

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

On 18th March 2025, Taqweem Aslam published a document in response to criticisms that have been raised against him from numerous Salafis and marakiz in the UK, especially those that know him very well over many years.

Strangely, Taqweem avoids addressing the specific claims made against him and instead tries to divert attention to other unrelated and vague matters, which have no impact upon what the Salafis of Britain, including seniors, mashaikh, du'at, marakiz and his former committee members have testified to concerning him.

He makes mention of our brother Shuhood, a Salafi brother who no doubt has good with him. Taqweem attempts to quote pieces of information from me that have been narrated to him. At times, brother Shuhood may wish to enjoin the good and forbid the evil, and with good intentions too, however the approach may have required a bit more wisdom at times such as saying that the playing of Nuniyah Qahtaniyah in an Islamic bookstore is musical. I have never claimed that Shuhood spread this to others or that he was referring to the Salafi

Bookstore in Birmingham (which he wasn't). However, what I have said about brother Shuhood on several occasions to people, is that he has proven to be more humble and accepting of advice than many others if and when advised. And no person is ever free of needing advice whether it is Ali, Taqweem or brother Shuhood.

It is very strange that out of desperation Taqweem asks for a mubahala for something that hasn't even been argued yet doesn't make a similar request concerning the actual and specific claims that Shaikh Abu Khadeejah, Shaikh Abu Iyaad, Ustadh Abu Humayd, Ustadh Abdullah Gambi, Abu Ishaq Basharat, Ilyas Ahmed, Abu Khalid, Amjad Khan, Kamal Libi, Faizal Kara, myself and many others make concerning him! Are all these brothers, seniors, dua't and mashaikh devoid of integrity and precision?

Taqweem, please let's be honest, clear and frank; I ask you my brother, and by Allah I ask you for the sake of Allah, have mercy upon the da'wah and have mercy upon the Salafiyyoon of Britain. The foundations established by our elders in Britain for over 3 decades – of which both you and I have been

recipients of their efforts, are not worth disrupting for our personal issues. I know you believe that everyone is out to bring you down, but by Allah this is far from the truth. Why have so many of us made an extensive effort for so many years to keep your matter private? It is because we do not want to lose you Taqweem; we love you for the sake of Allah for you are our Salafi brother. Your elders, mentors as well as your peers have worked hard to safeguard your honour as much as possible.

It is only because you have left your teachers and your seniors with no choice except to clarify to the wider community why there is this evident splitting which unfortunately you have been instrumental in causing. By Allah, you can easily bring an end to all of this by acknowledging the impact your actions have had, apologising to your seniors and peers and returning to cooperation upon birr and taqwa with your brothers and the various marakiz across the country including Maktabah Salafiyyah, as had always been the advice of the two mountains and Imams Rabi' and Ubaid.

Abu Arwa

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