The Scholars Refutation of Some of the Speakers of R.I.S.

### **Refutation of Habib Ali Jifir**

Question: What is your opinion on Habib Ali Jifiri? Is he from Ahl Al Sunnah Wa Al Jaamah? We have heard many people state that listening to him is fine. So please clarify for us his creed because their has been a great affliction caused by this man. Sheikh Fawzaan: The man's audio recordings and books will judge for itself. The man is an innovator. A babbler. He calls to worship the graves and souls. He is a babbler. His audio recordings are available. In his own words, he mocks Ahl AlSunnah and Ahl Al-Tawheed (Family Of Monotheism). He mocks them. [Taken from: http://ahlulbidahwalhawa.com/2011/page/3/]

#### Refutation of Amr al-Khalid

Indeed it's found on a tape of Amr Khalid from his website entitled "Adam and Eve" where he said: "Iblis didn't disbelieve." Then he continues "Here is another meaning with a beautiful reality we ask did Iblis disbelieve in our Lord or not? Pay attention! No he didn't disbelieve, no he didn't disbelieve. Look! What did Iblis say? "You created me." So did he acknowledge that Allah created him or not? Isn't that right? Also didn't he say "You created me from fire?" He said you created him from clay thus you created me and him. Yet in another verse he says I swear by your honor and never stopped acknowledging Allah's honor!"Ash Shaykh Ibn Uthaymin was asked "O shaykh what is the ruling on the one who says Iblis is not a disbeliever and that he swore by Allah's honor? The shaykh responded: "Allah said:

"Except for Iblis. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers" [Al-Baqarah:34]. So the one who says Iblis is not a kaafir then repentance being sought from him is compulsory, and if he doesn't repent then he is killed for denying the Quran. As for him swearing by Allah's honor then it was done because he knows that Allah is Aziz thus he swore by His honor. And Allah says:"Like the example of Shaytan when he says to man, "Disbelieve." But when he disbelieves he says, "Indeed, I am disassociated from you. Indeed, I fear Allah Lord of all that exist." [Al-Hashr:16].

However this fear isn't considered worship. This fear is like when we fear a wolf or some beast of prey, etc. So tell the brother (who makes this evil, ignorant, and misguided claim) to repent to Allah and to not deny the speech of Allah:

"Except for Iblis. He refused and was arrogant and became of the disbelievers" [Al-Baqarah:34]

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### **Prohibition of Free-Mixing:**

Umm Salamah who said, "When the Prophet finished the prayer with Taslim, the women would depart and enter their houses before Allah's Apostle departed."Ibn Hajr wrote: "In the hadith is the dislike of men and women mixing in the streets, let alone in the houses" [Fath-ul Bari].

What about free-mixing at Islamic conferences then?

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# REFUTATION OF THE REVIVING THE ISLAMIC SPIRIT CONFERENCE

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All thanks and praise is due to Allah, we seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil within ourselves and the consequences of our evil deeds. Whoever Allah guides will never be led astray, and whoever Allah leads astray will never find guidance. I bear witness there is no God but Allah, alone without any partners, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger. As for what proceeds:

This is a brief, knowledge-based refutation of the popular convention held in Toronto called Reviving the Islamic Spirit convention (R.I.S for short). This convention promotes Sufism and invites well-known Sufi speakers such as, Habib Ali Jifri, not to mention some disbelieving speakers. Aside from propagating liberal viewpoints on contemporary issues, the convention has free-mixing and concludes with a nasheed/music concert. Of recent, the organizers invite comedians. This pamphlet will mention the importance of taking knowledge from trustworthy, Salafi speakers and the obligation of staying away from the Sufis and the people of innovation.

As well, the Salafi scholars' refutation of some of the speakers who attend this convention. May Allah Guide us to the straight path

### This Knowledge is Religion:

Muhammad ibn Sireen rahimahullah, the illustrious Tabi'ee, said:

"This Knowledge is Religion, so look from whom you take your Religion".

[Reported by Imam Muslim in the introduction of his Saheeh with a Saheeh chain]

Mulla Ali Qaari rahimahullah said commenting on this narration:

"the intent is to take [knowledge] from upright and trustworthy people"

[Mirqaatul-Mafaateeh sharh Mishkatul Masaabeeh under narration no. 273]

So, the Muslims should take knowledge from upright and trustworthy scholars upon the way of the Salaf-us-Saalih. He/she should avoid sitting and taking any knowledge from the people of innovations like the sufis and other than them. Ibn Abbas radiallahu anahuma said:

"Do not sit with the people of desires [people of innovation], for verily sitting with them is sickness to the hearts"

[Reported in *Kitabus-Shariah* of Imam Ajurri no. 129 with a Saheeh chain and others.

## Sufism is not the way of the Pious Predecessors

Shaikhul Islaam ibnul Taymiyyah rahimahullah wrote: "As for the word Sufiyyah, then it was not known in the first three generations and discussion about them only became known after that. Discussion about them was recorded by more than one of the scholars: like Imam Ahmad ibn Hanbal, Abu Sulaymaan ad-Daraani and other than them. It was reported from Sufyan ath-Thawri that he spoke of them and some of them [the scholars] mention that from Hasan al-Basri..."

[Taken from Majmoo' al-Fatawaa 5/11]

Compare the above to what the sufi speaker, Abdullah bin Bayyah, a frequent attendee of R.I.S. wrote, "Some pretenders of Salafism (i.e., revival of early Muslim legacy) erroneously and thoughtlessly criticized the very name of Sufism. As we have said, names and terms are only as significant as their content" [Taken from: http://binbayyah.net/english/2012/01/20/

sufism-in-islamic-shariah/] So the term Sufism and its practice was not something known to the earlier generations. Abdullah bin Bayyah in the above cited article, attempts to justify Sufism as a legitimate methodology, which is rooted in the shariah. This is evidence not only that he is Sufi, but that those who are against the term are pretenders of Salafiyyah. What is he suggesting of great scholars like Ibn Tayimyyah or Imam Ahmad who were against Sufism?