

# THE ISLAMIC RULING (DECREE) REGARDING DR TAHIR ULQADRI

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## THE QUESTION

What do the respected scholars & jurists of Islam i.e. the Ahle Sunnah say regarding Dr Tahir ulQadri (famous orator and head of the “Minhaaj ulQuraan” organization)? Does he hold proper Islamic Ahle Sunnah beliefs and is it proper to follow him, join his organization, listen to his speeches, read his books, or support him in any way? Please provide a detailed answer with references; may you be amply rewarded. (February 2012)

## THE ANSWER

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“O Allah! Guide us to the Truth, and to the correct path.”

Allah – beginning with the name of – the Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

Dr Tahir ulQadri presents a dual personality. On one side he gives the false impression to unwitting scholars & common folk, that he is an Ahle Sunnah scholar who is spreading the true faith, by giving speeches that propound the beliefs and practices of the Ahle Sunnah, on topics such as the Prophet’s knowledge of the hidden, the Prophet being Present and a Witness, the Prophet’s intercession, the authority of the Prophet, the celebration of the Noble Prophet’s birth, Conveyance of Salutations to the Prophet etc.

And on the other hand he does not denounce the Wahhabis, the Deobandis, the Tabarrayi Shias (Shias who curse), as disbelievers whilst their disbelief is absolutely clear – on the contrary, he considers them Muslims! For example he has written in his book: "Thanks to Allah - there is no fundamental difference in the belief of all Muslims sects and schools of thought – however differences are present just in the secondary issues and limited just to the finer points and details – which differ only in the interpretation and explanations. Therefore in the pursuit of missionary work, to leave aside the fundamental doctrines and remain embroiled in secondary issues and interpretations – and then criticise and refute each other based upon this, is not in any way wise nor is it justifiable ". (The Way To End Sectarianism, Page 65)

The meaning of the above text is quite clear that (according to him) all those sects who call themselves Muslims have the same beliefs as that of the Ahle Sunnah community and are in agreement and united in their basic beliefs – and that they have no differences in their fundamental beliefs, just disagreements on secondary issues- – and therefore due to disagreements on secondary issues, it is incorrect to criticise or refute others, leave aside disgracing them or calling them disbelievers. Dr Tahir ulQadri therefore proclaimed "The organisation that I am making is not only for the Sunni community – it is for everyone, the Sunnis and the Shias. For us, there is no difference between the Sunnis and Shias". (Weekly Chattaan, Lahore May 25, 1989).

Based on the same as mentioned above, he therefore said in his address in Batool Shadman Colony, Lahore: "O you both – the Sunnis and the Shias! Become brothers to each other! And even if one of you says something (offensive) small or big, to each other then - all of you, as slaves of Hazrat Ali - do not keep it in your hearts! On the day of resurrection, you will not be asked regarding your faith as Sunnis or Shias. "

And based on the same ideology, he considers it as a source of pride to offer prayers behind the Shia and Wahhabi scholars. Dr Tahir ulQadri said in a statement: "I not only like offering prayers behind Shia and Wahhabi scholars, but do offer my prayers behind them whenever I get the opportunity ". (Deed Shuneed Magazine, Lahore - April 1986).

It is evident from Dr Tahir ulQadri's ideas and opinions that according to him all sects - for example the Wahhabis, Deobandis, Shias etc - are proper Muslims, and that they have absolutely no disagreements with the Ahle Sunnah on fundamental beliefs – so leave aside rebuking them or calling them disbelievers, it is incorrect to even criticise or refute them – and whatever the little disagreements are, are on secondary issues and of no importance.

This belief of Dr Tahir Qadri is a combination of several misguidances and disbeliefs. His belief shows that he is not promoting the missionary work of the Ahle Sunnah but actually reviving and propagating "Deen e Ilaahi" (Religion of God) innovated by the Mughal emperor Jalaluddin Akbar. Whereas Ahle Sunnah scholars agree that the Wahhabis, Deobandis, Shias and other sects have severe disagreements with the Ahle Sunnah wa alJamaat on several fundamental beliefs– and believing in them or rejecting them changes the ruling whether it is Islam (correct faith) or Kufr (disbelief). We list below the traits of some sects that are against the basic beliefs of the Ahle Sunnah.

## **1. EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENCES WITH THE SHIA SECT**

Some of the religious beliefs of Shias are totally against the core beliefs of the Ahle Sunnah.

- a. They accuse the Mother of the Believers, the chaste wife of the Holy Prophet, Sayyidah Ayesah Siddiqah of adultery – whereas her purity and chastity is proven from the verses of Surah Noor in the Holy Qur'an. Therefore, to accuse her of the heinous act is an outright rejection of the Holy Qur'an, and rejecting the Holy Qur'an is open disbelief.
- b. They deny the Companionship of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddique رضي الله عنه whilst his companionship is proven from the consensus of the Companions (and the interpretation of the verse of the Holy Qur'an) and the consensus of the Companions is considered indisputable and its rejecter is a disbeliever.
- c. The Shias believe that the Holy Qur'an is the diary of Sayyiduna Usmaan رضي الله عنه, is altered & incomplete – and this too is a rejection of the verse of the Holy Qur'an, and is disbelief.

- d. **They utter profanities and gravely insult the Shaikhayn and send curses upon them** (the 2 Grand Shaikhs - Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq رضي الله عنه and Hazrat Omar Farooq رضي الله عنه) – whereas Allah سبحانه وتعالى has accepted them as the faithful ones, and along with the Shaikhayn, Allah has promised paradise to all the companions – as is mentioned in the following verse:-

And Allah has promised Paradise to all of them (Surah Hadeed 57:10)	وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحَسَنَى
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Allah has furthermore certified that He is pleased with them, as mentioned in this verse:-

Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him (Surah Bayyinah 98:8)	رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ
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The aforementioned beliefs of the Shias, are by consensus, open disbelief & are against the fundamental beliefs of the Ahle Sunnah. In Fataawa Alamgeeri it is mentioned: 'If a Rafidi (Shia) abuses or curses the Shaikhayn, (Allah forbid), he is a disbeliever.'

In Fataawa Razaviyyah it is mentioned: " It is sheer disbelief to accuse the Mother of the Believers Sayyidah Ayesah Siddiqah رضي الله عنها of adultery; it is sheer disbelief to reject the companionship of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddique رضي الله عنه; and there are many other reasons of disbelief and apostasy among the present day 'Tabarrayis' (The Shias who curse) – which are mentioned in detail in the book 'Radd ulRifdah' (The Rebuttal of the Rejecters). Their apostasy is mentioned and evidently proven in numerous commonly available books such as Mutamedah, Khulaasa, Fath ulQadeer, Fataawa Zaheeriyah, Fataawa Alamgeeri, Radd ul Muhtaar and many others. It is therefore mentioned in Fataawa Hindiyyah: 'If one accuses Sayyidah Ayesah of adultery, he has rejected faith in Allah سبحانه وتعالى'. It is written in Sharah alMultaqa alBahar: 'One commits disbelief if he says "I do not know that the Prophet is safe in the grave" or says "It is not obligatory upon us to believe in the Holy Prophet" - for indeed his advent was one of the greatest blessings - or if he slandered Hazrat Ayesah or if he denied the companionship of Abu Bakr Siddiq.' In Khazanah alMuftiyeen, Fataawa Zaheeriyah, Fataawa Alamgeeri, Hadeeqah Nadiyah etc, it is mentioned regarding the Rafidis who reject the necessities of religion: 'They are a community that is out of the nation of Islam, and the rulings applicable upon them are those of the apostates.' " (Vol 6, Page 25)

And in the same Fataawa Razaviyyah it is mentioned: 'If a Rafidhi is a rejecter of the necessities of religion – for example, if he believes that some chapters or verses or even just some letters in the Holy Qur'an were decreased by Sayyiduna Usmaan رضي الله عنه or by any other person, or believes that Sayyiduna Ali رضي الله عنه or any other of the virtuous Imams to be superior than any of Allah's noble prophets – and the present day Tabarrayi Rafidis found here are mostly such - one may not find even a single one who does not hold these corrupt beliefs – he is then a disbeliever and an apostate.' (Vol. 4, Page 53).

## **2. SHIA LEADER IMAM KHOMEINI, IN THE EYES OF DR TAHIR.**

Dr Tahir ulQadri often visits events held by Shias, especially the gatherings for mourning and sometimes vigorously praises Khomeini. Once while praising Khomeini he said: "Imam Khomeini is one of Islamic history's brave and courageous personalities, a man of the Truth (i.e. a man of Allah) – whose life is like (the life of) Ali, and whose death is like (the death of) Husain. The love of Khomeini demands that every child becomes (like) Khomeini ". (Daily News Lahore, 1989). He said it, despite it being well-known that Khomeini's beliefs are the same as the beliefs of the "Twelver Shias" – as is apparent from his speeches and writings. And our jurists have deemed Khomeini a disbeliever (Kaafir). **Some of Khomeini's beliefs are listed below:**

- a. "Even if a verse (of the Holy Qur'an) had been revealed regarding the Imamate and Caliphate of Sayyiduna Ali - or some mention or words had come regarding it – even then Abu Bakr & Umar (the Shaikhayn) would not have accepted this verse, and despite Allah giving the command, they would not have given up the seat of governance". (Khomeini's book - Kashf ulAsraar, pg. 119, 120).
- b. 'The Qur'an is a book that has been tampered (altered), just like the books of the Jews & Christians.' (Khomeini's book - Kashf ulAsraar, Page 114).
- c. 'A person who claims that the Holy Qur'an present with him is the same complete one that was revealed, is a liar.' (Usoole Kaafi Page 139).
- d. Khomeini's belief: He insulted the senior Companions, senior narrators of the Prophet's traditions, exegetists of the Holy Qur'an, senior Successors and Sayyiduna Ameer Muawiyah, by calling them "selfish", "satanic", "those who governed against the Holy Qur'an", "conspirators", "feigners" "leavers of religion"; he called narrators of the Prophet's traditions and exegetists of the Holy Qur'an, "wicked", "cruel", "perpetrators of injustice", "worse than Satans". (Will of Imam Khomeini - Iran Unity Magazine, Vol 6, pg. 23, 24).
- e. Khomeini said that the first 3 Caliphs, were "victims of their egoistic desires", "deserters of the Holy Prophet", and he likened their Caliphates to kingship and monarchies. (The Scripture of Light, Vol. 1, pg. 165, 166).
- f. Khomeini said regarding Sayyiduna Ameer Muawiyah and his fellow companions that they were "Muslims only in name", "destroyers of Islam" and "worse than disbelievers".(The Scripture of Light, Vol. 3, Page 197, Unity Magazine, Vol. 5. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Last Page, "Final Sermon of Khomeini" - Iran 13 Rajab 1406).
- g. Khomeini believed that Allah's Prophets did not succeed in their missionary goals, to the extent that even the Holy Prophet Sayyiduna Mohammed did not succeed. (Khomeini Sermon broadcast by Tehran Radio – printed in alRae alAalam alKuwait 31/06/2008).
- h. Khomeini believed that Sayyiduna Umar Farooq changed the laws of Islam, and gave orders against the injunctions of the Holy Qur'an. (Kashf ulAsraar, Page 107, 119, 120).
- i. Khomeini believed that when the "hidden" Imam will appear, he will resurrect Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqah and apply the "Hadd" on her (i.e. punish her for adultery). (True Belief, Page 327, Revival and Enlivenment of Religion, Page 21).

From the above mentioned, it is clear that Khomeini's beliefs and position are the same as those held by the "Twelvers" Shia sect; and our scholars have ruled Khomeini to be an apostate due to many reasons; but according to Dr Tahir ulQadri, Khomeini is "a man of the Truth ( i.e. a man of Allah)" and "whose life is like (the life of) Ali", and "whose death is like (the death of) Husain" - so he repeatedly declared "In my eyes, there is no difference between Shias and Sunnis" – whereas the jurists have clearly ruled the Shias to be disbelievers and apostates, which is evident from the above statements.

### **3. EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENCES WITH THE WAHHABI DEOBANDI SECT**

The words of sheer disbelief and the accursed sayings, mentioned in the book “Tahzeer ulNaas” authored by Qasim Nanowtwi, in “Hifz ul-Imaan” authored by Ashraf Ali Thanwi, in “Baraheen e Qaatiyah” authored by Khalil Ahmed Ambethwi and others – are definitely such that openly insult the Holy Prophet ﷺ and reject some necessities of religion – and both these things are undoubtedly disbelief and against the basic beliefs of the Ahle Sunnah; we present below some of the texts of these books:-

For example, Qasim Nanowtwi wrote in the book Tahzeer ulNaas: **Common folk think that Allah’s Messenger being the ‘Seal’ means that his era is later than all the other earlier prophets and he is chronologically the last prophet; but it is clear to the people of understanding that there is absolutely no excellence in being chronologically prior or later; then how can it be correct to recite (this verse of Holy Qur’an) “Rather, he is the Noble Messenger of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets” as a matter of praise? (Page 3)**

And he further wrote:- **“If, hypothetically, even if in his (Prophet Muhammad’s) era there was a prophet somewhere else, his being the “Seal (of the Prophets)” remains intact.” (Page 14)**

And he further wrote: **“In fact, even if a new prophet were to be born after the era of the Holy Prophet, even then the trait of Muhammad being the “Seal(of the Prophets)” would not be the least affected.” (On Page 25)**

In the above passages, there is a clear denial of the finality of the Holy Prophet, and to believe that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the Last Prophet is one of the necessities of faith, and rejecting a necessity of faith is, by consensus, disbelief. It is alAshbaah wa alNazaar: **"If one does not accept Prophet Muhammad ﷺ to be the Last of the Prophets, he is not a Muslim; for this (belief) is part of the necessities (of faith).**

Khalil Ahmed Ambethwi wrote in the book Baraheen e Qaatiyah: **By looking at the state of (the knowledge of) Satan and the Angel of Death, (and then) proving such encompassing knowledge of the earth for the Pride of the World (i.e. the Holy Prophet) - (and that too) against the definitive (scriptural) evidences & without proofs, and just by false analogy – if this is not polytheism, then which part of faith is it? The extensiveness of knowledge for Satan and the Angel of Death is proven by (scriptural) evidences; where is the definitive evidence for the extensiveness of knowledge of the Pride of the World? (Page 51)**

Indeed, in the above text, the Wahhabi Deobandis have claimed the Holy Prophet’s knowledge to be lesser than that of Satan and the Angel of Death – and this is a big insult and indeed disbelief; in Naseem ulRiyadh it is mentioned: **"One who utters ‘So and so person is more knowledgeable than the Holy Prophet’ has indeed insulted (him) – and the ruling upon him (the utterer) is that of one who insults the Holy Prophet”.**

Ashraf Ali Thanwi wrote in his book Hifz ul-Imaan: **If the attribution of knowledge of the hidden to his blessed personality (that of the Holy Prophet) by Zaid is (considered) valid, then it is necessary to inquire – whether he is referring to partial knowledge of the hidden or complete (knowledge of the hidden)? If he means partial knowledge of the hidden, then what is the exclusivity of Allah’s Messenger (in possessing such partial knowledge of the hidden)? Such (partial) knowledge of the hidden is possessed even by Zaid and Amr (any layman) – rather by every child and madman –rather (it is also possessed) by all animals and quadrupeds .....(until end of text): And if (the saying of Zaid) refers to total knowledge of all the hidden, such that not a single element of it remains excluded from it, then its falsehood is proven from scriptural and rational evidences. (Page 8)**

The above text openly insults the Holy Prophet ﷺ and is a rejection of many verses of the Holy Qur'an, which is undoubtedly disbelief. Imam Abu Yousef writes in Kitaab ulKhiraaj: "If any Muslim man abuses the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ or denies him or ascribes faults to him or attempts to lower his status (i.e. insults him in any way) – he has disbelieved in Allah, (and) his wife stands separated from him (i.e. the marriage is nullified)." It is mentioned in Shifa Shareef, Bazzazziyah, Durar alGhurur, Fataawa Khairiyah and others: "It is the consensus of Muslims that one who abuses (or anyway insults) the Holy Prophet is a disbeliever – and one who doubts in his (eternal) punishment and in his disbelief, has (also) committed disbelief." It is on this basis that the scholars of the two Holy Sanctuaries (Makkah Muazzamah & Madinah Munawwarah) and the scholars the Indian Sub-continent ruled the Deobandi elders as apostates, and also mentioned that "one who doubts in his disbelief and in his (eternal) punishment, has (also) committed disbelief."

However, in spite of being aware of these unambiguous words of sheer & absolute disbelief, Dr Tahir ulQadri does not deem those who uttered them (the Deobandi elders) as apostates –rather he considers them Muslims, and (even) offers the prayers behind them; so as per the Fataawa Husaam ulHaramain, he too is a disbeliever and an apostate.

It is mentioned in Fataawa Razaviyyah: "The groups that are mentioned – i.e. Wahhabis, Qadyaanis, Naturists, Ghair Muqallid (Non-Traditionalist), Deobandis, Chakdalwis – may Allah destroy them all – are indeed the those upon whom these verses apply in truth: and they are most certainly, without doubt, disbelievers and apostates. Even if one or two of them were to be juristically classified as disbelievers, and were guilty of hundreds of utterances of disbelief, such as (Ismail) Dehlavi mentioned at number 2, - but now in following (the disbelief) and in sinning, there is absolutely none among them who is not certainly, without doubt, theologically a disbeliever – such that "one who doubts in his (eternal) punishment and his disbelief, has (also) committed disbelief." – so one who is informed about their accursed utterances, and still doubts their infidelity and punishment, is also a disbeliever." (Vol. 6, Pg. 90). And at another place in the same book: "These sects – and similarly the Deobandis and the Naturists – meaning all those who deny (even) a single basic tenet of faith – are all infidels and apostates; having food & drink with them, or conveying peace greetings to them, or treating them in an Islamic manner on their birth or death – all this is forbidden." (Vol. 6, Pg. 95).

It is clear from the above passages by Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza رضى الله عنه that Wahhabis, Deobandis, Naturists, Qadyaanis, Ghair Muqallid (Non-Traditionalist) and other false sects are deniers of the necessities of faith, out of Islam, disbelievers and apostates. And it is also clear that the difference between Ahle Sunnah and them is based on principles and fundamental tenets; and that is why the scholars of Islam have ruled them as disbelievers and apostates – and they did their utmost best to refute and repudiate them, and forbade having any relations with them.

But according to Dr Tahir ulQadri, all these differences are just on secondary issues, and therefore he not only strictly prohibits from disgracing them or calling them disbelievers, he even prohibits from criticising or refuting them. It seems that as per Dr Tahir ulQadri, to accuse the Mother of the Believers Sayyidah Ayesha Siddiqah of adultery, to deny the companionship of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq, to say that the Holy Qur'an is the diary of Sayyiduna Osman, to believe that the Holy Qur'an is incomplete and tampered with, to believe that the virtuous Imams are superior than the Noble Prophets, to deny that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the Final Prophet, and to insult the Holy Prophet – all these do not constitute disbelief, but is Islam. And according to him, those who hold such beliefs are not disbelievers and apostates, but are Muslims. From this itself the ruling upon Dr Tahir is clear, that he is a disbeliever and an apostate - for considering disbelief to be Islam (correct faith) and considering a disbeliever to be a believer or a Muslim, is in itself disbelief.

#### **4. THE JEWS & CHRISTIANS ACCORDING TO DR TAHIR**

For the past several years Dr Tahir ulQadri has been regularly holding Christmas Day Celebrations under the banner of his organizations, namely the “Minhaaj ulQur’an” and the Muslim Christian Dialogue Forum (MCDF). The Christians and their priests are also invited in these celebrations, along with the Muslims. The program starts with recitations from the Holy Qur’an and the Bible. The Christian priests openly express their polytheistic faith and in their prayers commit various acts of disbelief; but Dr Tahir ulQadri - instead of stopping them from such enormities - is pleased with them, warmly and happily welcomes them and thanks them for participating in the program!

On the occasion of Christmas celebrations, Dr Tahir ulQadri addressed the Christians and declared that " **If the time for your worship comes – so now the Muslims will also offer prayers in the mosque – if the time for your worship comes, so (know that) the Minhaaj-ul-Quran mosque was not opened for a specific time or event – it is open for you (the Christians), forever and ever**" (C. D - Dr T. Qadri).

Whereas the fact is that Christians are polytheists for they believe in Trinity (3 Gods) – and to give them permission to worship in the mosque is to permit disbelief and polytheism – and this is disbelief for he is being pleased with disbelief.

Dr Tahir ulQadri said in his speech: **When the entire world is classified, it is classified into “Believers” and “Non-believers”. “Non-believers” is the term used for the “Kuffar”, in scholarly lexical terms. And “Believers” is the term used for those who accept faith upon the revelations sent down by Allah, upon the heavenly books, upon the prophets. They could have any religion. So, when the classification is made into “Believers” and “Non-Believers”, the people adhering to the Jewish faith, the people of the Christian brotherhood, and the Muslims– these three religions are counted amongst the “Believers”. They are not counted amongst the Kuffar (Non-Believers).** (C. D. Dr. T. Qadri).

At this point, Dr Tahir ulQadri added yet one more disbelief to his list of disbeliefs by denying the infidelity of the Jews & the Christians; for the Jews & Christians, despite being “People given the Book(s)”, are disbelievers; to count them amongst the believers is an open denial and rejection of the Holy Qur’an.

There are several verses of the Holy Qur’an that are clear evidences regarding the disbelief of the “People given the Book(s)” – some verses are mentioned below:-

Indeed all disbelievers, the People given the Book(s) and the polytheists, are in the fire of hell – they will remain in it for ever; it is they who are the worst among the creation. (Surah Bayyinah 98:8)	إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أُولَئِكَ هُمْ شَرُّ الْبَرِيَّةِ
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It is He Who expelled the disbelievers among the People given the Book(s) from their homes, for their first gathering; (Surah Hashr 59:2)	هُوَ الَّذِي أَخْرَجَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ لِأَوَّلِ الْحَشْرِ
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<p>Say (O dear Prophet Mohammed – peace and blessings be upon him), “O People given the Book(s)! Come towards a word which is common between us and you, that we shall worship no one except Allah, and that we shall not ascribe any partner to Him, and that none of us shall take one another as lords besides Allah”; then if they do not accept say, “Be witness that (only) we are Muslims. (Surah Aale Imraan 3:64)</p>	<p>قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا نَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِن تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ</p>
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In the above verse, they were commanded to worship only Allah, and to leave polytheism, but the People given the Book(s) did not obey this command of Allah, and continued with their polytheism - as the Qur’an states (in the verse given below):-

<p>And the Jews said, “Uzair is the son of Allah”, and the Christians said “The Messiah is the son of Allah”; they utter this from their own mouths; they speak like the former disbelievers; may Allah kill them; where are they reverting! They have taken their rabbis and their monks as Gods besides Allah and (also) Messiah the son of Maryam; and they were not commanded except to worship only One God – Allah; none is worthy of worship except Him; Purity is to Him from all that they ascribe as partners (to Him). (Surah Tawbah 9:30.31)</p>	<p>وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عُزَيْرٌ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَقَالَتِ النَّصَارَى الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ قَوْلُهُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ يُضَاهِئُونَ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِن قَبْلُ قَاتَلَهُمُ اللَّهُ أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ه اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا لَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ</p>
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<p>O People given the Book(s)! Why do you disbelieve in the signs of Allah, whereas you yourselves are witnesses? (Surah Aale Imran 3:70)</p>	<p>يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لِمَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَشْهَدُونَ</p>
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<p>And a group among the People given the Book(s) said, “Believe in what has been sent down to the believers in the morning and deny it by evening – perhaps they (the Muslims) may turn back (disbelieve). And do not believe in anyone except him who follows your religion”; (Surah Aale Imran 3: 72,73)</p>	<p>وَقَالَت طَّائِفَةٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ آمَنُوا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ عَلَيَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَجَهَ النَّهَارِ وَكَفَرُوا آخِرَهُ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ . وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا إِلَّا لِمَن تَبِعَ دِينَكُمْ</p>
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<p>And when they come to you, they say, “We are Muslims” whereas they were disbelievers when they came in, and disbelievers when they went out; and Allah knows very well, what they hide. (Surah Maaedah 5:61)</p>	<p>وَإِذَا جَاؤُوكُمْ قَالُوا آمَنَّا وَقَدْ دَخَلُوا بِالْكَفْرِ وَهُمْ قَدْ خَرَجُوا بِهِ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْتُمُونَ</p>
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Other than the above, several other verses clearly mention the disbelief of the Jews & Christians. In fact there are several verses in the Holy Qur'an that specifically declare the disbelief of the Christians, for example:-

<p>They are certainly disbelievers who say, "Allah is actually the Messiah, the son of Maryam"; whereas the Messiah had said, "O Descendants of Israel, worship Allah Who is my Lord and (also) your Lord"; undoubtedly whoever ascribes partners with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him; his destination is hell; and the unjust do not have any supporters. They are certainly disbelievers who say, "Indeed Allah is the third of the three Gods"; whereas there is no God except the One God; and if they do not desist from their speech, undoubtedly a painful punishment will reach those among them who die as disbelievers. (Surah Maaedah 5:72,73)</p>	<p>لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَقَالَ الْمَسِيحُ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ مَن يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَاهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ ۝ لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَالِثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِن لَّمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ</p>
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It is the opinion of most exegetists that the Christian concept of Trinity means that they believe that "Allah ﷻ, Eisa عليه السلام and Maryam ﷺ are three Gods – that divinity is common in the three". Theologians mention that Christians believe that "The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are One God" – it is clear from these interpretations that the Christians are infidels and polytheists.

<p>And We made a covenant with those who proclaimed, "We are Christians" – they then forgot a large portion of the advices given to them; We have therefore instilled enmity and hatred between them till the Day of Resurrection; and Allah will soon inform them of what they were doing. (Surah Maaedah 5:14)</p>	<p>وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّا نَصَارَى أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَهُمْ فَنَسُوا حَظًّا مِمَّا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ فَأَغْرَيْنَا بَيْنَهُمُ الْعَدَاوَةَ وَالْبَغْضَاءَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَسَوْفَ يُنَبِّئُهُمُ اللَّهُ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ</p>
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The above verses clearly prove that the Jews & the Christians are disbelievers and polytheists, but Dr Tahir ulQadri refuses to consider them as such. He considers them "Believers", (that is "People of Faith"); opens the mosque of Minhaaj ulQuran for them to worship in it; cuts cakes with them on Christmas day, eats from it and feeds it to them too; he cosies up to them and declares that they are not disbelievers, rather those who deny the Prophet-hood of Sayyiduna Eisa are disbelievers whilst there is no one present there who denies it.

Dr Tahir ulQadri has become so blind in his love for the Christians that he deems the deniers of the Prophet-hood of Sayyiduna Eisa عليه السلام as disbelievers, but he does not deem the Jews & Christians who openly deny the Prophet-hood of Sayyiduna Muhammad ﷺ, as disbelievers! Undoubtedly Dr Tahir's refusal to deem the Jews & Christians as disbelievers is a clear denial and rejection of several verses of the Holy Qur'an – and indeed the denier of the Holy Qur'an is a disbeliever and an apostate. Therefore, Dr Tahir ulQadri is a disbeliever and an apostate.

It is mentioned in Bahr urRayeq: "And he has committed disbelief if he denied a single verse of the Holy Qur'an or mocked a single verse from it." (Vol 5, Page 205). And it is mentioned in Fataawa Alamgeeri: "If a person denies a single verse of the Holy Qur'an or mocks a single verse of the Holy Qur'an, he has committed disbelief – as mentioned in (the book of beliefs called) Tatar Khaaniyah". (Vol 2, Page 266). Scholars state that anyone who doubts in the eternal punishment (of the hereafter) of the Jews & the Christians is a disbeliever, so the one who openly denies their disbelief and calls them "Believers" is by far, a greater disbeliever.

It is mentioned in Fataawa Alamgeeri: “From the scholar Ibn Salaam رحمته الله : “Whoever says ‘I do not know regarding the Jews & the Christians, when they are raised again – whether they will be punished in the fire (of hell)’ – so all our spiritual guides (scholars) and that of Balkh, have decreed that such a person will become a disbeliever” – likewise it is in Fataawa Itaabiyah.” (Vol 2 Page 266). A decree is mentioned in Bahr urRayeq: “A person has committed disbelief by saying ‘I do not know whether the Jews & the Christians, when they are raised again – if they will be punished in the fire (of hell)’ “. (Vol 5, Page 206)

Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza رحمته الله says in Fataawa Razviyyah: ‘Qaadi al-Iyaad رحمته الله mentions in his Shifa Shareef: “Scholars have unanimously agreed upon the ruling of disbelief of any person who does not call any Jew or Christian or anyone who left Islam, as a ‘disbeliever’ or keeps silence (regarding it) or doubts it; Qaadi Abu Bakr Baqlaani mentions its reason that the evidences from Islamic Law and the consensus of the Muslim scholars are in agreement upon their disbelief; so the one who keeps silence over their disbelief denies the evidences of Islamic Law or has doubts in it – and this transpires only from a disbeliever.” ’ (Vol 6, Page 271)

It is become clear from the above details that by denying the disbelief of the Jews & Christians, Dr Tahir ulQadri has rejected several proofs (of Islamic Law), which is blatant disbelief.

## **5. THE CONFERENCE IN WEMBLEY, ENGLAND, IN SEPTEMBER 2011**

Recently, Dr Tahir ulQadri's organization, Minhaaj ul Quraan arranged a conference in England in which the religious leaders of Jews, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists and other disbelieving & polytheistic religions were invited & present on the stage. All these leaders prayed according to their own religions, in which they openly uttered such words and performed such actions and deeds that are not only forbidden, sinful or just containing misguidance & error, but are outright disbelief and polytheism.

Not once did Dr Tahir ulQadri prevent them from such open acts of polytheism and disbelief – for it was all done at his behest and it was all arranged by his organization - which is a clear proof that he is pleased with all those disbeliefs; and to be pleased with disbelief, is itself disbelief. (CD – Dr T. Qadri)

# **THE VERDICT ON DR TAHIR ULQADRI**

**It is amply clear from the above verses of the Holy Qur'an, and details of decrees, and the sayings of the scholars that Dr Tahir ulQadri is misguided, is misleading others, is an atheist, has no religion, is not from Ahle Sunnah, and is a disbeliever and an apostate. He is most certainly NOT a Sunni of proper faith, nor is he a preacher or representative of the Ahle Sunnah wa alJamaat (rather he is a disbeliever and an apostate); it is therefore incumbent upon Muslims to totally cease reading his books or listening to his lectures.**

May Allah, the Supreme, safeguard all Muslims from the trial, evil and corruption of Dr Tahir ulQadri. So be it - for the sake of the lofty honour of His beloved, the leader of all the Prophets!

This is from the apparent that is known to me, and complete knowledge of the truth is with my Lord, Allah. And Allah the Supreme, best knows what is right, and His knowledge is the highest, the most perfect.

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