

Arab Revolt 2.0 – The Pyramid of 1 Prophecy

Based on the article of Dr. Ali al-Timimi analysing the work of al-Tuwaijri's *Itihaf al-Jama'a*, pp 75-81. <http://www.islaam.com/Article.aspx?id=191>

Prophetic Hadith: ‘There will be civil strife that will wipe away the Arabs, its dead will be in Hell. During which the tongue will be more severe than a blow of the sword.’ (Ahmad, Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)

Analysis:



1. Wipes away the Arabs

Al-Tuwaijri surmises that this means that it will consume most of them in destruction. He alludes to another hadith to support his views: ‘Woe to the Arabs of an evil drawing night, its shadow has fallen on [them] by the Lord of the Ka’aba, its shadow has fallen on them.’



2. That its dead will be in Hell

Al-Tuwaijri explains that some scholars have interpreted this to mean that since they did not intend by fighting to raise Allah's word, or push back an injustice, or assist the people of the truth; but rather they sought to show off and sought wealth and power, they are in Hell. He also alludes to a number of hadith about fighting under a "blind" banner (*rayah 'immiya*), i.e., a call of blind partisanship, be it tribal, national, etc. He further explains: Much death and killing has occurred in our times due to the call of Ignorance especially due to the removal of the Caliphate and it being replaced by ‘Republics’. This is the pure resemblance of the infidel nations and following their ways as one sandal resembles the other.



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3. The tongue being more severe than the sword

Al-Tuwaijari then explains how the tongue during this civil strife is more severe than the sword as follows: ‘The confirmation of this is seen in our times in the spread of radio broadcasts and newspapers in all corners of the earth. The tongues of those who speak through [these media], insulting, belittling, mentioning the faults of those who disagree with them, spreading civil strife and whipping up hatred and animosities is much greater than the blow of the sword.’