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Advice regarding derogatory film about Prophet

(صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) Translated by Raha ibn Donald Batts Article taken and slightly adapted from: mtws.posthaven.com

بسم الله الرحيم In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: O Eminent Shaykh, may Allaah grant you Tawfeeq, there are many questions as to what is your advice to the students of knowledge and other than them regarding that which has happened recently regarding the derogatory film about the Prophet (مَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹; what is the advice of your Eminence regarding that?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)²: Our advice regarding that is to have comportment and not to show disapproval in this manner; demonstrations or harming innocent people, and wasting wealth, this is not permissible. Those who must respond to this are the scholars, not the common folk. The scholars respond to these affairs. They (i.e. the Kuffaar) want to cause chaos amongst us and they wish to affect us; this is what they want. They want us to fight one another. The soldiers withhold while these people attack; and there occurs beating, killing, and injury. This is what they want. Calm down, calm down. Those who are responsible for responding are the people of knowledge and insight. Or they could choose not to respond to them and resolve not to respond. The pagans used to call the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) a magician, a soothsayer, a liar etc. and Allaah commanded him to have patience. He commanded His Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) to have patience. They did not protest in Makkah nor did they destroy any of the homes of the pagans nor did they kill anyone. Patience and comportment until Allaah the Glorified and High facilitates a way for the Muslims.

That which is obligatory is to have comportment; especially in these times and in these tribulations and within this evil today which is going on within the lands of the Muslims. It is obligatory to have comportment and not to rush into these affairs; and the commoners are not fit to deal with this, for the ignorant do not know. None should deal with this except the people of knowledge and insight.

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⁽صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallalaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him