGUIDANCE...**” is itself nonsensical. Practically none of BP’s published works fails to acknowledge the existence and deviation of some or other such group. While others of his works cover little else, included BP’s translation of “*The Mirage In Iran*” which AK cites in the very same refutation!

Likewise, the section heading ascribing to BP “**THE REVOLUTIONARY MANHAJ**” decries AK’s dishonesty. He creates a false dichotomy between BP’s encouraging his reader to be dissatisfied with non-Islamic rule over Muslim societies on the one hand and “the Prophetic manhaj” on the other - as if the two are mutually exclusive, or as if piously desiring sharia in and of itself necessities violent revolution! Nowhere does BP call for such destructive action. The inference is only in AK’s words.

**c) quotes where BP is presented as praising Muhammad Qutb, Mawdudi et al have been clarified long ago**

The sincere can easily find BP’s clarification from the laziest of google searches. AK is well aware of these clarifications, which leave no doubt about BP’s holding the said personalities as non-scholars and of possessing corrupt beliefs and methodologies. And yet, he wants us to believe otherwise by choosing which of BP’s words to cite and put a SPin on and which to conceal. This says more about the corruption and deceit of AK than anyone else.

The similitude of this hallmark behaviour of the disingenuous *ghulaat* / Haddadi / SP types is like when a hate-filled evangelist propagates the myth that Muslims somehow hate Jesus whilst worshipping Muhammad. Eventually, it is pointed out to the firebrand preacher that, far from worshipping Muhammad *salAllahu alayhi wa sallam*, Muslims are ordered to single out none but the Creator alone in their worship, just as both Jesus and Muhammad *alayhima-ssalam* had done; the both of whom are revered as true and righteous Prophets and Messengers of the Almighty. But then, upon learning of this reality, rather than repent, seek penance and publicise his mistake, the hate-monger continues to peddle his lies, his having become convinced of the error of his former misguided beliefs only increasing him in his mischievous misdeeds.

**They (think to) deceive Allah And those who believe, while they only deceive themselves and do not perceive! – Sura al-Baqara, verse 9**

### **In Conclusion**

The good doctor BP is more than capable of defending himself. In fact, he has done precisely that to at least most reasonable people's satisfaction. But regardless, if brothers here cannot see how desperate and feeble AK's so-called refutation is of BP, and how, to the contrary, it exposes AK's own loyalty to the Haddadi *manhaj*, his deceit and his general ignorance of the religion, then those brothers still have a lot to learn. [Then again, don't we all.] They are, to use a phrase from popular culture, still plugged into the matrix. The architect of which is Diablo his accursed self. Moreover, the problem with being part of a cult is that it is nigh on impossible to realise you are in one until you are completely free of its clutches - physical, psychological, financial and emotional.

Most worrisome though is how wrong were many of us who had mistakenly thought this disease imported into the capital of the land of *tawhid* from the dirty Burminem ghetto had died a natural death. To see it still has traction here is somewhat of an unpleasant surprise. Rather (let's take that word back, shall we), it is downright shocking that people are still on this mind-fff... trip bearing in mind just how decimated the ranks of those who once spread the contamination have since become.

As one knowledge-seeker just reminded me, SP is only really followed nowadays by naïve individuals who are relatively new on the scene and/or who have somehow managed to remain cloistered from the disquiet of the more senior scholars and their stalwart students. The good news is people usually grow out of it after several years; once its malevolent methodology becomes too constricting for them or they are faced with robust ripostes to the propaganda.

May Allah, Most High, accept this relatively pathetic piece as one such attempt.

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