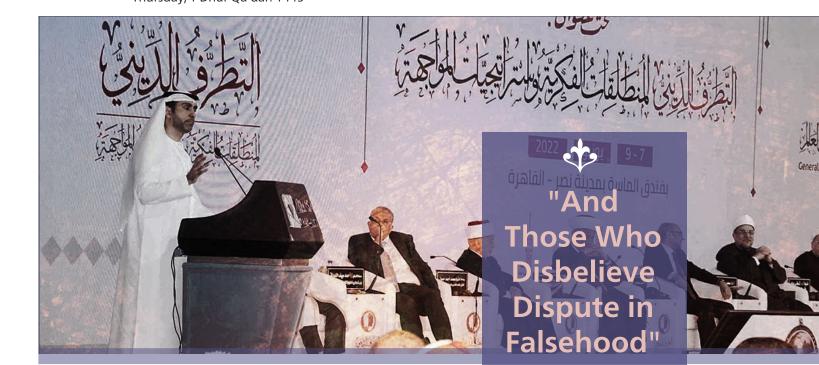
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Shaytan continues to adorn kufr for his followers and they insist upon it, along with their evil ways, the ugliness of their path, and the futility of their course, as Allah Almighty said: "Is he, then, to whom the evil of his conduct is made alluring, so that he looks upon it as good, (equal to one who is rightly guided)?" The scales of these people have become misaligned, so they see their evil deeds as good, and their wrongful acts as the true path! Allah has described their state in His saying: "Say, (O Prophet,) 'Shall we inform you of who will be the biggest losers of deeds? (They are) those whose efforts are in vain in this worldly life, while they think they are doing good!" In accordance with this illusion and false assumption, you see them arguing for their falsehood despite the clear and obvious presence of the truth before them!

Allah Almighty gave examples of these people when He said this about the Jews and Christians: "The Jews say, 'The Christians have nothing to stand on' and the Christians say, 'The Jews have nothing to stand on,' although both recite the Scriptures" At-Tabari said: "If the Jews say, 'The Christians are not on the right path in their religion!', and the Christians say, 'The Jews are not following their religion correctly!', Allah has informed the believers about them saying that to them, as a way of informing them about how they have distorted the rulings of the Book which clearly affirms its authenticity and that it is from Allah. Despite this, they deny what the obligations that Allah revealed in it. The Gospel, the authenticity and truthfulness of which the Christians believe, confirms the prophethood of Musa, peace be upon him, and the obligations that Allah imposed on the Children of Israel in it. And the Torah, the authenticity and truthfulness of which the Jews believe, confirms the prophethood of 'Issa, peace be upon him, and what he brought from Allah in terms of rulings and obligations". So reflect on the situation of these lews and Christians, how they accuse each

other of kufr without being deterred by the presence of contradictions in their own scriptures, and how they dare to make these serious accusations without any evidence from the divine Shari'ah of Allah.

It should be noted that this public audacity in issuing false judgments and major accusations is not exclusive to Jews and Christians, as the Almighty said in the rest of the verse: "And those (pagans) who have no knowledge say the same (about people of faith)..." These, whether they were from the nations that existed before Islam or the Arabs who denied the Messenger of Allah, Muhammad 2 despite the differences among interpreters about them - it is still a common trait that those described with it continue to appear in every generation.

If we look at our current time, we find that the people of kufr are still mocking Islam with the most ridiculous arguments and trying to undermine it. They use satellites and create websites for this purpose, and spend huge amounts of money in their insistence on kufr. This makes a Muslim truly grateful to Allah for the blessing of guidance.

In this era, these accusations from the people of misguidance have targeted the mujahidin for the sake of Allah. Today, we see factions of hypocrisy and their supporters, including "scholars" of desires, criticizing the soldiers of the Khilafah for their war against the forces of kufr, and their hastening to implement the law of the Most Merciful whenever they gain control of any land, no matter how small. They try to place them in a position of blame and push them to respond to their weak arguments, while they themselves are drowning in the contradictions of Islam up to their ankles! Those who do not rule by Shari'ah demand that they be judged by Shari'ah courts! And those who ally with the Jews, Christians, and riddah governments pontificate on matters of jihad! In a strange contradiction that they do not

feel ashamed of, even though there is no sin worse than kufr.

Misguidance may become so entrenched among the kuffar until they believe it to be the clear truth, and they argue about it with all the doubts they have come up with. They even invite people to it, affirm their commitment to it, and may even destroy themselves in its path! Allah has said about the kuffar of the Quraysh in the past: "The chiefs among them went forth saying, 'Carry on, and stand firm in devotion to your gods. Certainly, this is just a scheme (for power)". These people did not content themselves with their kufr, but they used to invite others to persist and remain in it, which is exactly what happened with the Jews of Banu Qurayzah when they refused Islam and chose death over it! History has preserved for us the story of one of their leaders, Huyayy ibn Akhtab, when he was brought to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to him: "Has Allah disgraced you?!" Huyayy replied, "I have been exposed, but by Allah, I have never harbored enmity towards you! But whoever betrays Allah will be betrayed." Then he turned to the people and said, "O people, there is no harm in the decree of Allah, it is a written destiny and a saga that Allah has decreed upon the Children of Israel." Then he sat down and his neck was struck (may Allah curse him)! [Al-Bidayah wa an-Nihayah]. This man stood in front of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ himself, and he still would not be turned away from kufr until his neck was severed by the sword. We still see the likes of Huyayy ibn Akhtab persisting in kufr, destroying themselves in the name of Judaism and Christianity, nationalism and tribalism, lands and homelands, factions and groups that fight against the law of Allah and His allies, and other false religions, beliefs, and methodologies that they argue about with falsehood "while they think that

they are doing good".

Indeed, these people will wake up from the illusion that are living in this world, and realize its futility on a day when it will not benefit them at all. At that time, they will realize that they were chasing after a mirage. Allah has described this state in a wonderful way, saying: "As for the disbelievers, their deeds are like a mirage in a desert, which the thirsty perceive as water, but when they approach it, they find it to be nothing. Instead, they find Allah there (in the Hereafter, ready) to settle their account. And Allah is swift in reckoning". Ibn Kathir, the commentator, said: "Similarly, the kaffir thinks that he has done a deed and that he has achieved something. But when Allah fulfills His promise on the Day of Judgment and holds him accountable for it, and his deeds are scrutinized, he will find that none of his deeds have been accepted in full. This could be due to lack of sincerity or failure to follow the teachings of the religion, as Allah has said: 'Then We will turn to whatever (good) deeds they did, reducing them to scattered dust'".

And thus, the argument of the people of falsehood about their falsehood, their defense of it, their insistence on it, and their adornment of it in the eyes of most people, does not negate the fact that it is false. The truth will prevail, sooner or later. On the other hand, the weakness of the people of truth and their shortcomings in supporting it and their lack of steadfastness in it does not negate the fact that it is the truth supported by the promise of Allah. The lesson is for the Muslim to strive to have a share in supporting the truth in this time, and to be certain that Allah has appointed people to support the truth, whether they are few or many. So let the worshiper hasten to find a place among them before it is too late. "Allah will certainly help those who stand up for Him. Allah is truly All-Powerful, Almighty".

