

In Video Message, Abu-Yahya al-Libi Criticizes 'Moderation' in Islam

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Terrorism: In Video Message, Abu-Yahya al-Libi Criticizes 'Moderation' in Islam On 22 May, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a message from the Al-Sahab Media Establishment in which the latter announced the release of Abu-Yahya al-Libi's "Moderation of Islam... Moderation of Defeat" video. In the video, Abu-Yahya al-Libi warns Muslims about the intellectual war waged by the West and non-Muslims against Islam. He cautions Muslims from falling for the "moderation" that is promoted by many Muslim scholars and leaders, but that has nothing to do with Islam. He warns that if this continues, soon church bells will be heard in the Arabian Peninsula, as is about to happen in Qatar. Al-Libi reminds those who advocate moderation that Islam is the religion of the sword -- "we say this without shame" -- and not a religion of compromise, "because the sword and monotheism go hand in hand." The text of the 45- minute 35-second video was also provided.

A translation of the video message follows:

"The Moderation of Islam and the Moderation of Defeat,' by Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi

"The Moderation of Islam and the Moderation of Defeat

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

"Praise be to God, and prayers and peace be upon the messenger of God and upon all his family, his companions, and all those who followed him thereafter.

"O nation of Islam, east and west of the globe,

"May peace and the mercy and blessings of God be with you.

"When we talk about any of the issues of Islam, we must feel in the depth of our hearts that this religion, the matters of which we are talking about, is the religion of Almighty God. It is a feeling that has its direct impact on how we decide on the issues, discuss them, and inquire into them. Islam -- all of Islam -- is not a worldly theory that is subject to free and unrestricted investigation, without control or rein. Instead, it is 'A Book revealed unto thee -- So let thy heart be oppressed no more by any difficulty on that account -- that with it thou might warn (the erring) and teach (the Believers). Follow (O men!) the revelation given unto you from your Lord, and follow not, as friends or protectors, other than Him. Little it is ye remember of admonition.' (Koranic verse; Al-A'raf 7:2)

"Since the religion is that of the Almighty God, there is no place for tampering with it to suit one's likings; for engaging in ideas, opinions, mind games, and analysis; for concerning oneself with pleasing people; for submitting to the calls to keep up with the modern age; or for singing to the desires of the nations. The religion of God leads and will not be led. It overpowers the people and will not be overpowered by them. It rules the nations and does not get ruled by them. It restricts the desires, while desires do not restrict it, and it controls the concerns of the age, while they do not control it. It completely dominates life, but life does not dominate it.

"Therefore, those who want to save the earth from corruption and get it out of the darkness of temptations by depending on their personal convictions, their opinions, and their inclinations, under attractive slogans that are in fact empty and far from the path of the truth and guidance, they will gain nothing from their quest except negative consequences and mental disorder. As the Almighty says: 'If the Truth had been in accord with their desires, truly the heavens and the earth, and all beings therein would have been in confusion and corruption! Nay, We have sent them their admonition, but they turn away from their admonition.' (Koranic verse; Al-Mu'minun 23:71)

"Since we are in an era in which the god of desire has reached the highest rank ever, has exploited large armies to support and strengthen him, and has opened to the lofty edifice of Islam several fronts to weaken it and uproot it, we have a serious need for a firm and sincere stand in the face of anyone who wants to be among the soldiers of the god of desire, who has appeared to us in various shapes and colors, and to whom many have bowed in praise and pumped up his divinity, knowingly or unknowingly, to move with awareness of our situation to defend our principals, our religion, and our beliefs, and to protect them from any watering down or corruption. 'Then We put thee on the (right) Way of Religion: so follow thou that (Way), and follow not the desires of those who know not. They will be of no use to thee in the sight of Allah. it is only Wrong-doers (that stand as) protectors, one to another: but Allah is the Protector of the Righteous. These are clear evidences to men and a Guidance and Mercy to those of assured Faith.' (Koranic verse; Al-Jathiyah 45:18-20)

"O Muslim nation

"There is a cooperative company managed by devils among men and jinns that has its men and capabilities, as well as its means and its establishments, its expenses and efforts, its plans and its programs. This company works assiduously to divert people from their religion; plants doubts in their minds about their fundamental beliefs; and encourages anyone who wants to engage in it in his own way in the name of ijthihad (interpretation of sharia), intellect, debate, enlightenment, analysis, researching reality, openness, and balance to the end of the well-known list, without having an advocate to defend him, a maximum limit to stop at, or rules and principles to avoid. Instead, everybody has unlimited room to condemn -- without shame or fear -- the clear truth. He very audaciously alters the words and attributes to the law of God what is known to the elders in the desert as far from it. He rejects what was known and accepted by the first and the last. You even see him discrediting and mocking them and ridiculing their perceptions. He covers his hallucinations with titles and praises, which he desperately but unsuccessfully uses to cover up their foolishness and abjectness.

"The prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, told us the truth about this evil partnership, and that it is found in every age to carry out its mission and to tempt those who pay attention to it or listen to its calls. (He warned us) so that we can be careful and attentive not to be deceived by its propaganda and its fancy words. Abdallah Ibn-Mas'ud, may God be pleased with him, reported that God's messenger (peace be upon him) once drew a line in the dust with his hand and said, 'This is the straight path of God.' Then he drew a series of lines to the right and the left and said: 'Each of these paths has a devil at its head, inviting people to it.' He then recited (Koran 6:153): 'Verily, this is My way, leading straight. Follow it. Follow not (other) paths. They will scatter you about from His (great) path. Thus doth He command you, that ye may be righteous.' (hadith)

"Almighty God also said: 'Likewise did We make for every Messenger an enemy -- evil ones among men and jinns, inspiring each other with flowery discourses by way of deception. If thy

Lord had so planned, they would not have done it. So leave them and their inventions alone.'
(Koranic verse; Al-An'am 6:112)

"The Almighty also said, 'O ye Children of Adam! Let not Satan seduce you in the same manner as He got your parents out of the Garden, stripping them of their raiment to expose their shame. For he and his tribe watch you from a position where ye cannot see them. We made the evil ones friends (only) to those without faith.' (Koranic verse; Al-A'raf 7:27)

"This was God's commandment to His prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, to whomever wants to be on the path, following the way of truth, without concerning himself with those who disagree with him. He holds on to the right path without worrying about who denies him and who disowns him. He holds on to the rope of God without paying heed to any ridicule or defamation. Instead, he concerns himself with pleasing his God, even if the whole world resents him. He is someone who takes pride in his religion, even if it is discredited by others. He conveys the truth in its purity and its clarity, even if it is disliked by those who have deviant minds and sick hearts. His ideal person is someone who does not speak out of his own desire and who does not discriminate in proclaiming the message of God, according to the words of the Almighty: 'O Messenger, proclaim the (message) which hath been sent to thee from thy Lord. If thou didst not, thou wouldst not have fulfilled and proclaimed His mission. And Allah will defend thee from men (who mean mischief), for Allah guides not those who reject Faith.'
(Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah 5:67) He also said: 'Therefore expound openly what thou art commanded, and turn away from those who join false gods with Allah.' (Koranic verse; Al-Hijr 15:94)

"My beloved nation,

"Until recently the leaders of the modern Crusader campaign were raising the banners of fighting terrorism and hunting down Al-Qa'ida, its leaders and members -- as they claim. The wise and intellectual of the Islamic nation's clerics and the mujahidin leaders said at the first gusts of wind of this war that this is a clear infidel Crusader war against Islam and Muslims. The efforts and steps of its possessors will not stop at a limit, and they will not be satisfied, as they allege, at the perseverance to eliminate the mujahidin group and one concession will not pass until they demand another. In fact, their campaign has not left any of the principles of Islam or its fundamentals alone. It turned right and left to uproot and demolish Islam in order to transform the Islamic nation -- the entire Islamic nation -- from clarity to blindness, from certainty to doubt and from belief to disbelief. That is their desire and intention, no matter what color they take or change. The Koran will expose them, just as it exposed their forefathers. And just as it (the Koran) exposed those (forefathers), it will expose them (modern Western leaders). God the Exalted says: 'Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion.' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:120)

"It is a war that targets all of the strongholds of Islam. It invades homelands and penetrates minds and thoughts. It dares to shed blood exactly as it dares to destroy beliefs and tamper with the sacred.

"The chiefs and clever men of this crusade were able to plant for themselves people from the sons of this religion and the heart of the Muslim countries who are in charge of marketing many of their ideas, promoting their theories, transmitting their terminologies, repeating their phrases, and trying to convince Muslims with them, or at least killing the feeling of its ugliness and gravity, so that after a while it will become something pleasant, an acceptable idea, and a considered view.

"And because they knew that the key to their success in this plan of theirs is to turn the people away from jihad and mujahidin and to eliminate them militarily and intellectually. Whenever any obscure person merely speaks and mumbles words that expose the mujahidin, their media will rush to make him prominent and famous, and they will conduct continuous discussions and successive interviews to guide the worshipers of God to this unique idea that burst out of a madman's mind and that barely makes sense.

"Regrettably, we saw many who are related to the leaders of the Islamic movements or proselytizers or intellectuals who took it seriously and continued to hold one conference after another, one interview after another, and one symposium after another. They travel from one country to another to support misleading concepts that target Islam at its base. Following them (the misleading concepts) only means destroying the foundation of Islam little by little. They attribute their straying and deviation to the religion of God. Thus, they added a sin to their sins. The word of God applies to them, when the Exalted said, 'There is among them a section who distort the Book with their tongues. (As they read) you would think it is a part of the Book, but it is no part of the Book. They say, 'That is from Allah,' but it is not from Allah. It is they who tell a lie against Allah, and (well) they know it!' (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:78)

"The greatest disguise they use to hide their crookedness and to market their misguidance is their following of the middle path of moderation and balance. They have fashioned meanings for these words that they accepted for themselves, which they carved from their own minds, based on fabrication and suitableness and using the technique of liquefaction and distortion to delight the West with what pleases it and calms its fury, even if this means blasting the religion of God in its entirety.

"Then, what is this 'Wasatiyyah' that those people are calling for and buzzing around it day and night? What is the justly balanced 'Wasatiyyah' that the religion of God, the Great and Almighty devised and wanted for us and praised the nation of His prophet by it when He says: 'Thus, have We made of you an Ummat justly balanced, that ye might be witnesses over the nations, and the Messenger a witness over yourselves'? Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:143)

"Nation of Islam

"The determination of the concepts of Islamic law that we formulate for it and the terms that improve and beautify it must depend on the book of God and the methodology of His prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, because minds vary, thoughts are contradicted, the scales of matters are confused, and desires and wants creep into this or that meaning so that it tampers it and taints its glory. Then there must be a stable, deep-rooted, and fixed reference that contains no wrong from any direction. If it says that, it is the words of righteousness. If it rules, then the verdict is just. If it leads, then it guides to the right path and by nothing but the book of God, as the Great and Almighty says: 'If the Truth had been in accord with their desires, truly the heavens and the earth, and all beings therein would have been in confusion and corruption! Nay, We have sent them their admonition, but they turn away from their admonition.' (Koranic verse; Al-Mu'minun 23:71)

"Moderation is a word people accepted, found agreeable, and perhaps had agreed on, praising it for its sense of justice, balance, and reasonability. But many who have assigned themselves to call for it have emptied it from its lofty Islamic law and poured into it whatever they desire and their tendencies to accept oblique sense and concepts without the authority from God. Then they present it to the people and tell them that this is moderation, that they must follow it and reject those who oppose it or who did not join it.

"The right concept of moderation is abiding completely to the religion of God, the Exalted, that He wanted for all the people, even if some did not like it, and to strive to spread it amongst them without deviation or falsification or maneuvers, and to present it to them in a frank clear presentation, without playing with its rules, destroying its fundamentals, changing of its laws, or concealing its facts, and without the embarrassment of deciding its matter, then let it be accepted by those who accept it and rejected by those who reject it. 'Therefore do thou give admonition, for thou art one to admonish. Thou art not one to manage (men's) affairs.' (Koranic verse; Al-Ghashiyah 88:21-22)

"We were not ordered to kill ourselves, and we fret about it for the sake that the people would be repelled and go astray from it, but we have to transmit the open truth and hold strongly to the obvious right path.

"God the Exalted says to His prophet, prayers and peace be upon him: 'Thou wouldst only, perchance, fret thyself to death, following after them, in grief.' (Koranic verse; Al-Kahf 18:6) The Exalted says: 'It may be thou frettest thy soul with grief, that they do not become Believers. If (such) were Our Will, We could send down to them from the sky a Sign, to which they would bend their necks in humility.' (Koranic verse; Al-Sh'ara 26 3-4)

"For the attribute of belief and the propagation of virtue prevention of vice, this nation held the best status among all nations: 'Ye are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah.' (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:110) So it deserved to become a justly balanced nation as a witness over the people, as the Exalted says: Thus, have We made of you an Ummat justly balanced, that ye might be witnesses over the nations, and the Messenger a witness over yourselves.' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:143)

"Then the duty of the nation of Islam is not to go along with the nonbelieving nations, to sweet-talk them, to work to please them, to try to find common ground with them, to search for the basis of coexistence that brings them together, or to expend efforts and waste one's whole life trying to convince them to accept reality and surrender to it. We were not created for this, nor were we ordered by this (God created us and brought us so that we can transform whomever He wants from worshiping people to worshiping God, from hopelessness to hopefulness, and from the injustice of other religions to the justice of Islam. He sent us with his religion to His creation for us to invite them into it. For those who accept this from us, we accept this from them. For those who refuse it, we will fight them to the end, when we go to God's promise in heaven for those who fought the one who refused, and victory is for those who are still alive). This is how 'Rab'i Ibn-Amir,' may God be pleased by him, summarized the duty of the Islamic nation. This is the true 'Wasatiyyah,' as understood by the companions, may God be pleased by them, and called for it, away from the cold lies, misleading complications, and floating ideas.

"No one has the right to choose from the religion of God what he likes and desires, nor is he able to bend the rules of God for those he loves and likes or present the religion of God in the manner that he likes and wishes. The Exalted says, 'Say thou: This is my way: I do invite unto Allah, on evidence clear as the seeing with one's eyes -- I and whoever follows me. Glory to Allah, and never will I join gods with Allah.' (Koranic verse: Yusuf 12:108) Then it is a call to the path of God -- which means the entire religion -- and is not an invitation to abstract opinion outcomes or the preferred new-fashioned ideas. God the Most High says: 'O ye who believe! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly and follow not the footsteps of the evil one, for he is to you an avowed enemy.' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:208)

"For Islam, in its entirety, is a religion of justice and the religion of justly balance and of value. The people will not succeed and will not find (true Wasatiyyah) by any means other than taking the religion as is and spreading it as is. It is a divine religion with no need for our changes to make it moderate and make it right. Its rules are not unjust rules that we need to amend, and its path is not a path of excess and immoderation for us to balance. Its laws are not crooked laws for us to set straight. 'Allah commands justice, doing good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds and injustice and rebellion. He instructs you, that ye may receive admonition.' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl 16:80) And the Most High and Glorious says: 'Allah doth command you to render back your Trusts to those to whom they are due. And when ye judge between man and man, that ye judge with justice. Verily how excellent is the teaching which He giveth you! For Allah is He Who heareth and seeth all things.' (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4: 58)

"Moderation is not legitimate evidence that exists by itself so as to have it dominate the religious laws of Islam, overpowering its beliefs and concepts and constraining its grounds and branches. Rather, it is an attribute attached to the religion of the Almighty God and goes side by side with every one of its rules. For wherever the rule of God exists, which He revealed in His Book (Koran) or legislated through the sayings of His prophet, prayers and peace of God be upon him, whether in small or big issues, it is a rule of moderation, justice, and forgiving, and it has no confusion or adversity, even though some people find it weighty and some hearts find it repulsive.

"The infirmity does not lie in God's rules in order for us to try to correct and adjust it in order to coincide with those souls and hearts, but the cohesive infirmity is in those souls and hearts that need to be drawn out of their madness and their devilish insinuations in order to have them perceive the just moderation, as it is with its transparency and magnificence, not in accordance the way that they desire or love. By means of this alone can one avail oneself of the truth and know the mercy of justice and the amplitude of moderation. Otherwise, they will continue to overturn in its temptations and suffer of its wretchedness, even if they thought that they are doing something good. 'Is then one who is on a clear (Path) from his Lord, no better than one to whom the evil of his conduct seems pleasing, and such as follow their own lusts?' (Koranic verse; Muhammad 47:14).

"We now behold many of those who have raised the slogan of moderation and have become, allegedly, saturated with it and have made it an excuse for violating the undisputed basics principles of Islam without caring. Every time he encounters opposition and disapproval, he would accuse them of exaggeration, extremism, and lack of openness to the state of things as they are. By doing so, they open the door to those who are great nonbelievers and atheists to enter upon Islam from the same entrance -- that of alleged moderation -- thus spreading evil, not leaving an irregularity or an abnormality, but that they would run after its with their thoughts, hound it with their mockery and blast it with the axe of their moderation and moderateness. And anyone who tries to assist them with their nonbelief, they would accuse him of extremism, transgression, and rigidity and then they will go on to destroy Islam as a whole.

"So in the name of 'Wasatiyyah' and moderation, the domes of polytheism were entered not for the sake of conquering them and establishing therein the banner of monotheism, but to become receptive toward them and to strengthen their foundation, assert their legitimacy, and collaborate with their heads in making their laws. So if the truthful people declared a word of truth that they were commanded to declare and recited the splendid wonders of God to others, their hearts would be appalled and they would accuse them of exaggeration, extremism, and a lack of political understanding. By God, their policy and moderation will not do them any good

in God. 'The Day that (all) things secret will be tested, (Man) will have no power and no helper.' (Koranic verse Al-Tariq; 86:9-10)

"So if it were to be told to those who are saturated with moderation: 'It is not fitting for a Believer, man or woman, when a matter has been decided by Allah and His Messenger to have any option about their decision. If anyone disobeys Allah and His Messenger, he is indeed on a clearly wrong Path,' (Koranic verse Al-Ahzab; 33:36), they would say: You are too stern.

"And if they are asked if they are not rebuked by the Almighty's saying: 'They take their priests and their anchorites to be their lords in derogation of Allah, and (they take as their Lord) Christ the son of Mary; yet they were commanded to worship but One Allah. there is no god but He. Praise and glory to Him: (Far is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him).' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawba 9:31), they would say that you are close-minded deviants.

"And if they were told: 'Have they partners (in godhead), who have established for them some religion without the permission of Allah.' (Koranic verse; Al-Shura verse 21), they would say: you are stern and austere.

"And if they were told: 'Were thou to follow the common run of those on earth, they will lead thee away from the way of Allah. They follow nothing but conjecture. They do nothing but lie' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am; 6:116), they would say we are in an era of democracy and sovereignty of the people.

"And in the name of moderation and moderateness, the allegiance and disavowal creed has been destroyed, and its bond, the strongest bond of faith, has been ripped. Its fortified fortresses have been stormed under the adorned slogans and fabricated calls, and we began to hear of civilizations that keep peace with each other and do not clash, that converse and do not quarrel; and religions that stand together and do not dispute each other and come closer and do not fight. Some of those who belong to the call stood up to spread these calls of nonbelief, the facilitation of their course in the Muslim lands, and the distortion of the discourse from its rightful meaning - while in their hearts they know - that they are liars and untruthful. Woe to those who fabricate lies about God. You ward off God and you augment and decrease His religion as you wish, so how can you rule (among men)?

"Such that I once heard one of those who spread such calls talking with pride that a number of priests and monks contacted him to inform him that they were satisfied with his call and tolerance, and that if the concepts of true Islam were as he presented them and publicized then there would be no differences between them. So good for you these glad tidings and good for you this testimony and I said to myself, yes by God for if Islam is what you preach then there is no difference between you and them.

"As for true Islam, the transparent and pure creed and the immaculate monotheism it is utterly impossible for it to come close to a religion that claims that 'Jesus is the son of God' and that 'God is a Trinity'. Even the Jews, may God destroy them, said, because of their many contradictions with the prophet, prayers and peace of God be upon him, in small and big matters: this man does not want to leave anything except to contradict us on.

"So the moderation that we are calling for says: 'Thou wilt not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, loving those who resist Allah and His Messenger, even though they were

their fathers or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred.' (Koranic verse; Al-Mujadilah 58:22) Indeed, if you consider this exaggeration.

"And the moderation that we follow is based on: 'O ye who believe! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love infidelity above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong.' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:23), even if you vilify us and accuse us regarding our patriotism.

"The moderation, the foundation of which we are establishing is calling (upon the people) everywhere, 'O ye who believe! take not for friends and protectors those who take your religion for a mockery or sport,- whether among those who received the Scripture before you, or among those who reject Faith; but fear ye Allah, if ye have faith (indeed).' (Koranic verse Al-Ma'idah; 5:57), even if you are meet this with disgust and fury.

"The moderation that we defend and fight for has as its pioneer and its leader about whom God said, 'There is for you an excellent example (to follow) in Abraham and those with him, when they said to their people: "We are clear of you and of whatever ye worship besides Allah. we have rejected you, and there has arisen, between us and you, enmity and hatred for ever,- unless ye believe in Allah and Him alone' (Koranic verse Al-Mumtahinah; 60:4), even if you say that this is a call for hatred, fanaticism and fighting against peace.

"Our moderation that we hold tight to and do not deviate from not even by a fingertip is what we find in God Almighty's saying: 'O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people unjust' (Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah 5:51), even if you consider that to be extremism or rigidity.

"At this point I say: O you scholars of verity, who declare the truth in the Arabian Peninsula, there stands the protector of monotheism, as claimed by the scholars of flattery and cajolery, carrying the banner of brotherhood between religions and hallucinating about what he does not know, thinking that he has found the wisdom that others have labored in order to find and remove the cord of wars and cut off the causes of hatred between the religions and peoples. This is your day: the hurling of accusations has increased; the crows of untruthfulness have croaked loudly, and the sulky face of infidelity is exposed, and the scholars of flattery have supported the darkness of misguidance, and plunged into the depth of books to bring out the most precise of suspicions and eliminate the clear and impermeable verses. They exhausted themselves in order to make up excuses for that foolish (man) and his party who never thought it would happen, nor did they dream of it at any time day or night.

"It is by God, a time of victory for he who wants to be a master of martyrs. He stands up in the face of that apostate insane (man) and responds to his nonsense with pure truth that has no ambiguity or subtleness. His blood and body would later serve as offering that would quench the withered tree of Islam in the Arabian Peninsula, as the land of Pakistan was quenched with the blood of the people of truth and verity, such as martyr Abdul Rashid Ghazi and his faction, may God have mercy upon them.

"And by God, if you do not stand today as heroes in the face of this frivolous tyrant, and (instead) clear the way for the scholars of misguidance, the preachers of the clergymen's prose, who justify and legitimize his deviations and foolishness, then the day will come when you will hear the bells of churches ringing in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula. The case in the State of Qatar is not far-off from you, and you will hear the news soon.

"So there is no moderation or rapprochement between us and between the people of infidel factions. Since when have light and darkness met in one spot?

"Almighty God said: 'So if they believe as ye believe, they are indeed on the right path; but if they turn back, it is they who are in schism. But Allah will suffice thee as against them, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing'. (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:137).

"This is our prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, who differentiated between people, so those attempting to combine them without the right path are doing so in vain.

"In the name of moderation, the evil spreader tampered with the concept of jihad by targeting it with their pens and tongues. They stained its existence, tarnished its glamour, and emptied its rulings in the mould of their defeat, cowardice, and weakness to come up with a distorted form that was unknown to the ancestors and unacceptable to the faithful, but it is sufficient that the civilized infidels of the West are convinced.

"Previously, the attack, despite its heinousness and hideousness, was limited to preemptive jihad (jihad al-talab), which the defeated were perplexed in directing it, and lower their heads with shame when a mention of it is made, and feel embarrassed if their enemies confronted them with its reality.

"Today, defensive jihad (jihad al-dafi) is facing the same attempts at distortion and discouragement, in addition to the efforts to water it down and alter it. Jihad became resistance, and resistance was divided to honorable and dishonorable resistance. Its legitimacy was defined not by the true book (the Koran), the sound Sunnah (the prophet's words and deeds), or a firm consensus, but by the approval of all the divine religions and the international norms to give this right." They suppressed the Islamic characteristics of even this defensive jihad, and replaced them with patriotic and nationalistic slogans. The sublime meanings of jihad dissolved in the confused political concepts. Its strict rulings dissolved in the name of indecisive moderation. Its noble truth was lost amid the turmoil of rationality, serenity, and interest.

"Misrepresentation and defeatism had reached a stage in which some have said that our fight against the Jewish occupiers and the criminal Christians is not a religious fight, but only a conflict over the lands they occupied and the homes they seized unlawfully. This is the penalty for those who stray from the truth and follow their accepted notions and their desires. They move from one deception to another, from one ambiguity to another, and from one deviation to another. God said: 'Then let those beware who withstand the Messenger's order, lest some trial befall them or a grievous penalty be inflicted on them.' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:63)

"Let those and others who falsely hide under the garment of moderation know that Islam is the religion of the sword. We say it, and we are not ashamed of it. We do not avoid saying it loudly. Our prophet is the smiling fighter, the prophet of guidance and the epic. The sword and monotheism are never separated. There is no acknowledgment of monotheism without the sword and power, and there is no meaning of the sword if it is not for the sake of monotheism. Almighty God said: 'And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere. But if they cease, verily Allah doth see all that they do.' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal 8:39)

"And the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'I was sent before the hour with the sword, until Allah the Exalted is worshipped alone with no partners.' (hadith)

"The prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'I have been ordered to fight against people until they testify that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allah and until they perform the prayers and pay the zakat, and if they do so they will have gained protection from me for their lives and property, unless they do acts that are punishable in accordance with Islam, and their reckoning will be with Allah the Almighty.' (hadith)

"We do not wait for legitimacy to be granted to our offensive or defensive jihad from any religion besides Islam, for a law by a global organization, international legitimacy, regimes that have colluded with worldly customs. All of these are idols that must be demolished and tyrants whose elimination must be pursued. It is the first that must be considered as an infidel and must be denounced. If its people glorify it and spend their precious money on it, and waste their youth to spread it, to us those who promote it do not represent a wing of an insect and more despised than rats. God said: 'Verily ye, unbelievers, and the false gods that ye worship besides Allah, are but fuel for Hell! to it will ye surely come! If these had been gods, they would not have got there! but each one will abide therein.' (Koranic verses; Al-Anbiyaa 21:88-89)

"It is the religion of Islam and not the United Nations or the international norms that said to us: 'Fight those who believe not in Allah, nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, even if they are of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:29)

"It did not say to us, do not fight them if they do not occupy, invade, or dominate your land. The matter does not need the philosophy of the defeated moderation, or the fabrication of the false rational minds, or the illusion and the misguidance of the enemies, to inform them of the opposite of what we were commanded. Either they believe in God or they submit to the ruling of Islam. If they refuse, we seek God's support and fight them. It is a clear matter which is found in every Fiqh book, but the eyesight of the defeated could not see it when they their eyesight has become blinded. 'But say not -- for any false thing that your tongues may put forth -- this is lawful and this is forbidden, so as to ascribe false things to Allah. For those who ascribe false things to Allah, will never prosper.' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl 16:116)

"In the name of moderation and self-control, the cunning sought to abolish and erase many of the sharia expressions and words that irritate the infidel West and prevent rapprochement and understanding. They used the word 'the other,' instead of the word 'the infidel,' and they replaced the word 'atheist' by the word 'non-Muslim,' and they portrayed the religion of Christianity and Judaism as 'Divine religions.' Even some of them exceeded the limit and called the Jews and Christians as believers.

"Their tongues got used to such words, their pens documented, and their sites and discussions were filled with them. It became hard for the people of moderation to utter what was stated in God's Book and the Sunnah of His prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, until their situation became like those whom God said about, (God said:) 'When Our Clear Signs are rehearsed to them, thou wilt notice a denial on the faces of the Unbelievers! they nearly attack with violence those who rehearse Our Signs to them.' (Koranic verse; Al-Hajj 22:72)

"As for the moderation of Islam, it is what has divided the people into two groups that have no third, ' Some He hath guided: Others have by their choice deserved the loss of their way.' (Koranic verse; Al-A'raf 7:30)

"Either he is from the believing people or from the non-believing people, Almighty God said: 'It is He Who has created you. And of you are some that are Unbelievers, and some that are Believers: and Allah sees well all that ye do.' (Koranic verse; Al-Taghabun 64:2)

"These distorted calls that slowly and in secrecy infiltrate religious issues by misrepresentation and elusiveness and many underestimate its effect, but some of them consider it the utmost victory and a ruling above rules. I say, if these calls are not resolutely, boldly and openly confronted by the nation's truthful scholars and the zealous proselytizers, its consequence will be the creation of a new religion. I see its features have begun to be formed. It is a new religion in its terminology, new in its perception, new in its measures and principles, new in its creed and its branches, and even new in its worship and transactions and new in its reception sources. Then we will be told that this is moderate Islam, prudent Islam, Islam of the 21st century, Islam of openness, brotherhood, and peace, Islam of moderation and reason. It is only the Islam of the Rand Corporation and the enemies. The Islam that the infidel proselytizers are after by their modern Crusade campaign, this will never happen. Die with your anger and sorrow, God's religion is protected. A person can only destroy himself.

"God said: 'The Unbelievers spend their wealth to hinder man from the path of Allah, and so will they continue to spend. But in the end they will have only regrets and sighs; at length they will be overcome. And the Unbelievers will be gathered together to Hell, in order that Allah may separate the impure from the pure, put the impure, one on another, heap them together, and cast them into Hell. They will be the ones to have lost. Say to the Unbelievers, if now they desist from Unbelief, their past would be forgiven them; but if they persist, the punishment of those before them is already a matter of warning for them.' (Koranic verses; Al-Anfal 8:36 to 38)

"This is the religion of Islam by its true moderation and complete justice and its clear call, not the misrepresentation of the defeated souls and sick hearts and misguided minds, even if thousands applauded them. God said: 'The truth is from your Lord: Let him who will believe, and let him who will, reject it.' (Koranic verse; Al-Kahf 18:29)

"Our last supplication, praise to God, Lord of all creation."