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**ON PLEDGES OF CO-OPERATION WITH THE  
'ASH'ARIS, MATURIDIS, SUFIS ETC**

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**Question:**

The next question is regarding some of Ahl us-Sunnah co-operating with the 'Ash'aris, the Maturidis, the Sufis and others, what's your view on this?

**Answer:**

The issue is as our Lord has said,

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**“Hold firmly to the rope of Allaah all together and do not become divided...”**

{*Aal 'Imraan (3): 103*}

The Muslims therefore have to hold firmly to the first Islam which the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*) and his companions were upon, this is what is understood from Allaah's saying **“the rope of Allaah”**. The **“rope of Allaah”**, as the commentators of the Qur'aan have said, is what the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*) and his companions were upon in terms of their understanding of the Qur'an, Sunnah, *Usool ud-Deen* and the *Sharee'ah*, this is the rope of Allaah. So the statements of the commentators, even though there may be some difference, it still revolves around this understanding of the verse. The intent therefore is: the original Islam that the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*) and his companions were upon, here then is what the Muslims unite upon, as for them uniting upon anything else then that will not have any benefit and if it was permissible as many people and Islamic groups claim, to merely unite for the sake of it, then Allaah would have said **“Hold firm all together and do not be divided”** but Allaah said **“Hold firmly to the rope of Allaah...”** So we have to unite upon something, so what is that which we unite upon? We unite upon correct Islam, we unite upon the Qur'an and the



**theology while we teach another 'aqeedah and theology, what's your view on this Shaykh?**

**Answer:**

Ahl us-Sunnah safeguard unity the most based on the fact that they want all of the Ummah to unite upon the correct *manhaj* which is for the Ummah to come to a common word. As for the others who say that all groups and sects can remain upon what they are upon (from false '*aqeedah* and *manhaj*), then this will not unite the Ummah and rather this will most surely divide the Ummah. Ahl us-Sunnah have to explain and clarify the 'aqeedah of Ahl us-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah and call to it, teach it and clarify it. As for Ahl us-Sunnah, at certain times, viewing that there is a benefit in ceasing clarifying what the people of innovation are upon, for a specific period, for a certain benefit and out of fear of a greater problem, then this is what the scholars and *du'aat* of Ahl us-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah to decide. As for a perpetual and categorical cease of clarifying the truth and criticising innovation then this is rejected by the *manhaj* of Ahl us-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah. This is because the *manhaj* of Ahl us-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah from the Companions, taabi'een, the atbaa' taabi'een, the *Salaf*, the Imaams of the Muslims, have all clarified innovation and warned against it as this is from jihad in the path of Allaah. Rather indeed, this is from the greatest forms of jihad in the path of Allaah because it is based on the original Islam. As for all remaining silent in regards to explaining the truth then this denies the original Islam and will negate what the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*) and his companions were upon, and it will also lead to an increase in innovation and its evil. We have to remain one the '*aqeedah* of Ahl us-Sunnah and clarify it but if however there are certain times wherein there is a benefit in us being a bit silent for a brief specific period then this could occur, and those who limit and decide this are the 'Ulama of Ahl us-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah.<sup>1</sup> As for us being perpetually silent (with regards to the innovations of the opposers) then this is a very big mistake and in fact the Murji'ah, from their characteristics and features, is that they remain silent from clarifying errors and innovations which are committed by the people of innovation. This is from the Murji'ah, as I have clarified in

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<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately however, some in the West have taken it upon themselves to concur when this should be done with no referral whatsoever to the 'Ulama with the claim that **“those scholars do not know about the West and what we are going through”**, yet at the same time running to sit with the *Ikhwaanee* and *Sufi* Shaykhs who all of a sudden *do* have an understanding about the West whereas the scholars of Ahl us-Sunnah do not!!!

**[Translator's Note]**

some of my books, such as my book *The Murji'ah of the Era*.<sup>2</sup> So this is from the signs of *irjaa'* and from the characteristics of the Murji'ah, and as for Ahl us-Sunnah then they clarify and make clear in a way that is best, with beneficial methods, with wisdom, with good preaching, with that which unites the Ummah and with that which distances problems and corruption. There has to be clarification and explanation however, the path to doing this has to be good and with wisdom and with that which is best and as for remaining silent then that is a grave error, unless the silence is for a specific period, if we see a benefit in that, which Ahl us-Sunnah or the 'Ulama and those with insight and knowledge concur. This is a brief answer to the question.

### **Question:**

**It is also mentioned within this pledge that due to the amount of attacks and propaganda against Islam at present the Muslims in the West, in Britain for example, have to unite in order to gather what they have in order to respond to these attacks. Also due to the numbers being important, all Muslims have to unite regardless of 'aqeedah and manhaj. What's your view on this point?**

### **Answer:**

This is a dangerous point, and I fear that it may lead to saying that we keep quiet about serious errors and major innovation which the people of innovation and the deviants do such as the likes of Aboo Hamza al-Misree, Aboo Qataadah, Bin Laadin and others who promote the innovation of *kburooj* (revolt) against the leaders and kill Muslims and non-Muslims. So for example, if we remain silent about the errors of Bin Laadin, Aboo Hamza and others who follow this mistaken *manhaj* and we do not explain to the Ummah the correct *manhaj*, then this is a trap for Ahl us-Sunnah so that they stop Ahl us-Sunnah from clarifying these errors and deviations. So I say: all of the Ummah, in order for it to traverse the correct *manhaj*, has to say, from inside our house, to the deviant that: "You have deviated" and to the one who has erred: "You have erred in this matter" and then we say to all: "Come to a common and equitable word between us and you, that we return to right path and the original Islam which no one should differ from". All claim to call to Islam, but which Islam is correct? The one which Bin Laadin calls to? The one which the Sufis call to? The one which other deviants call to? The Islam which all will benefit from is the

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<sup>2</sup> Translated by Aboo Hayyaan Salal bin 'AbdulGhafoor here: [http://www.salafimanhaj.com/pdf/TheMurjiahOfTheEra\\_ebook.pdf](http://www.salafimanhaj.com/pdf/TheMurjiahOfTheEra_ebook.pdf)

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original Islam that the Companions were upon which is what we call people to and unite upon. I fear that the intent of this could be what I mentioned, Allaah knows best.

**Questioner:**

Jazak Allaahu kharan yaa Shaykh, BaraakAllaahu feekum! Apologies for any disturbance to you.

**Shaykh Khaalid:**

Give my salaams to all of our brothers. May Allaah increase you all in goodness and I encourage you all to increase your efforts during these last blessed ten days, especially the nights and we ask Allaah to grant victory to our Ummah and honour it and to show us the truth as being the truth and suffice us to follow it; and to show us falsehood as the falsehood that it is and suffice us all to stay way from it.

*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon our Prophet Muhammad*