

Ten Brief Responses To Ten Recent Claims About the Informative PDF:

أقوال كفرية ومخالفات الإجماع في العقيدة
ينشرها الداعي الأمريكي المشهور يوسف استس
على قناة الهدى الإنجليزية وغيرها

An Important Clarification Regarding:

**STATEMENTS OF DISBELIEF AND
OPPOSITION TO UNANIMOUSLY
ACCEPTED MUSLIM BELIEFS**

**Propagated by Yusuf Estes
On Huda TV and Elsewhere**

By Moosaa Richardson

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*Read this if you have been affected by the recent words
of Abu Usamah ath-Thahabi and Assim al-Hakeem
at the Green Lane Masjid in the U.K.*

The Original PDF

<http://www.bakkah.net/en/serious-errors-of-yusuf-estes-in-basic-muslim-creed.htm>

Recent Developments & Follow-up

<http://www.YusufEstesQuran.com>

Foreword

All praises are due to Allah alone. May He raise the rank of His final Messenger and grant him peace.

Some of our honest and unsuspecting brothers and sisters in Islam who have been affected or even outright victimized by the deviance of Yusuf Estes and his acrobatic co-stars at Huda TV may have a number of concerns regarding the clear mistakes of Yusuf Estes or the statements of his supporters.

While the original PDF actually predicted a number of these claims before they were even made and responded to them, and Allah is the One who grants success, we now present an informative and up-to-date follow-up, so all Muslims seeking the truth in these issues will not be led astray by his deception and trickery, nor that of his fellow TV stars and fanatical supporters.



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<http://www.YusufEstesQuran.com>

- The First Claim -

***The clarification is
too harsh, and not
done with wisdom.***

While it is possible for any reader to have his/her own conclusion(s) about the tone of the clarification, whatever conclusion that is reached ***must not*** stop the reader from recognizing the truth and following it, in such a crucial and important issue of basic Muslim belief.

What is strange is that the claim is coming from one of Yusuf's Huda TV co-stars, **Abu Usamah ath-Thahabi**, someone known for exaggerations and sensationalism in his speech, with an unhidden (almost) 20 year record of imbalanced flip-flopping and disgraceful behavior in various communities in the West.

Abu Usamah ath-Thahabi is a man whom I used to respect and look up to in my early years of study, and before I was a student. About 10 years ago, he came to Makkah to translate for an 'umrah group, and we worked together to translate. I had just finished the first year of my BA studies at Umm al-Qura University. Despite all the warnings coming out against Abu Usamah at that time, I still respected him and considered him oppressed. I honestly thought there was a group of "super

Salafees" (as he would say) trying to take him out, and that he was a senior student and daa'ee who I should seek advice and direction from.

During that two week period of lectures we translated together, he guided me to a book and placed it in my hands, a book about abandoned Sunnahs by "**Mahmood al-Haddaad**". Yes, **THE HADDAAD** to whom the sect is ascribed, the **Haddaadees**, for their excessive attacks of the scholars, making tabdee' on them, etc.

And *wal-hamdulillaah*, in 15 years of seeking knowledge in Saudi Arabia, **NO ONE** I have **EVER** sat with or communicated with in **ANY way** has **EVER** recommended that I ever read a book by **Mahmood al-Haddaad**, let alone **PUT THE BOOK IN MY HAND** and encourage me to read it, **other than Abu Usamah Ath-Thahabi**.

While we should have been busy pre-reading and reviewing for our lessons every day, studying from great scholars and top students of knowledge, we were busy reading al-Haddaad's book of misguidance behind the scenes and planning how we were going to confront the scholars about the issues raised in that book.

One stupid issue that my "shaykh" Abu Usamah focused on was the "abandoned Sunnah of leaving your shirt buttons open", and Mahmood Haddaad was refuting the scholars and attacking them because they would not agree with him on that issue being a Sunnah. We took the issue to one of our shaykhs who said that undoing the buttons was a custom, not a Sunnah (as almost all the scholars say). We looked at each other like we knew the reality, and the shaykh did not know what he was talking about. Wallaahi, I thank Allah that He saved me from the **true**

Haddaadiyyah that Abu Usamah was trying to mislead me into, and that He opened my eyes to the reality of this man.

Now he attacks the Salafee du'aat, calling them “**haddaadees**”.
Interesting...

Now he defends Yusuf Estes, saying he's got something to offer, and he's somehow like Mujaahid ibn Jabr the great early imam of tafseer?

Now, when placed in front of the choice to aid the distinction of the beliefs of Ahlus-Sunnah from the filth of the Jahmiyyah, he takes an opportunity to defend the complete ignoramus spreading Jahmiyyah, tashbeeh, mockery of the hudood, Quranic justification of George Bush's jihaad invading Afghanistan, etc. and to speak against the "wisdom" in how Yusuf Estes was dealt with.

Al-hamdulillaah the One who showed me Abu Usamah's deviance and treachery ten years ago, and helped me get away from him and all those like him. And there is nothing like safety in Islam.

While I am open to all those who have advised me about being more wise in dealing with the mistakes of Yusuf Estes, and I am thankful to everyone who has emailed me or called me with advice, and I thank Allah that I am able to open my heart and try to find good in every email I read, I just find it hard to take Abu Usamah seriously in this matter, quite honestly.

- The Second Claim -
***Yusuf Estes has not
been advised.***

I assure you that Yusuf Estes has been advised much, regarding this and many other issues. He has not shown a desire to correct his ways, but instead, a love for his reputation that prevents him from rectifying his errors. Besides, whether or not Yusuf Estes has been advised before does not prevent you – right now – from recognizing the truth in this clarification and adopting the correct Islamic beliefs if you have been affected by his teachings.

And while those who speak with this claim, that we are not allowed to clarify our religion until we have advised the offending person first, aside from their inability to actually prove this obligation, they are the first of the people to violate it, as who is speaking openly against the clarification of Yusuf Estes' errors without first advising privately?!

Hypocritical double-standards.

- The Third Claim -
***Yusuf Estes is not
a scholar, so he
makes mistakes.***

No one is perfect in their da'wah work, and people do make mistakes. We are however **required** to identify and rectify mistakes attributed the perfect Religion of Allah, especially when they are as offensive as the **atrocities** committed by Yusuf Estes in the passages quoted in the clarification.

Furthermore, any person who speaks on behalf of Islam is required to speak with knowledge. Speaking about Allah without knowledge is a heinous crime, as mentioned in the clarification. When considering the gravity of the mistakes we are dealing with, a logical conclusion can be reached - ***Yusuf Estes was simply not qualified to speak on behalf of the Religion in the first place.***

It should also be known that **Jahm ibn Safwan himself**, the one to whom the Jahmiyyah Cult is ascribed, was a common man with no Islamic knowledge. It was only after debating with atheists in attempts to call them to Islam that he developed his line of thinking and began to spread it and then became popular. The wicked beliefs of the Jahmiyyah have since plagued the

Muslim Ummah for over 1,300 years and they have been the reason for some of the worst trials in the history of Islam! All of this came originally from an ignorant man with no Islamic knowledge! So we must not underestimate the level of harm that an ignoramus can create, even while he intends good.

Jahm was not an imam of innovation by way of knowledge (as Abu Usamah would like you to believe), rather he was considered an “imam” (leader) because of the number of his followers and how far his teachings reached. The founder of the Jahmiyyah Cult was just an ordinary man with no Islamic knowledge who began using philosophy to call some non-Muslims to Islam. So he became considered an imam of misguidance because of the number of people he misled. This is actually **VERY comparable** to the situation of Yusuf Estes, for those who care to look at the issue with fairness and balance.

There is an excellent response to the false propaganda that Yusuf Estes does not claim to be a scholar, as stated by **Assim al-Hakeem**, a self-contradictory TV star plagued with the same disease as Yusuf Estes, constantly speaking above his level of understanding.

One of the most obvious examples of this is recommending people to listen to Shaykh Ibn Baaz and Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen, and to abandon Shaykh Rabee' al-Madkhalee. Both shaykhs - Ibn Baaz and Ibn Uthaymeen (like the other well-known scholars of today) - praised Shaykh Rabee' al-Madkhalee highly and encourage the masses to benefit from him.

Yet, he seems to want the people to believe that they warned against him. This is what he says, without ever listening to Shaykh Rabee' directly, or advising him first (remember the



claimed obligation of how you must advise someone first before speaking against them!).

Wal-hamdulillaah, if people actually took his advice and listened to Shaykh Ibn Baaz and Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen, they would be guided to the scholars of today like Shaykh Rabee’, and away from the ignorant pretenders and self-promoted muftes leading the people astray.

Furthermore, Assim al-Hakeem’s personal website contains several misleading, mistaken fatwaas devoid of any evidence. A quick review of his website shows that. He expects for the people to refer back to him as a scholar for fatwaas, and while they even ask for evidence, they only get quick yes and no answers with no evidence. A few of these cases are documented at the end of this article.

The specific response to this man's false propaganda about Yusuf Estes not claiming to be a scholar can be reviewed here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Dw9qIFgggQ>

If Assim Al-Hakeem’s crowd likes to laugh so much, then this should provide some excellent material for them to laugh at.

And this very revealing video shows just how much Assim Al-Hakeem knows about the issues he talks about!

While the whole idea that Yusuf Estes doesn't have any claim to knowledge is just a smoke-screen anyway... The issues remain. ***The man has taught Jahmiyyah and other beliefs of KUFR (by consensus) for the last ten years, whether he's excused because of ignorance or not.***



- The Fourth Claim -

***The clarification is
the result of fishing
for mistakes, or a
“witch-hunt”.***

I said this three weeks ago in the original PDF, before Abu Usamah or Assim al-Hakeem actually spoke with those exact words:

When scholars and students of knowledge identify and warn the Muslims of deviant beliefs that oppose the consensus of Ahlus-Sunnah in basic matters of Islamic belief, they must not be demonized or slandered. Instead, you should pray for their success and think well of them, as they are fulfilling an essential need of the Muslim nation.

And quite simply, whether the article is the result of a “witch-hunt” or not, this must not prevent you from identifying false beliefs of apostasy and shunning them.

There is actually no need to add anything to this point.

- The Fifth Claim -
***The mistakes are
small, excusable
errors, being blown
out of proportion.***

No honest Muslim with knowledge of aqeedah and the errors of Yusuf Estes could possibly say that.

Go back and read the clarification. By Allah, someone who speaks like this has simply not read or tried to understand the clarification. Or they are filthy people of partisanship trying to help in their group cover-up, believing the reputation of their group has more right to be protected than the core belief system in Islam.

Sadly, Yusuf Estes himself, since the clarification has been published, has openly referred to these issues as “fruitless debates,” “lies,” and “conspiracies.” (*So much for, “He’ll surely retract and clarify!”*)

- *The Sixth Claim* -

*The clarification is
a kind of ghuluw,
religious extremism
or going overboard.*

Religious extremism is clearly found in the excessive attachments that some Muslims have to popular personalities, which interfere with their ability to view issues with balance and identify falsehood and shun it.

The clarification invites the reader to identify a number of serious false beliefs being attributed to Islam, and to take the appropriate position on them. This is the furthest thing from *ghuluw* (religious extremism).

- The Seventh Claim -
***The critic has
mistakes, too.***

Agreed. However, it is **Christianity** where people must be “free of sin before they cast the first stone.” In Islam, we are required to forbid evil when it appears, while no one is perfect.

Furthermore, the mistakes of the author of this clarification (may Allah forgive him) must not prevent you – ***right now*** – from following the truth when it comes to you and shunning falsehood once it becomes clear to you.

- The Eighth Claim -
***Yusuf Estes has
done good things,
and we have to
be fair.***

Agreed. Muslims are required to be fair and just. The author of the clarification has made **no attempt** to belittle any good work done by Yusuf Estes. No one's good deeds are being rejected, ridiculed, criticized, undervalued, or looked down upon in the clarification.

Having said that, the reality is that Yusuf Estes is currently in danger of losing the potential rewards for his good deeds due to his words of **apostasy**. It is this very article, a bitter dose of live-saving medicine that could save him from the end result of the horrible path he has chosen, by Allah's Permission.

May Allah give him the strength and courage needed to put aside his personal pride, humbly embrace the correct beliefs of Islam, and abandon the vile statements of apostasy that he has fallen into and spread.

Furthermore, warning the Muslims against what could draw them into the Hellfire could never – *in any way whatsoever* – be considered an act of injustice.



- The Ninth Claim -
***Yusuf Estes has
retracted his errors.***

Actually, while we were hoping for this, fully ready to help him and back him up when he retracts, the exact opposite has taken place. In the last three weeks, he has changed some of his beliefs openly, like saying the Quran is actually a book, yet he adds, *'as we have always believed.'*

So there is no retraction actually being offered. Only **deception**. He is lying about his legacy of teachings, and everyone who has seen his teachings over the past ten years knows this clearly.

One of Yusuf Estes' fellow co-stars at Huda TV, **Assim al-Hakeem** (may Allah guide him) said recently:

Shaykh Yusuf wrote to me three, two weeks, three weeks ago. And he is saying me, "Shaykh Assim, what do you think? I made a mistake. And he gave me a justification, said, "I was 36 hours without sleep, running from Egypt to this and that, and wallaahi, he swears in his letter, that "I was torn into pieces, from conference to lecture, from this and that, and when I said it, I made a mistake, I was not in my mind, and I have no excuse. So what to do?" And I told him, "Akhee, you have to declare the truth." And I think he... (looks

around) ... is ... had done... I ... I did not go through the – maa shaa’ Allaah - manifest of those brothers who accused him, and cut and paste, and he did this and said that, and he went five minutes for the toilet and he came back... (changes subject to speaking against the critic)

Source: Green Lane Masjid’s video on Youtube, “Q & A Marathon” (uploaded Sept. 15, 2012), at about the 2:06:00 mark.

Look at the cover-up artist stumbling! Why can’t he just say, “And he’s done that, he’s clarified his errors!” What stopped him? Because he **knows** Yusuf Estes did not retract anything!

And how on earth could anyone believe that a man who taught the disbelief of the Jahmiyyah Cult for 10 years all over the planet, did so because he had been up for 36 hours straight!?

Has he been up for 36 hours...

... for ten years!?

I do not understand how the followers of this man take no issue with him as he slaps their faces with shameful insults to basic human intelligence.

Maybe Yusuf Estes had been up for 36 hours when he posted one article from the Iranian Ayatollah... (*possible*)

But I find it hard to believe that had been up for 36 hours at every lecture he gave over the past ten years teaching the words of apostasy outlined in the PDF.

And for argument's sake – If he's always up for 36 hours before a lecture or some activity in the da'wah, then I think it's far past his bedtime! And it's time for us to realize that such a person is not fit to speak on behalf of Allah's Religion.

And while Assim al-Hakeem clearly confirms what most people have already known, that Yusuf Estes gives da'wah **“torn in pieces... not in his mind,”** then I suggest he take a more serious approach to supporting and defending someone who he describes with such a vividly accurate description.

- The Tenth Claim -

***The critic has
obsessively followed
up on Yusuf Estes'
every move.***

Assim al-Hakeem claims that I have included information about Yusuf Estes' every move, every five minutes, and that he has gone to the bathroom at such-and-such time, as mentioned in the previous point.

This is a clear lie. Those around him should advise him to be honest and stop lying. And it was the worst kind of lie, one to make the people laugh. In Sunan Abee Daawood (#4990) there is an authentic hadeeth:

((وَيْلٌ لِلَّذِي يُحَدِّثُ فَيَكْذِبُ
لِيُضْحِكَ بِهِ الْقَوْمَ، وَيْلٌ لَهُ، وَيْلٌ لَهُ!))

This hadeeth means, *"Woe to him, the one who tells lies to make the people laugh, woe to him, woe to him."*

Lying is a major sin in Islam, which is considered much more when combined with other prohibited matters. Not only was it a clear lie to make people laugh, but to laugh at what? *An issue that is a central point of belief in Islam, one that identifies a Muslim from a kaafir.*

And Allah knows best.

Moosaa Richardson

Thul-Qi'dah 3, 1433

- Appendix -

***Samples from
the Fataawaa of
Assim al-Hakeem***

The following screenshots are just a very small sample of the fatwaas being issued on an almost daily basis by Assim al-Hakeem on his own personal website.

Note: These are his complete answers, and the “(more...)” option does not provide anything beyond the answer shown.



AUG
09

Sheikh if someone believes that Prophet SllahuAlhiwassalam is present every where but does not believe that he controls the world then can we offer salaah behind such a person ?

August 9, 2012 - 12:38 — contribute

You can offer prayer behind him.

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AUG
08

Does a wind being passed from a woman's vagina break wudu even if you heard the sound coming out from the woman's vagina and not from the anus?

August 8, 2012 - 17:11 — contribute

No, this isn't the normal passage for it. therefore, it doesn't affect your wudhu.

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AUG
08

Sheikh, is squid's ink halal to eat?

August 8, 2012 - 17:09 — contribute

Yes, it is.

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AUG
08

Is it true that it is permissible to offer six to eight rakahs of nafl after maghrib and what is the proof.

August 8, 2012 - 17:07 — contribute

It is permissible to offer 100 rak'ah if you wish. There isn't any Sunnah in this regard.

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AUG
08

Sheikh when u read Quran from your mobile do I have to have wudu

August 8, 2012 - 00:29 — contribute

No, it's not mandatory.

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AUG
07

Is it ok to say (Allah Hafiz) when ever you leave a Majlis, House or is it an innovation?

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No problem.

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AUG
07

I read a hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah that if a person accidentally eats or drinks while fasting, he should complete his fast because what was fed to him was from Allah.

August 7, 2012 - 23:28 — contribute

You should spit it out.

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AUG
05

Is there a book from among the Ashaaris on their aqeedah so that I can use it as a proof against the Jamaat at tableegh as a sister is giving me a tough time saying that their aqeedah is based upon the alhlussunnah.

August 5, 2012 - 02:30 — contribute

You can read al aqeedah al wasitiya by Ibn taimiyah.

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JUL
31

Sheikh i applied for a visit visa for germany and one of the conditons are i have to get health insurance for a month.....is it permissible?

July 31, 2012 - 08:33 — contribute

No problem.

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AUG
22

Is it appropriate for someone to ask Allaah giving him death as martyr?

August 22, 2012 - 08:53 — contribute

This is recommended.

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AUG
29

How Many UMRAH and Haj we can perform for the dead people? As many as we want?

August 29, 2012 - 12:19 — contribute

There is no limit.

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SEP
01

What is the difference between hasan hadith si sahih hadith?

September 1, 2012 - 15:18 — contribute

Both Hassan & saheeh are authentic.

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SEP
07

Sheikh is it permissible to offer another congregational prayer in a masjid if the regular congregational prayer had been offered? please quote some references from quran and sunnah.

September 7, 2012 - 09:25 — contribute

Yes, this is permissible.

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SEP
07

I was wondering a woman who is black, asian, in this world will look the same in jannah...will they still be dark there or asian

September 7, 2012 - 09:23 — contribute

No, she will not.

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SEP
06

It is stated in a tradition that Jibra'il came to the Messenger of Allah.

September 6, 2012 - 14:32 — contribute

This is fabricated.

(more...)

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SEP
06

It is very common in Pakistan and I think in the whole world that the all hadiths of Bukhari and Muslim are saheh

September 6, 2012 - 11:01 — contribute

but recently I have found a document based on the research of Sheikh Nasir ur din Albani that he classified 50 hadiths of Bukhari and Muslim to be weak.

Is it true?

I'm confused

You should not be confused. These hadeeths you have stated have been accepted by the whole Ummah. Sheikh Al Albani is a great scholr but he is not close to the knowledge of Bukhari and Muslim.



SEP
05

Is penis enlargement permissible in Islam

September 5, 2012 - 19:33 — contribute

If it is a defect, it is permissible. But if one has a normal one yet he wants it to be bigger, this is not permissible.

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SEP
05

Am I allowed to become a police officer in the UK. I very would like to be a police office just wanted to know if it ok in Islamic sharias.

September 5, 2012 - 11:26 — contribute

If you will be involved in stopping crime or in controlling traffic, this is permissible as long as you do not het involved in activities that go against Islam.

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SEP
03

What animals are forbidden to sell and buy, is it only cats and dogs, or all kind of pets?

September 3, 2012 - 15:15 — contribute

Pets are all permissible. Lions or animals that are not of use are forbidden to sell or buy.

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MAY
14

A person gets two hours of free time. He has two options 1. Reciting the quran 2. Watching programs on Huda or Peace TV. Which action will earn more reward.

May 14, 2011 - 19:19 — contribute

Reciting the Quran is the best deed but one needs timeout and to refresh himself. Therefore, it depends on the situation one is in and how he is feeling. Remember that watching some of the programs of Huda teaches an individual his religion which is also one of the greatest forms of worship.

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FEB
15

Sheikh, what do you know about Sheikh Rabee' Bin Hadee Al Madkhali?

February 15, 2012 - 09:04 — contribute

I don't know him personally and I have not heard anything for him but I know that he keeps on criticizing scholars and Da'ees and labeling them and most of them are not in accordance to his methodology so he easily takes them out of the fold of Ahlu Sunnah.

One should neglect him and listen to real scholars such as Ibn Bazz and Ibn Othaimeen.

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