Al-Qaradaawee
- on the Scales -

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This small pamphlet provides a glimpse into some of the peculiar and strange opinions of the well known Dr. Yoosuf Al-Qaradaawee so that the Muslims could be aware of his reality. If it were not for his widespread fame throughout the Muslim and non-Muslim lands, there would be no need for treatises such as this, let alone detailed books, which have also been authored about him by various authors.

However, for the sake of advising the Muslims and warning them from the dangerous views and philosophy of this individual, these books and treatises were written – this pamphlet being one of the smaller abridged ones. This e-book is in no way meant to be a definitive source or a comprehensive refutation. Rather, the main goal intended here is to provide the readers with a glimpse of some of Al-Qaradaawee’s outlandish views and statements, which prove his remoteness from knowledge and the way of the true scholars.

We ask Allaah to make this treatise a source of guidance for the Muslims and a means for them to avoid deviation and misguidance and all those who call to it.

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A Summary of some of Al-Qaradaawee’s Ideologies

All praise be to Allaah, and may His peace and praises be on the Messenger of Allaah. To proceed:

From that which the ummah is being tried with in these current times is the appearance of people who don the garments of knowledge. They alter and distort the Islamic laws in the name of reformation and facilitate the means of corruption in the name of ease. They open the doors of vice in the name of scholarly deduction and belittle some aspects of the Sunnah in the name of priorities, as well as associate with disbelievers in the name of presenting a “good image” of Islaam.

At the head of these individuals is the satellite muftee, Yoousuf Al-Qaradaawee, who works to spread this ideology through satellite channels, the internet, conferences, classes, books and other means.

These pages contain a summary of some of the views and ideologies that this man spreads. I am presenting it in order to advise the ummah, fulfill my obligation and warn against this individual and his likes.

I will not prolong this treatise by presenting a refutation of him since what I will mention here are things that the general masses of Muslims disapprove of.

And if anyone would like more details on these statements and a refutation of them, he should refer to the book “A Refutation of Al-Qaradaawee.”

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In the first part of Shawaal 1420H

1 This heading is the title that our brother Naasir bin Hamad Al-Fahd – may Allaah preserve him – gave to his treatise. As for the title that is in the front of this edition: “Al-Qaradaawee upon the Scales” then it is from our modifications – “the Publisher.” We would have preferred to publish this treatise with the title: “The Deviations of the Innovator Al-Qaradaawee, the Muftee of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon Group”, however we withheld from this, and we ask Allaah’s relief, for the man is not just an innovator. Rather he is an innovator that (openly) calls to his innovation. And he is not just a caller. Rather he is staunch in his call to innovation. A person with understanding of the way of people knows that Al-Qaradaawee, in reality, is nothing more than one of the members of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon Group. But in spite of this, he wears a long (Islamic) garment and a turban and the Ikhwan thrust him amidst the scholars of the Hijzaaz and the Gulf who are actually people that possess modesty and manners. So they deceive the people in this manner.” [The Publisher]

2 Citations for the material mentioned in this book can be found generally and not in detail in the following sources: Al-Jazeerah Channel: Islamic Law and Life 1997: 9/28, 10/12, and 12/7 and 1998: 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, and 6/28 and 1999: 1/24, 6/13, 6/14 and 12/26; Abu Dhabi Channel: Al-Muntada Program 1998: 1/10, 2/10 and 3/7; ART Channel 7/4/1418H; Al-Qaradaawee’s Internet Website: Article: A Visit to Iran; The book
First: His Position towards the Disbelievers

Al-Qaradaawee toned down and eradicated the fundamental doctrine of association and disassociation (al-Walaa wal-Baraa) towards the disbelievers. What follows are some of his statements:

1. He said about the Christians: “All of the issues that exist between us are common. We are all sons of one country – our destiny is one…our nation is one…I say about them that they are our Christian brothers…but some people condemn me for this…How can I say that they are our Christian brothers when Allaah says: ‘Verily the believers are only brothers?’…yes, we are believers but they too are believers from another perspective.”

2. In the same program, he said about the Coptic Christians: “They put forth thousands [of ‘martyrs’] for the various beliefs.”

3. He said: “There is nothing wrong with a Muslim loving a non-Muslim.”

4. He said: “The enmity that exists between us and the Jews is only due to land, not due to Religion.”

He stated that Allaah’s saying: “You will find the most severe in enmity against those who believe are the Jews and the pagans” is with regard to the circumstances at the time of the Messenger, and that it doesn't apply now.

And this is in spite of the fact that he uses the last part of the same ayah as proof for the Christians’ close relation to the Muslims today!! This is such that he says: “If the Muslims flourish, their Christian brothers also flourish without doubt. And if the Muslims deteriorate, the Christians too deteriorate.”

He also stated in several places that Islaam – according to his perception – respects the distorted religions.
And he stated that they are like Muslims – they share what is for them as well as what is against them, and that there are common grounds between Muslims and Christians.

He also stated that Islam focuses on the points of commonality between us and them and not on the points of contention.

And he said that the Muslims must stand together with the Christians in one row upon these common grounds against atheism, oppression and tyranny.

He also mentioned that Jihad is for the defense of all Religions and not just Islam.

He permitted congratulating them on their holidays and sanctioned their eligibility for positions in the government and ministries.

In fact, I will list for you here, my brother for the sake of Allah, that which is far more amazing than this, and it is when one of the youth asked the famous Ikhwan, Muhammad ‘Abdul-Qudoo As-Suhufee, the following question: “Why are you starting a newspaper that speaks for the Christians with the voice of the Ikhwan and in which they write articles and so on?” So the Ikhwan responded: “This is so that the people will realize that the Ikhwan uphold democracy! Furthermore, the outcome of the Christians in the Hereafter is up to Allah – if He wills, He will admit them into Paradise, and if He wills, He will enter them into Hell.” By Allah, he said this! And I witnessed it with my own ears, eyes and heart! [Written by the Publisher]

Additions to the Second Edition:
1. In the periodical “Arab Horizons” (no. 703), it states: “The noble professor, Mahdee ‘Aakif, the head of the Ikhwan group, announced the death of Pope John Paul II, after a long battle with an illness, and pointed out his role in defending the rights and liberties of humans and disaster victims, while hoping that the Catholics will select a successor that will raise the motto of liberties and protect moral values and human rights.”

2. “Al-Qaradaaawee announced the death of the thinker Edward Sa’eed and asks Allah to replace him with someone better.”

3. From the book: “The Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon: Events that made History” (2/503): “The professor, Hasan Al-Hudaibee, head of the Ikhwan, went to the Patriarchal Center where he met the head Patriarch, Al-Anba Yusab. From that which he said was: ‘The Muslim and the Coptic (Christian) should worship their Lord – each according to the teachings of his Religion.’ Then as the head of the Ikhwan was exiting, the chief Patriarch presented him with a crucifix made of amber, upon which they embraced in front of a large group of Coptic Christians and Muslims. The newspapers distributed their photographs in which they can be seen embracing.”

4. There are many more examples that cannot be contained in these pages. [Publisher]
6. He also stated that jizyah is taken from those under the rule of Muslims in exchange for their lack of defending the country. But as for today, it is removed from them since military service is mandatory and applies to both the Muslim and the disbeliever.

Second: His Stance towards the Innovators

When Al-Qaradaawee speaks against innovation, you find him speaking out against an opponent that doesn’t exist. So he speaks out against the Mu’tazilah and the Khawaarij of old but yet at the same time, he praises their modern-day offshoots.

As for the Raafidah, who inherited the beliefs of the Mu’tazilah and added more grotesque and bizarre views to it of which the least of them is enough to associate them with the likes of Abu Jahl, then you find him defending them and fraternizing with them. In fact, he even regards inciting any conflicts with them as an act of treachery against the ummah. And he considers their cursing of the Companions, their distortion of the Qur’aan, their beliefs that their Imaams are infallible, and their pilgrimage to the gravesites among other things as “marginal oppositions to Creed.”

He also made similar statements about today’s successors to the Khawaarij – who are the Ibaadiyyah.

And according to him, the Ash’arees and the Maturidees are from Ahlus-Sunnah and there is no room for argument about this!

Third: His Stance towards the Sunnah

Al-Qaradaawee follows the course of the rationalists in subjecting the Sunnah to their limited intellects and corrupt understandings. As a result, he rejects some of it while misinterpreting other parts of it that do not conform to his desires.

The following are some examples of his statements with regard to the Sunnah:

1. It is authentically reported in Saheeh Muslim in marfoo’ form that the Prophet ﷺ said: “Indeed, my father and your father are in the Fire” and the scholars unanimously agree on this.

4 From the most astonishing examples of the deceit of the dogs of Iran that the Muslims saw in recent times was their president, Khatami’s participation in the funeral of the Vatican Pope. His pictures clearly showed him walking behind the coffin next to a humungous crucifix upon which was a statue of Christ crucified. Then afterward, when the Catholics chose a new leader, Khatami sent a letter with warm congratulations and wishing success, saying that he felt true joy upon hearing news of the selection of a new pope!! [Publisher]

5 He himself is Ash’aree yet is ashamed to admit it and always evades the subject like a fox.
Al-Qaradaawee said: “I say: What is the sin of 'Abdullaah bin 'Abdil-Mutallib (i.e. the father of Prophet Muhammad) such that he is from the inhabitants of the Hellfire when he is from the people of Fitrah and the correct view with regard to them is that they are saved?”

2. It is authentically reported in the two Saheeh Collections in marfoo’ form that the Prophet ﷺ said: “Death will be brought in the form of a handsome ram.”

Al-Qaradaawee said: “From that which is known and certain and which conforms to the intellect and the texts is that death is neither a ram nor a bull nor any other type of animal.”

3. It is authentically reported in the Saheeh Collection in marfoo’ form that the Prophet ﷺ said: “A people that entrust their leadership to a woman will never succeed.” 7

Al-Qaradaawee said: “This is restricted to the time of the Messenger ﷺ in which leadership was predominantly monopolized by men, but as for today, then no.”

4. It is authentically reported in the Saheeh that the Prophet ﷺ said: “I have not seen women deficient in intellect and Religion more able to change the mind of a determined man that one of you.” 8

Al-Qaradaawee said: “This statement was made by the Messenger ﷺ as a joke.” (!?)

5. It is authentically reported in the Saheeh that the Prophet ﷺ said: “A Muslim should not be killed by a disbeliever.” 9

After affirming that a Muslim can be killed by a disbeliever (!) in opposition to the hadeeth, Al-Qaradaawee said: “This is the view of which it is not befitting in our time to follow other than it. And by us favoring this view, we are nullifying the excuses and raising the banner of the Islamic legislation.”

There are many more examples besides this.

6 Reported by Muslim (3/79 of An-Nawawee’s Explanation)

7 Reported by Al-Bukhaaree from the narration of Abu Bakrah ﷺ; See al-Mishkaat (no. 3693), al-Irwaa (no. 2456 & 2613)

8 Agreed Upon; See al-Mishkaat (no. 19) and Sharh-us-Sunnah of Al-Baghawee (no. 19) also.

9 Reported by Al-Bukhaaree; See al-Irwaa (no. 2208-2209)
Fourth: His Stance with regard to Women:  

Al-Qaradaawee works to tear apart the veil of those women who observe the Hijaab by any means he is capable of. He has announced repeatedly that separating the men from women in lecture programs is an innovation (!) and that it is from the customs that are not part of Islaam (!) and that we must tear down this barrier that exists between women and men!

He said in quote: “Unfortunately, I am in my seventies and I go to America to participate in Islamic conferences, but the lectures in these conferences are held with the women on one side and the men on another side. So sternness has overcome the organizations there and they have forced customs on the western community itself to the point that they have followed the stricter views whilst abandoning the more favorable views. So this has resulted in men having their own gathering place apart from the gathering place of women.”

In the same event, he also said the following: “...Even though the likes of these conferences can serve as an opportunity for a young man to see a young girl (!?), be impressed with her and ask about her. And perhaps Allaah will open their hearts and the end result of this will be the formation of a Muslim family.”

In the same program, when a man introduced him for a lecture that was specific for women, he said: “I said to the introducer: What are you doing here? Shouldn’t one of the sisters be in your place instead of you since the topic is specific for them? She should be the one introducing me, giving a few brief words and taking questions. By doing this, we would be training them to be leaders. However, the men are always controlling the women even in their own affairs.”

He has also stated that Muslim women wearing Hijaab should appear on television and satellite channels and that women should participate in plays and theatre.

In fact, (while calling to a modest form of intermingling), he even mentioned that he has two daughters that studied in universities in England and who graduated with doctorate degrees – one in nuclear physics and the other in biochemistry!!

10 From his outlandish statements – may Allaah protect the Muslims from his trials, Ameen Ameen!! – is when he said that if a Christian woman becomes Muslim she should remain under her Christian husband and he could sleep with her and she with him! And there is no might or power except by Allaah’s leave! [See Al-Qaradaawee’s web site under his discussion with BBC] Another of his bizarre claims is that he allows Muslim women living in Europe to take off their Hijaabs in order to avoid the harm of the western societies! Refer to the previous source. [Publisher]

11 Look at the following footnote.
Fifth: Al-Qaradaawee and Entertainment:

Al-Qaradaawee is regarded as one of the most prolific religious (!!!) callers to music and entertainment. He asserts this in a number of ways:

1. He states in many of his books that music is lawful and that movies are permitted and good.

2. He mentions that he condemns those actors that withdrew from acting.12

12 Refer to the Egyptian newspaper “Al-Liwaa al-Islami” (no. 1198), where it states: “Al-Qaradaawee requests the retired female actresses to not quit from acting and cinematic work, and that they should not abandon the movie arena…!”

An example of this is the fact that when some women who used to work as actresses repented to Allaah, this did not move the innovators of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon – the people of tolerance and moderation! Rather, they encouraged them to go back to the field of acting and performing arts. So they returned them to the screen and they became known as “So and so repentant woman” acts in front of “the husband of her colleague, so and so repentant woman!!” We ask Allaah to grant us relief from Himself. Where is Allaah’s Command to His servants to lower their gaze?! Where is the prevention of free-mixing/intermingling?! And so on and so forth!!

And so that you know that this is not something new for the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon group, did you also know that there used to be something called the “Theatrical Band of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon” which was supervised by ‘Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Banna, the brother of Hasan Al-Banna, founder and first leader of the Ikhwan?!!

Did you know O servant of Allaah that from the things that this ‘Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Banna presented to the “Islamic Da’wah” was the play Jameel Buthainah, which involved a number of the celebrities of that time such as Fatima Rushdy, George Abyad, ‘Abaas Faaris and Mahmood Al-Maligi.

‘Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Banna, head of theatrical activities of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon group, said: “Why do you beg the west for their stories and events, such that we talk about Romeo and Juliet? And why do we welcome the young girl Camilia, and not return back to our east, thus grasping the light from the radiance of its sky and coming to realize love through the purity of its children. So this is Jameel and this Buthainah – two protagonists in a story of love for their time as well as generations after them…”

Did you know, O servant of Allaah, that Malak, a famous female singer of that time, requested this ‘Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Banna to write a play for her, to which he complied, writing the play Sa’adaa for her, and the actor, Hasan Hilmee, later produced it.

So see, O servant of Allaah, how the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon, did not find anything wrong with a woman working in the field of acting, which necessitates that she stand on stage, talk, point, relax, come, sit, rise, smile, appease…at times she whispers silently and at other times she raises her voice out loud! There are hundreds of eyes looking at her, following her, and moving with her. By Allaah, this is something that sends shivers through the skin of the believers and it is like mountains that are ready to shatter!
3. He sends his blessings on actors that wear crucifixes, openly displaying them in order to appear like Christian armies. He concluded his allowing them to do this by saying: “So proceed with the blessing of Allaah, and Allaah is with you and He will never causes your deeds to go in vain!!”

He mentions that he is a fan of the (female) singers Faiza Ahmed,13 Shadiya,14 Umm Kulthum,15 Fayruz16 and others.

He also mentions about himself that he follows movies, TV shows and plays, such as the movie “Irhab and Kabab” of ‘Adil Imam – in which they make fun of practicing people – “Dreamy Nights”, “Ra’fat Al-Hajjaan”, the movies of Ghawar, Noor Ash-Shareef, Ma’alee Zaayid and others.

He issued a verdict that it is permissible to look at women17 that appear on screen.

‘Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Bannaa, head of theatrical activities for the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon group, mentioned that during one of the rehearsals that he was following, he found that the sleeve of the dress of the actress ‘Aziza Amir was wide to the extent that her forearms were showing, so he pointed that out to her. And she had no aversion to tie this sleeve with a thread so as to tighten it!! Whatever Allaah wills and there is no power except by Allaah’s Leave! Look at the unique cultivation of the Ikhwan!! Look at the dutifulness!! Look at the piety!! What is this O people?! Is this Ibn ‘Umar? Look at how this actress fears her Lord! She is indeed a practicing and steadfast sister!!! Have you not seen, O servant of Allaah, those who waste their efforts in the worldly life whilst they think that they are doing something good!

Did you know, O servant of Allaah, that this ‘Abdur-Rahmaan would instruct the stars of his theatres to enroll in the advance acting institutes!! Did you know, O servant of Allaah, that one of the actors that ‘Abdur-Rahmaan Al-Bannaa would cooperate closely with was Shukri Raghib, director of the Opera House, who was also Christian! Their friendship reached such a high level that ‘Abdur-Rahmaan would insist on putting Shukri Raghib’s name on advertisements as stage director for the plays of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon!! Have you not seen, O servant of Allaah, the principles of this group??! [Written by the Publisher] [Refer to the website www.islamonly.com]

13 The “Noble Scholar” Al-Qaradaawee said: “I listen with fondness and am greatly affected by the voice of Faiza Ahmed!” [Ar-Rayyah Al-Qatariyyah: 5969-5970]

14 He also said: “…the voice of Shadiya when she sings ‘O engagement ring…O such and such…O admirable one…O expensive one…’, then these are songs that we hear in (our) festivities.” [Publisher]

15 He said: “…the truth is that I am not able to hear the entire love songs of Umm Kulthum – [Why, man, is it because it is unlawful?!] – because they are very long and require one to dedicate his time to them...!!!” [Publisher]

16 He said: “I do not follow Fayruz in her songs, not because they are Haraam (unlawful), but rather because I am always busy.” [Publisher]

17 The Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon even urge their female family members to run in elections, placing their pictures in avenues and streets – campaign propaganda – which call for the vilest of men to stare at them, i.e.: “Jeehaan
Sixth: His Abnormal Fiqh Views

Likewise, he has digressed in many of his Fiqh opinions. The following are some of his abnormal views:

1. He states that stoning to death is a form of punishment that the leader should cancel out, if he sees benefit in it.

2. He believes that apostasy is of two types: (1) An abrasive apostasy, which is accompanied by violence against the community – this type of apostate should be executed – (2) and a suppressed apostasy, which is every type apart from that and thus the one who falls under it should be left alone.

3. He holds that a woman may assume the role of general leadership.

4. He says that if a woman participates in buying, selling and other transactions, that her testimony is like the testimony of a man!!

5. He permits the shaving of the beard.\(^{18}\)

6. He permits small amounts of interest, such as 1\% or 2\% based on the justification that it is used for administrative services.

7. Apart from this, he permits music, entertainment, television, channels, T.V. shows, hanging the garment below the ankles, removing the veil, taking pictures, plays, selling alcohol and pork to the disbelievers, a Muslim transporting pork limbs, shaking hands with women,\(^{19}\) dressing up with the clothes of the disbelievers,\(^{20}\) eating the meat of Al-Halfaawee for Parliamentary Elections of 2000, Ramal District of Alexandria. She is the wife of Dr. Ibraheem Az-Za’fraanee, one of the elder members of the core Ikhwaan.” [Written by the Publisher]

\(^{18}\) You will find that the elder figures and prominent members of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon group do not allow one single hair to grow on their faces. And this is even though everyone knows that this person is from the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimeen – I mean by this (especially) the national security forces. So therefore, the issue (of shaving) is not that of someone who is fearful and afraid of being targeted, rather it is a matter of flattering the secular community and presenting the Ikhwani version of Islamic moderation!!! Did you not see their most recent caller, ‘Amr Khaalid, and how he always appears clean-shaven, charming the crowds and demolishing what Ahlus-Sunnah have built, since when confronting the low ones among them, they are faced with the argument: “Are you better than ‘Amr Khaalid?!” As for those from the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon that do grow a beard, then it is only a light circular set of hairs around the face – the trademark of the Ikhwan and the practice of Hasan Al-Bannaa, not that of the Prophet ﷺ! [Written by the Publisher]

\(^{19}\) In an announcement showing the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon group’s alliance with the social work party, there appeared in the “People’s Newspaper” a picture of Ma’moon Al-Hudaibee, who became the leader of the group afterward, in which he is seen shaking hands with a woman. Below the picture, the headline reads:
animals that were killed by lightning, a woman going abroad to study and traveling without a mahram...and much more.

It is indeed true what was said about him, that Al-Qaradaawee, with his verdicts and distortion of Islamic laws, is calling out to all of those who ascribe to Islaam, as if he were saying: “Do whatever you want for you have already been promised Paradise.”

We ask Allaah to keep us firm upon Islaam and the Sunnah and to grant us refuge from these statements and the ones who make them. And we ask Him to make us from those who adhere to the guidance of the Prophet and his Companions.

May the peace and praises of Allaah be on our prophet, Muhammad, and on all of his family and Companions.

Appendix from the Back Cover

From the Ar-Rayyah Al-Qataraiyyah Newspaper (no. 5969-5970):

Reporter: "Are there any particular hobbies or sports that Doctor Al-Qaradaawee likes to partake in?"

Al-Qaradaawee: “When I become tired of reading and writing, I watch some movies, TV shows or videos as a form of leisure. As a matter of fact, yesterday, I saw a movie on Egyptian television which starred Noor Ash-Shareef and Ma’aalee Zaayid. In the movie, Noor Ash-Shareef was put in prison for the charge of stealing ¾ of a million Egyptian pounds. But he was wrongfully accused since there was someone else behind the crime. And this person was not satisfied with just falsely accusing him, rather, he went on to marry his wife also. So Noor Ash-Shareef came out of jail to kill this dishonest man.

‘Aadil Imaam makes me laugh tremendously, especially in ‘Al-Irhaab wal-Kabaab,’ and so does Fu’aad Al-Muhandis, and Dareed Lihaam in the role of Ghawar...Actually, I prefer comedies since they soothe the soul from toil and pressure."

Shaikh Al-Albaanee, may Allaah have mercy on him, said: “...Al-Qaradaawee issues verdicts to people that oppose the Religion. He also has a very dangerous philosophy. Turn your sights away from Al-Qaradaawee...”

“Ma’moon Al-Hudaibee shakes hands with the female representative of the women’s council for the Work Party, denying the rumors being spread about him that he doesn’t shake hands with women!!” No comment! [Written by the Publisher]

20 You will find that throughout the passage of years, the leaders of the Ikhwan-ul-Muslimoon group – one after the other – never leave off from wearing the Europeanized suits and ties. Why is there such enmity and hatred between you and the long shirt, the head cap and the turban?! Their response...This is the Ikhwani moderateness and the ideological balance!! [Written by the Publisher]