
CUTTING OFF ONE'S SALAFI BROTHER/SISTER DUE TO THE DUNYA

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Question: If there occurs a Dunya related problem between two Salafis, after which they stop speaking to one another, with the exception of giving the Salams or returning them, despite what they hold within their chests; what is the ruling of this action and are they included in the Hadith regarding the two who have a grudge against one another, that they will not be forgiven until they reconcile?

Answer: I say, the Dunya is dangerous and destructive. The prophet ﷺ said:

والله ما الفقر أخشى عليكم ولكنني أخشى عليكم أن تبسط الدنيا عليكم كما بسطت على من كان قبلكم فتنافسوها كما تنافسوها وتهلككم كما أهلكتهم

By Allah, it is not poverty that I fear for you. But I fear for you that the Dunya will be spread out for you just as it was spread out for those who were before you, and you will compete for it just as they competed for it. Thus, it will destroy you just as it destroyed them.

This is that which we warn against. Whoever loves one another for the sake of Allah, and the love has united them upon that; upon Islam and the Sunnah, they should not make the Dunya the thing which will keep them together or divide them. And I don't believe that they are outside of the scope of the Hadith in which Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, said: *Expiate the sins of every Muslim, except the two who harbor a grudge between them. Leave them until they reconcile; leave them until they reconcile; leave them until they reconcile.*

It is upon them to repent to Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, and to rectify (their relationship), and I advise those who are near them from the people of goodness, Taqwa, excellence and virtue to exert efforts in reconciliation between them and doing away with the enmity between them.

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