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As-Salam alaikum wa rahmatullah. I ask Allah to grant you success in all your hard work. May He guide me and you both to the very best and most beneficial ways of spreading His beautiful Religion.

I'm writing to express a very important concern that I have for our beloved community. It seems that the famous preacher **Yusuf Estes** is scheduled to visit soon, and quite honestly, I am very worried about this. You see, it is clear to me that Brother Yusuf is simply not qualified to speak on behalf of Islam. The clearest proof for this is the long list of serious errors he has spread in various places during his da'wah trips, horrible statements reaching the level of disbelief, like:

- George Bush invaded Afghanistan in accordance with the Quranic order for jihad.
- "Allah is not tolerant at all, ZERO!" Nor is Islam tolerant at all.
- The written Quran is similar to paper money which has no real value.
- The Iranian Ja'fari (Shiite) Mathhab is as acceptable as the four mathhabs in Islam.
- One can refer to himself as a Ja'fari or a Shiite, but not a Sunni.
- Allah did not preserve the Quran in writing, and the mushaf is not considered the Quran.
- Allah ascended over His Throne like how people line up for congregational prayer.

Aside from these blatant violations of our noble Religion, his manners are very bad in da'wah, as he jokes excessively in a disgraceful and often offensive manner, including blatant lies in his jokes. He persists in the above errors even after clear corrections have been made widely available. He considers such disastrous statements as unworthy of his time, "fruitless debates," and even "lies" as he calls them.

Only one of the above statements was relayed to one of Madeenah's elder scholars, Shaykh 'Ubayd al-Jaabiree, to which he replied, "I warn the Muslims, men and women alike, from listening to him, as he is corrupt. He is either astray, leading others astray, or he has lost his mind." I really think we should trust in the advice of our scholars.

Everything mentioned above is well documented by a student of knowledge at the website, www.YusufEstesQuran.com, including links to the exact words of Yusuf Estes (so their context can be verified), as well as evidence-based clarifications about the correct beliefs of *Ahlus-Sunnah* in the issues he misrepresents.

I really pray that you ponder over this issue carefully, and make the right decisions to preserve and protect the guidance of the respected members of our community, especially in light of the following very frightening reminders from the Messenger of Allah (sallallahu alayhe wa sallam):

"All of you are shepherds, and all of you are accountable over your flock.

The imam is a shepherd, and he is accountable regarding his flock..." (Bukhari & Muslim)

"There is no servant whom Allah places in charge of any group of people and he does not protect them by advising them, except that he shall not smell the fragrance of Paradise." (Bukhari & Muslim)

I urge you to do your very best to make sure you are personally aware of the issues and their seriousness, and that you purify your intentions for Allah alone and do your best to keep our community protected from the kinds of misguidance that Yusuf Estes has been teaching.

If you are unable to prevent his visit, then I hope and pray that you will at least do your best to make sure the everyday members of our community have access to the important information in the clarifications at the website mentioned, so they can be aware of his dangerous beliefs and not adopt them when he visits.

I understand this is a difficult issue to handle, and I ask Allah to aid you and bless you. Remember, we don't need big numbers, recognition, TV stars, or popularity – we need to uphold the trust that Allah has placed upon us, hoping for safety on the Day of Judgment.

And Allah knows best. Peace and salutations of Allah upon the Prophet Muhammad.

Yours,

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