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## A Scholarly Example of Enjoining the Ties of Brotherhood Despite a Great Misunderstanding

“Al-Majmoo’ fee tarjumah Al-‘Allaamah Al-Muhaddith Ash-Shaikh Hammaad bin Muhammad Al-Ansaaree”

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Shaikh Hammaad Al-Ansaaree (*rahimahullaah*) said:

“Once when I was in Makkah, I heard from the people of the arrival in Jeddah of a learned man from Mauritania. So I went to him and found him staying at a place set aside indistinctly for the Mauritians. So we went there and found him giving a lesson in eloquence/logic and so we sat down and listened.”

After the lesson was over Shaikh Hammaad asked him a question in the issue of eloquence/the manner of speaking which was:

“What are the four problematic issues? And what are the four verses in The Book of Allaah which give proof to them?”

So when he asked this question it was as though a bomb had been dropped upon him, so he became angry and said:

“Who are you?”

Shaikh Hammaad replied:

“The answer has no relation to who I am; I only need an answer.”

So the Scholar said to him:

“Get out from amongst us, and do not sit (here).”

So Shaikh Hammaad got up and left.

“Then some days passed and the State (Government) sent this Mauritanian Scholar to Riyadh for the purpose of teaching in one of the faculties there. Shaikh Hammaad was also from those who were sent there. So the Scholar was staying in the neighboring building of Shaikh Hammaad, and he knew that he was staying next to him. So he went to see him along with another person who was also Shanqetee (from the famous tribe) and so they entered upon him in his home. Shaikh Hammaad familiarized himself with the Scholar by saying: ‘do you not know your disputant?’

So he replied: ‘where should I know him from?’

So he reminded him of that which had passed, so the Scholar said:

'I did not know you, so I was ignorant of you, and I was regretful after this act during that time.'

So Shaikh Hammaad said:

'So after this The Shaikh would discuss/debate with me in different issues and I would discuss/debate with him<sup>1</sup> with all love and tranquility<sup>2</sup>, and all Praise is for Allaah.'<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Scholar was Muhammad Ameen Ash-Shanqeete, the author of the famous Tafseer: Adhwa Al-Bayaan

<sup>2</sup> [Translators note]: A familiar characteristic with the Salaf of this Ummah; that of overlooking the faults or shortcomings of their brothers and enjoining the ties of brotherhood and upholding their unity despite what may have occurred by way of statement or action. Doing so out of sincerity to Allaah The Most High whilst fearing Him therefore implementing His commands of establishing brotherhood for His sake.

The following two examples are a testimony to this:

Imaam Adh Dhahabee mentions: Mubaarak bin Fudhaalah said from 'Alee bin Zaid who said from Ibn Al-Musayyib who said: There had arisen between Talhah (bin 'Ubaidullaah) and ('Abdur-Rahmaan) bin 'Awf some distance. So Talhah fell ill, and 'Abdur-Rahmaan came to visit him. So Talhah said: 'By Allaah; you O my brother are better than me.' So he replied: 'Don't say that O my brother.' So he replied: 'Indeed By Allaah; because if you fall sick - I do not visit you.'

Ibn Al-Jawzee mentions: Al-Khilaal said Muhammad bin Al-Hussain narrated to me saying Aboo Bakr Al-Maroodhee narrated to us saying: I heard Aboo Bakr bin Hammaad Al-Muqri'ee say: Aboo Thaabit Al-Khattaab narrated to me who said: Bilaal Al-Aajuree narrated to me saying: I accompanied Aboo 'Abdillaah (Imaam Ahmad) - and we were at the time returning back from the Jaami' (Masjid). So I mentioned Aboo Haneefah, so he made an indication with his hand like such and placed it down. So I said: 'The urine of Aboo Haneefah was more than what could fill the earth - like yourself.' So he looked at me - and then said: 'As-salaamu 'alaikum.' Then in the morning I went early to him and I said: 'O Abaa 'Abdillaah; that which came from me, it was not done deliberately, so I would like that you emancipate me (i.e. forgive me)' So he said: 'My feet did not move from their place except that I emancipated you.' (See *Siyar A'laam An-Nubalaa* vol1 page 88 & *Manaaqib Al-Imaam Ahmad* page 286)

<sup>3</sup> Taken from the book: *Al-Majmoo' fee tarjumah Al-'Allaamah Al-Muhaddith Ash-Shaikh Hammaad bin Muhammad Al-Ansaaree* vol 2 page 600