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(401) 545-3474 (Nicholas Rovinski) call to (857) 576-1561 (David Wright)
Duration of call – 1 Hour, 51 minutes, 18 seconds**

Participants:

David Wright [DW]

Nicholas Rovinski [NR]

Abbreviations:

IA: Inaudible

OV: Overlapping voices

PH: Phonetic

Italics: Spoken in Arabic with English translations in brackets

Regular font: Spoken in English

SIC: Spoken incorrectly

DW: *Al-salam ‘alaykum [Peace be upon you.]*

NR: *Wa ‘alaykum al-salam [peace be upon you.]*

DW: Yes, I got your message. How’s everything going?

NR: *Hamdulillah [Praise be to God]*, very interesting day today.

DW: Ooohhh! Explain it to me. I must hear it! [Laugh] I must.

NR: Well, uh, [brief pause] guess what the *khutba [sermon]* today was about?

DW: Tell me. Tell me now. [laugh] Oh my God! Wait a minute, let me think. Ah, uhm, ah [laughs] I’m guessing it had something to do with the *Dawlah [State]*.

NR: Yeah.

DW: Oh God! What did he say? Oh my God! [laughing]

NR: Uhm, I’m surprised that it was this person that said it.

DW: Umm.

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NR: Because, I thought that he was, you know, maybe open--

DW: Um-hum.

NR: --to uh, you know, receiving 'aqidah [doctrine] from them and, you know, whatever--

DW: Um-hum.

DW: If-If-If you know, it's-it's just li--it's just . . . Uh-Uh, the thing is, you know these--these statements are in such heavy circulation that it's become--it's become second nature to say *Khawarij* [*Kharajites or those who deviated*], just as the *kuffar* [*disbelievers*] say terrorist. It's-It's-It's just--It's just as simple for them. They've --They've joined their ranks and just . . . They say *Khawarij- Kawarij* [*Kharajites or those who deviated.*] But you-you can't prove it, I mean, because one of the signs of the-- . . . There are many signs of the *Khawarij* [*Kharajites or those who deviated*]. Like for . . . Let's give good examples. Some of them [UI] for some say that if you were to see them, see the *Khawarij* [*Kharajites or those who deviated*], you would become uhm, ashamed by your-your-your acts of 'ibadah [*worship*], because they would shame you with their fasting. They would shame you with how much they make *salat* [*prayer.*] They would shame you with it, and they are known for this excessive amount of-of uh, piety--meaning they go over the limits. They-They go over the limits when it comes to it--meaning they'll fast every single day, just to prove their piety. They will pray every single instance, maybe until their feet [noise] even swell--just to--just to--just to prove to you their piety. And these are the same people--he said that--they are harsh-harsh against the Muslims, and they are relaxed, [voices in the background] they are relaxed, [brief pause] they are relaxed and-and calm against-against the-the *kuffar* [*disbelievers*]-that they are laid back. That when it--

NR: [OV] Um-hum.

DW: [OV]--comes to them, that they are not--they are not aggressive. They're actually, they're-they're- they're-they're more so allied with them. They're resilient--

NR: [OV] Um-hum.

DW: [OV]--in doing any harm to them. And-And you have--you have other things, such as [noise] them believing that the uh, committing of major sins, it's *kufr akbar* [*major disbelief.*] And-And uhm, no matter what it is, consuming alcohol etc. . . . These things we obviously know, don't take people out of the fold of

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Islam. And-And uhm, they're uh . . . And also another thing is, they they-they completely detest those who-who are from *ahl al-sunnah [the people of Sunnah]* [noise]--those who-who appeal to uh, to-to-to the Sunnah. They despise them because they believe that their understanding of the Sunnah [noise] is-is uh, the best--down to a T. Hence why—Hence why, they-they-they called 'Ali Ibn Abi Talib – *Radiyah Allah 'anh [may God be pleased with him]*--they called him as a -as a *kafir [disbeliever]*. Uhm, they called *Mu'awiyah* as a *kafir [disbeliever]*. They-They uhm, said the Prophet *sallah Allah 'alayhi was sallam -may God's prayers and peace be upon him-* was unjust; they said the Prophet was unjust. Such as these--are many signs of the *Khawarij [Kharajites or those who deviated.]* [Noise] Now we look at *al- Dawlah [The State.]* Let's listen--talk about some of the signs. *A-Dawlah [The State]*, they are completely harsh against the *kuffar [disbelievers]*--extensively harsh against the *kufar [disbelievers]*, the *murtaddeen [apostates]*, and the *munafiqeen [hypocrites.]* But they are ever so gentle concerning the Muslims. I have countless pictures, articles, and video footage on my laptop of how they treat the Muslims in Mosul--how the prisoners - how the prisoners have even said that every single day they eat, they're clothed, they're fed, and-and they're taken very well care of-of by the--by the uh-uh, [noise] by the *mujahideen [fighters]* and by the *hizb [party]* in-in-in the city of Mosul, and in-in-in Raqqa, in Syria. Okay, so they-they fail that test, in regards to them being in the *Khawarij [Kharajites or those who deviated]*. Additionally, they-they don't, they-they . . . *Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi -hafizahu Allah [May God protect him]* - released, he released their testimony, their uhm, their '*aqidah [doctrine]*--and what they're upon. And uhm, they absolutely--without a shadow of a doubt--uhm, don't declare *takfir [excommunication]* on Muslims, for committing of major sins. And they actually break it down and specify; there's a difference between *kufr akbar [major disbelief]* and *kufr asghar [minor disbelief]*. There's a big difference. And uhm, and they made it very-very clear. And he also said in his '*aqidah [doctrine]* that there is a science behind it, and it must be specified--it must be specified, that it--whatever it is that the individual is doing, which we take [UI]; it must be specified first, before *takfir [excommunication]* is [UI]. He made this very-very clear. So that shuts that down. And then they say, you know, as-as far as acts of piety, they've not have--they've have not have demonstrated any overzealous acts of piety. In fact--In fact they do exactly what the standard Muslims [noise] should be doing--praying five times a day, giving *zakat [alms tax]*, and-and-and uhm, and uhm, living your lives as a Muslim. I mean that's-that's what they do. They've never shown in any single video any discussion, anything whatsoever, of any type of overzealous act of piety--you know, going crazy and praying from *fajr [dawn]* until '*isha [dinner]* They have never done anything such as this. Uhm, it's all fairy tales. Uhm so, when-when-when one comes to see... And as far as the *Sunnah*, hating the *ahl al-Sunnah [people of Sunnah]*, they don't hate *ahl al-Sunnah [people of Sunnah]*.

They don't even hate those who preceded them in *Jihad*. They say they-they-they honor and commemorate them, such as *Jabhat al-Nusrah [Al-Nusrah Front]*;

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even though *Jabhat al-Nusrah* . . . They are on the verge of apostasy because they are continually in a fight against the *Dawlah [State]*. And *Jabhat al-Nusrah* was created by uhm-uhm, AQ, by uhm, *al*, uh, *al-Qa'ida [the Base]*. They were--he . . . They were created by them, and they are fighting them, uhm not-not for any particular reason, except for power. They say that-that they're the ones who basically are the arrowheads for-for uhm, for fighting for the-the uhm, for fighting for the uhm--against the oppression of the Syrians. And the Syrian people are fighting against uhm, Bashar al-Assad's regime, etc. So with all these things in mind, there is no proof for people who call them *Khawarij [Kharajites or those who deviated]*. But just like . . . I forgot which 'ulama said it, but just like--just like...I forgot which-which *Mashayikh [Sheikhs]* said this--said this [UI]. I believe it might have been Shayikh Al-Albani [PH] [UI] who said that [UI] it's a slander. *Allah-Allah [God-God]* permits the slander of the scholars; he commits the sin of uh, scholars by means of remissions of the sins that they've committed. So the scholars who are upon *the haqq [truth]*, who become slandered or who become oppressed, *Allah [God]* permits this [noise] as a way to omit them of their sins and mistakes--that they've made--in order to elevate their rank. So of course you're gonna hear the statements of the fools who will continue to uhm, cu-curse *Al-Dawlah [the State]* and call them *Khawarij [Kharajites or those who deviated]*, etc. And it's-it's-it's-it's unwarranted; you have no proof--you have no proof. And what you come to find out in the end is that most of these people saying this--they're just a bunch of *taqlidis [imitators]*. They're blind following their *Shayikh*, and their *Shayikh* is blind-blind following their scholar. All these scholars right now are- are who-who-who-who are come especially from Saudi--with the exception of those whom-whom [noise] uhm, *Al-Dawlah [the State]* has mentioned whom we--whom we know of. They are--

DW: [clears throat] This is--This is a--This is a--This is a very-very-very uh, sickly thing. I was doing some research on-on uh, [noise] I was doing some research on the . . . I think it's the Section 8 Law, not the Section 8 uhm, Section 801 Law that was passed in 1996. It-It started in 19--between 1993 and 1994--because in 1994 uhm--between 1993 and 1994, the World Trade Center was bombed. And then they made this--they made this law, called uhm, Material Support Law. It was very general, [noise] and very basic, and it-it--and it really advanced, until after 2001 when the-the Twin Towers was-was knocked down.

And they updated it, and it's very-very general. It's not specific, it's very general. And the Material Support says that anyone providing a physical body--meaning if you're going over there--providing a physical body, or you're providing uh, wealth, money, or if you're providing uhm, uh arms, weaponry--this is considered [noise] Material Support, and you could be charged. However-However, they've made it so general now, where--and this is why they've been arresting so many people--they've made it so general. They've been arresting them because, once

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they read that they intend on going over to *Dawlah [the State]*, they arrest them. They made it so general now, where, they can manipulate it and get you--and get you on Material Support just for speaking positively-positively about this. And there were--there were like, a lot of uhm, pro-democratic groups which were saying that this was--this uh, [noise] anti-Constitutional because people's uh, right to Freedom of Speech. Especially, the Freedom of Speech thing was put-put in line for the people not to be restricted a-against speaking a-against an oppressive government. that's the means of Freedom of Speech--Freedom of Speech was never created so people can go around and draw cartoons and [UI]

NR: [OV] The-The-The uh, this, the founding of this country is ... This country is messed up from the, from its founding days.

DW: [OV] Yes.

NR: There's [sighs]--not to mention that the government [noise]--there's no real [UI]

DW: [OV] No, that's all fake, it's all an illusion; no, it's an il--it's an illusion. It's--It's--It's--It's--It's--It's--It's a freedom with standards--It's a freedom with standards. Uhm, you know, just like when they say, "The freedom to practice religion." Yeah, people don't go into def--go into detail about this. The freedom to practice religion isn't just--you can do what you want. It has limits too. Like they say, "You can practice your religion so long as you're not infringing upon the rights of others or you're not harming others." Those are the standards [noise]of practicing your religion. So--and again--what-what's meant by infringing? I don't know. But I'm-I'm definitely--I'm definitely uh, interested in seeing uh, in-in seeing what would happen. Because if-if it's a case where-where anyone who supports *Al-Dawlah [the State]* is being arrested and charged with material support, facing up to 15 years. I wonder what would happen at an anti-Israeli demonstration that was held.

NR: [OV] [UI] The one person that I uh, I had uhm, a-a-a bond with is actually not here anymore. He's uh, let's just say he's overseas . . . Ok? [UI]

DW: [OV] Ah, Ok! So he went on vacation.

NR: [laughs] Yeah.

DW: Oh, Ok. [laughs]

NR: Uhm, he's uh, he's got uhm, some plans in the works. [noise]

DW: Ohhh!

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NR: Uhm, yeah, let's just keep it at that for now. Uhm, and--

DW: [OV] Yeah, no, absol--

NR: [OV]--I'll go into more detail uhm, *insha' Allah [God willing]*, uh, when we meet.

DW: Yeah, that's cool, yeah, *insha' Allah [God willing]* uhm-uhm-uhm, my uncle he's-he's-he's excited, and so--is he coming with me. Uh-Uh, we intend on hitting the road right after *fajr [dawn]*. *Fajr [Dawn]* here is called at 3:31. [UI] like hopefully 3:30...3:40... 3:45 and then head right on the road, right after that head up there, and probably get there like . . . [18:54:11]

NR: *Fajr [Dawn]* there is . . . What? Like, 3:00-3:30?

DW: [UI]

NR: [OV] I'm sorry, I mean here-here uh, I know *fajr [dawn]* here is like uhm, 3 o'clock. But I don't know what it is over there.

DW: It's 3:35 here.

DW: [UI] [OV] Additionally what we talked about is uh... is uh... what's the word, *qissas* [UI] talked about *qissas [retaliation]*, retaliation, and it's uh... this isn't just an isolated thing a lot of people [UI] about *Al-Dawlah [the State]* because of the Jordanian pilot they set a fire and [Noise] I saw the video, I saw it like five times. And the one who did it, was a leader of the community seventeen states within Iraq and in...that was bombed by the...by this pilot uhm...in matters of *qissas [retaliation]* it is eye for eye. Same thing with the *Yahud [Jews]* previously. In a matter of *qissas [retaliation]*, in [Cut off] *Allah [God]* the Qur'an and they transgress against you transgress in them in a like manner or...or I believe *Allah [God]* said you can be patient and that could be an act of ...and act of charity and that would be better for you, as an act of charity. But if one transgresses against you, you transgress against them. Now people forget to realize that this is a general statement from the Prophet '*alayhi al-salam [peace be upon him]*' and as you know, general...for general rulings and prohibitions can be uplifted in...in special circumstances whether be *halal [lawful]* food, *haram [forbidden]* food becoming *halal [lawful]* because of starvation or you know any other means. We know *salat [prayer]* is obligatory but if ...if one is incapable of standing they may sit if one is incapable of sitting, they may lay down and [UI] so these are things that are obligatory or impermissible, can become changed due to the circumstances. Additionally, those are not the only ones who held this view, in fact it was uh Imam al-Nawawi, Imam al-Nawawi and he was the student of Ibn

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Taymiya *Rahimahu Allah* [may God bless his soul] Ibn Al-Qayyim said that uh... who said that "it's a like for like" if they killed and they attacked with the sword, they could become attacked with sword. If they attack with fire, they become attacked with fire.

DW: Uh...uh...but you know what it is? I know where the deficiency lies. I know where the deficiency lies. And I know what can correct it. I know what must be done in order to even be able to begin speaking with the Muslims here in America. I know what must be done. And I know what their problem is. Their problem isn't *Al-Dawlah* [the State] more as it is uh... their lacking, their lack of understanding of *tawheed* [monotheism] they lack understanding of *tawheed* [monotheism] they lack it, they lack it. Because they say they know that *Allah* [God] is one and that's sufficient for them. That's sufficient for them, but they don't go beyond that in great detail explaining *tawheed al-luhyah* [sic] [acts of worship are for God alone] or *tawheed asma' wa sifat* [the belief in God's names and attributes] or *tawheed rububiyah* [God is the only creator, provider and in charge of all affairs] they kind of remain there. They don't go beyond there, to *tawheed al-Hakimiya* [God is the only law giver] meaning *Allah's* [God's] oneness and his right to legislate. And it's it's that's where the problem lies that's where the problem lies. And that's one of those things that ...that that paper was talking about. In regard to *tawheed al-hakimiya* [God is the only law giver.] Cause if you can convince people by giving *da'wa* [call to Islam] to them and explain to them how *Allah* [God] has the only right to legislate and pass laws whereas mankind should be guided by that will create in their heart with *bi izn Allah* [God's permission], *iman* [faith] that will make them despise and hate laws and rules which other than what *Allah* [God] has revealed. So *tawheed* [monotheism] must first be established and these people they don't understand *tawheed* [monotheism] and so they would ...they would attack *Al-Dawlah* [the State.] Cause they see it as a threat and mostly because ...and that's why *Allah* [God] reveals the truth, because every time he reveals the truth two things happen. Three things happen. He- He reveals who the believers are, once he brings forward the truth and he exposes the *munafiqeen* [hypocrites] and the *murtaddeen* [apostates.] So that's what happens. When He reveals the truth, in history it has always been the same, with every single *Rasul* [Messenger] it's always been the same. Believers are made, believers are fortified upon the truth and he distinguishes them between the *kuffar* [disbelievers] and then the *murtaddeen* [apostates] arise. So you have something like *Al-Dawlah* [the State], such a ...such a force of *haqq* [truth.] You see the *murtaddeen* [apostates] come out and oppose them. And it's pretty sick and disgusting actually. So many of them man. So many of them.

NR: yeah, ah

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DW: They're crazy.

NR: It's more saddening to me than uh... angering because I...like you said they need to uh...learn *al-tawbah* [repentance] uh... *tawheed* [Oneness]

DW: Yeah, they need to be reeducated ...they have to relearn their *deen* [religion] from start to finish, they gotta relearn their *deen* [religion] To... all this slander is gonna do nothing? Like I told them, I said "even if you some amongst them, because they're not perfect. You may have some elements, some brothers amongst *Al-Dawlah* [the State] who made mistakes and they've been punished by...by *Al-Dawlah* [the State.] The way ... *mujahideen* [fighters] have been punished, those who made a mistake. But on the other hand, you may just be raising their ranks and entering them into *jannah* [paradise] because of your slander because they will know on *yawm al-qiyamah* [judgment day.] They will ask *Allah* [God] ... *Allah* [God] who has slandered me in the world and I seek justice from you, from those who slandered me. All the ones who slandered they will be called fools and- and [UI] they're not satisfied, they're not satisfied with the end results, [UI] *Allah* [God] judge the matter they will say *Allah* [God] I'm not satisfied, *Allah* [God] will then award them the ability to take their...take their deeds they will continue taking deeds from that person until they're satisfied. So, it'll come to a point it's like the *Hadith* [Collection of traditions and sayings of the Islamic prophet] goes on to explain it will come to a point, where a person will keep taking those deeds of the person sending them, until they exhaust it. The person has no more deeds left and then they're still not satisfied so they begin giving their sins they committed on to that slanderer and then that person who was slandering will go to *jahannam* [hell]. Slander is very, very intense. People got to stop lying people got stop lying do a [UI] that's intense. There's one up there *Khawarij* [Kharajites or those who deviated], that's crazy...oh God!

DW: That's wonderful. And I'm not changing my name on paper for obvious reasons. We're not having...cause if anything goes down, we're not having you [UI] connections whatsoever through my areas. You know that's always fun. But then again, I thought about it I think I will do it...after I graduate. I think I will do it. And the problem is if you want to travel, it's a lot better to keep the flat name, the basic name, the standard name because—

NR: Right.

DW: Because that'll make things a lot easier. You know you keep your *kunya* [alias] as your last name. You don't have to go through the legal process of paying hundred dollars and changing it. You keep your normal name, so when you travel you don't go through the difficulties that people have to go through when their names are as such, so. And this makes things a lot easier, plus people know you

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by that. Anyways. You know *subhan Allah [glory be to God.] Akhi [brother] [UI]* go pray *maghrib [sunset]* now.

NR: Yeah...okay

DW: [OV] so Sunday *insha' Allah [God willing]* you will be awake after uhm...*fajr [dawn], insha' Allah [God willing]*.

NR: Yeah, I'll be awake.

DW: Okay. After *fajr [dawn], insha' Allah [God willing]* I'm gonna..I'm gonna --

NR: Cause I'm gonna try to...do some uh...solar gazing, watch the sun come up.

DW: Oh, yeah. Okay. *Hamdulillah [praise be to God.] [UI]* Ah... *insha' Allah [God willing]*, I'll contact you again just uh... in the morning right when we're gonna head over there.

NR: *Insha' Allah [God willing]*.

DW: Okay *akhi [brother]*, until ... until next time. If you need anything just [UI] a message or give me a call *insha' Allah [God willing]*.

NR: Okay.

DW: All right. *Al-salam 'alaykum [peace be upon you.]*

NR: *Wa 'alaykum al-salam wa rahmatu Allah wa barakatuh [Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.]*

[End of call]