

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. <u>http://www.islaam.com/Article.aspx?id=191</u>

<u>Prophetic Hadith:</u> '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

A-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 nigh, 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-Tuwajri explains that some scholars have interpreted this to mean that since <u>they did</u> 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 <u>"blind" banner</u> (*rayah 'immiya*), i.e., a call of <u>blind partisanship</u>, 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 <u>'Republics'</u>. This is the pure resemblance of the infidel nations and following their ways as one sandal resembles the other.



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 <u>radio</u> <u>broadcasts and newspapers in all corners of the earth</u>. The tongues of those who speak through [these media], insulting, bellitting, 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.'