



# THE GULEN MOVEMENT

OUR RESPONSE TO A CRITIC

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Your letter has been referred to us for response.

(1) Your work of decorating Musjids, especially the Turkish monument in Midrand, is unrelated to our criticism. Your work in no way whatsoever alters any of the facts we have levelled against the Gulenist movement.

(2) The establishment of clinics and schools is executed par excellence by Christian missionaries and other non-Muslim agencies and NGOs. These activities of the Turkish modernist movement do not detract from the validity of the charges we have directed at the modernist Turkish Muslims and their brand of watered down Islam which serves western interests and which is inimical to true Islam, that is the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

(3) Your inter-action with the modernist teachers, principal, deputy principal and the trustee of the monument project does not in any way answer a single point of our criticism. All of these persons are *fussaaq* in terms of the Shariah. Look at their faces and their attire. A Muslim who understands the Sunnah will conclude that all these Turkish personnel are non-Muslims (Yahood and Nasaara) if they are not known to the observer.

(4) What precisely did you read in Gulen's writings? Does he mention Allah and His Rasool (sallallahu alayhi wasallam)? If he does, please apprise us of his views on Allah and His Rasool (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). You will find in his writings a bizarre emphasis on kufr interfaith. It is his interfaith philosophy which has endeared him to the western kuffaar and which is the primary

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cause for the U.S.A.'s patronage which he enjoys. More of this patronage further on in this response, Insha'Allah.

(5) Whatever was Bediuzzaman's school of thought, the fundamental basis of the Muslim's Imaan is the School of Thought of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Any school of thought which departs from the Sunnah is *mardood* (rejected) and *maloon* (accursed). In the light of this principle, Gulen's thought, propagation and movement are *mardood* and *mal-oon*. Explain to us what of the Sunnah is in Gulen's writings, in his practical life and in the lifestyle of all those who follow him. Contrary to the high opinion which the enemies of Islam hold for Gulen, he was no thinker. His brain was locked on only one element, and that is interfaith. The interfaith theme pervades all his writings, and all the praises he has earned from Islam's enemies are based on this interfaith basis.

(6) Why is it not necessary to enter into detailed discussion at this stage? This is the stage of the debate. What are the factors for postponement of the detailed discussion, and to which date do you propose postponing the detailed discussion. If you would oblige with detailed elaboration, we shall, Insha'Allah, publish it as well as our response which shall be a rational and Shar'i refutation.

(7) Irrespective of Bediuzzamaan being a man of "*intellectual reputation as a great thinker among Turkish Muslims*", we shall scale his intellect and reputation in the Balance of the Shariah – Qur'aan and the Sunnah. We are not interested in Bediuzzamaan's and in Gulen's thoughts and views. Our interest is the Sunnah of Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

Everything will be viewed in the light of the Sunnah, not in the mirror of the thoughts of others, especially when others are *faasiqs* and *faajirs* such as Gulen who basks in the patronage of such an enemy who is butchering thousands of Muslims all over

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the world, having occupied their lands and pillaging and plundering the Ummah and its resources.

(8) The perceived ‘humility’ of the founder of the Midrand monument does not mitigate the fisq, fujoor and the sinister dimension of Gulen’s movement and of his schools. Furthermore, a ‘humility’ which induces a man to lapse into *shaitaaniyat* (Satanism) is not true humility. It is satanic deception. Allah Ta’ala says in the Qur’aan Majeed:

*“And, do not be wasteful, for verily the wasters are the brothers of the shayaateen.”*

In addition to the colossal waste of funds expended in the monument, the latter is a conspicuous example of the materialization of Rasulullah’s prediction, namely, towards the Approach of the Hour, people will build elaborate Musjid structures – wasteful buildings – monuments – devoid of the hidaayat of the true Deen of Allah Ta’ala. Whilst Muslims are suffering in grinding poverty and wallowing in Deeni ignorance, and exposed to the evangelical predations of the kuffaar missionaries in all lands of Islam, this ‘humble’ man from Turkey gushes down the drain hundreds of millions of rand. A man who squanders so much money in brick, sand and water lacks intelligence. His ‘humility’ testifies to his senility and intellectual deficiency. If he had the Ummah at heart – if he truly loved the Ummah, he would have attended to their suffering because it appears that he has ample funds to alleviate some of the suffering of the Ummah. Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said:

*“The Muslimoon (the Ummah of Islam) are like one man. When the eye pains the whole body pains, and when the head pains, the whole body pains.”*

Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) also said:

*“When a man’s wealth is not blessed, he squanders it in water*

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*and sand.”*

The ‘humility’ of the financier of the mounument in Midrand is deceptive and the effect of his *nafs*

(9) What is the context of the Qur’aanic verse which condemns monuments and palaces? The erection of monuments by Saudi Arabia does not vindicate the construction of monuments in the name of Islam here in the midst of our community of Muslims. We are taking the Gulenist monument to task specifically because it is a sinister construction in our midst.

The Saudis too have become notorious for constructing mounuments and for demolishing the sacred relics of Islam. Your citing the grand and wasteful Musjid structures in Saudi Arabia is not a valid defence for erecting a monument in South Africa in the name of Islam.

The ‘humble’ financier should have adhered to his initial intention of constructing the mounument in the U.S.A. where he would have acquired all the support of the U.S.A. authorities and sinister agencies.

Beneath the outer-faced of ‘humility’ of the ‘humble’ financier, is the true Mr.Katrirciglu, a shrewd, polished, astute agent of the Gulenist movement. Naïve and dumb people may be taken for a ride by the ‘Uncle Ali’ charade.

The wasteful monument will be patronized by a handful of musallis. There was absolutely no need for a Musjid at the location where the monument has been erected. There is a nearby Musjid which more than adequately caters for the musallis.

All extravagantly constructed so-called ‘islamic centres’ to which you refer are in a similar category as the Midrand

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monument. They all are signs of Qiyaamah predicted by Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam).

In this age with the world-wide suffering of the Ummah on the precipice of Imaani destruction, it is obscene and immoral to squander colossal sums of money on idle monuments so severely condemned in the Qur'aan Majeed.

(10) There is no Shar'i inhibition for mentioning the name and the evidence presented by the Turkish intelligence officer. His statements are cited to corroborate what we had suspected for years about the sinister Gulen movement and its schools. With the passage of time more facts are coming to the fore to confirm our fears that this movement is dark and sinister, Its objective is to undermine true Islam – the Sunnah, hence its emphasis on kufr interfaith and its abhorrence for Jihad, and its total western life-style.

(11) If you do not want to believe Gundes, that is your choice. You ask: “Why shall we believe what he is saying?” We ask: “Why should we not believe what he is saying, and why should we believe you and those who promote the Gulenist movement?” You have to provide valid grounds to induce us to believe that what Gundes claims is incorrect. All the signs pointing to the veracity of Gundes's claims are conspicuous to us.

(12) Yes, Gulen had to abscond from Turkey because the evil Turkish military wanted to apprehend him. Where did Gulen seek refuge? In the U.S.A., the arch-enemy of Islam and of the Ummah in this age. What prompted Gulen to flee to the U.S.A.? It should be remembered that in 1999, the relationship between Turkey and the U.S.A. was excellent. Both Turkey (its rulers – the military) and the U.S.A. were birds of a feather a couple of decades ago. So why did the U.S.A., especially its CIA, block Turkey's extradition

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demands for Gulen?, And, this too when Gulen was supposed to be a man of 'religion' propagating Islam in fact, his personal kufr brand of 'islam'.

It is no longer a secret that when the U.S.A. Immigration authorities were about to deport Gulen to Turkey, the CIA stepped in, vouched for his integrity and his 'subservience'. Consequently, he was granted the right to stay forever in the U.S.A. where he remains to this day. While the U.S.A. hounds, hijacks, detains in torture centres Islamists, Gulen, the so-called man of religion (and that too Islamic religion) enjoys CIA/USA patronage and protection.

No one should be so stupid as to believe that the U.S.A. is in love with Islam. But it has seen in Gulen a wonderful asset for the production of docile Muslims who would be subservient to the U.S. master, hence the CIA has become the handler of the Gulen movement and of its schools providing ways and means to facilitate the activities of the modernist Turks. The fact that Gulen is protected in the U.S.A. is more than adequate evidence for the sinister nature of his movement. If you wish us to dismiss this notion, it is like asking us to believe that the sun is not shining during the day time.

(13) Your averment that the financier is a 'humble' unknown man whose identity is not known is a carnard. The so-called 'Uncle Ali' or better, Ali Katirciglu, 72, Gulen's bosom friend is the supposed 'donor' who has spent in excess of R200 million. This figure was published by others long before we embarked on our criticism or were even aware of the monument. What you say are not facts as you contend, but conjecture or you have been misinformed, or you are part of the Gulen-CIA conspiracy.

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(14) That children are taught to abstain from liquor and vulgar language does not detract from the CIA dimension. Schools or so-called ‘Islamic’ schools which are fronts for an ulterior objective must necessarily impart this type of teaching. If it does not, it will not be able to sustain its mask of deception. Furthermore, all missionary schools teach the same thing.

Our criticism is not directed at the little moral training imparted. Read our article with an open mind and understand what we are saying. We are speaking about the sinister Gulen movement, about the CIA and about an ‘islam’ which is anti-Islam, but you are endeavouring to sidetrack the issue and introduce other dimensions unrelated to the charges we have levelled.

(15) Yes, we have personally witnessed CIA principles in operation at all these modernist, misguided, Turkish schools which are part of the Gulen movement. We look at the teachers and we look at the products. All the teachers, without exception are *fussaaq* and *fujjaar*. The products are zombies with brains subservient to western culture. Look at the kind of lifestyle these schools are incucating in children: No Sunnah, intermingling of sexes, music, dances, kuffaar sport, haraam ‘pig’ chess clubs, and a thoroughly western ethos. The entire show is western. These schools are 100% devoid of Sunnah spirit.

These are all CIA principles designed to produce impotent ‘Muslims’ – robots – to move and do obeisance at the command, beck and call of America where Mr.Gulen has amassed huge financial resources. Some say \$25 billion. The ‘reclusive’ propaganda may be swallowed by the baboons in the mountains. Whilst at this stage we have no evidence for the claim of \$25 billion, nevertheless, being a CIA operative with a global mission, it is not far-fetched.

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(16) Why does this movement seek donations from South Africans when it has hundreds of millions of rands to waste on a single monument? We are fully justified to warn Muslims that they will be contributing for a haraam project – a destructive project – a project set to undermine Islam.

(17) Verbal declaration of submission to Allah is insufficient. We want to see that submission on your faces – on your bodies – on your appearance and in your institutions. There is no submission to Allah Ta’ala in your schools. You have only submission to western culture.

(18) At no stage did we attribute the “universal Muslim suffering, ignorance, poverty and misery of the Ummah” to the Gulen movement or to the Turks. You appear to be deficient in understanding English, hence your erroneous conclusion. If you read carefully you will understand that we said that a sincere Muslim would contribute the R200 million to the suffering Muslims of the world – to the Palestinians, Afghans, etc., instead of gushing it down the drain spending it on brick and sand.

With what type of heart can a Muslim waste such a huge sum of money on an unproductive, uncalled for, unnecessary monument, when millions of the brethren are suffering. The heart of that ‘humble’ man must be stone. Conspiracy can be seen in the eyes of ‘Uncle Ali’.

(19) Your incorrectly translated Qur’aanic verses have no relevance to the subject we are dealing with.

(20) You and others have attributed the following statement to Gulen, which had compelled Gulen to seek refuge in the U.S.A.:  
*“You must move within the arteries of the system, without anyone noticing your existence, until you reach all the power centres. You must wait until such time as you have got all the state power, until*

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*you have brought to your side all the power of the constitutional institution in Turkey.”*

You have conveniently omitted the full statement. The full version of Gulen’s statement made in 1999 is as follows:

You must move in the arteries of the system without anyone noticing your existence until you reach all the power centers ... until the conditions are ripe, they [the followers] must continue like this. If they do something prematurely, the world will crush our heads, and Muslims will suffer everywhere, like in the tragedies in Algeria, like in 1982 [in] Syria ... like in the yearly disasters and tragedies in Egypt. The time is not yet right. You must wait for the time when you are complete and conditions are ripe, until we can shoulder the entire world and carry it ... You must wait until such time as you have gotten all the state power, until you have brought to your side all the power of the constitutional institutions in Turkey ... Until that time, any step taken would be too early-like breaking an egg without waiting the full forty days for it to hatch. It would be like killing the chick inside. The work to be done is [in] confronting the world. Now, I have expressed my feelings and thoughts to you all - in confidence ... trusting your loyalty and secrecy. I know that when you leave here - [just] as you discard your empty juice boxes, you must discard the thoughts and the feelings that I expressed here.

From all perspectives this is the statement of a conspirator – a man deeply involved in a conspiracy to overthrow the government. Some non-Muslims as well as sincere, gullible, short-sighted Muslims entertain the fanciful notion that Gulen’s ultimate objective is the restoration of the Ottoman Khilaafate. If there was any credence in this theory we would have been the first non-Turkish supporters of the Gulen movement. But this is wishful thinking – a pipe dream of which Mr.Gulen never dreamt. The philosophy of the Gulen movement and of the Ottoman empire are two opposite poles. Whilst the Ottoman empire for the greater part of its history was governed by the Shariah, the movement of Gulen is kufr.

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Nevertheless, of greater surprise and interest is the attitude of the CIA. Despite being aware of the conspiratorial attitude and practical plans which Gulen was formulating for the capture of the government, the U.S.A. gave him sanctuary and denied the Turkish government's (actually the Turkish military's) request for Gulen's extradition. Now why would the U.S.A. refuse the request of the exceptionally friendly Turkish government? Why would the U.S.A. protect a man who was plotting to overthrow the Turkish government who was at the time on the friendliest terms with America and the entire western world. In fact, from among the Muslim countries, Turkey was the *only* country to recognize Israel from the very inception of its establishment – from day one. Egypt, the second Muslim country under domination of Anwar Sadat's kufr yoke, recognized Israel only a quarter century after its establishment.

Neither the Turkish government nor its armed forces posed any threat to America nor to Israel. On the contrary, Turkey was a collaborator with America. So why did the U.S.A. harbour, protect and develop the Gulen movement? Obviously, the U.S.A. discerned in the Gulen movement a valuable institution to aid its (America's) conspiracy to gain global control.

One theory is that the Gulen movement was hijacked by the CIA after Gulen was granted asylum by the U.S.A. Whilst this may be so, an element negating this theory is the fact that even before the assumed hijacking, Gulen fled to the U.S.A. a staunch ally of Turkey. He must surely have had adequate confidence for his protection in the U.S.A. This element leads one to believe, that the Gulen movement was created by the CIA. Allah knows best.

Let us examine the Gulen movement from another angle. For a short while we shall divest the Gulen movement of its sinister/CIA/kufr interfaith dimension. Let us accept that Gulen

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initiated his movement with the genuine objective of establishing an Islamic state in Turkey, and that he had given his movement a western, secular outer-façade to camouflage his true motive. If this had to be so, then too he is doomed to fail. He will not succeed to achieve the objective of establishing a true Islamic state.

The reason for the failure should be obvious. The several decades that it would take his movement to prepare a viable number of foot soldiers to give practical expression to his plan, will go wasted because all students learning at the numerous schools of this movement are totally cut off from the Sunnah. All his foot-soldiers are modernists who have fully adopted western civilization. The Sunnah is alien to them. All the students are indoctrinated with a cult foreign to Islam. Thus, even if the Gulenists succeed in wrenching power from the secular government, it will simply be the substitution of one secular government by another secular government.

It is unreasonable to believe that all of the pupils who are being trained by the Gulenists are aware of the plan and are guarding the secret of the objective of the establishment of an Islamic state.

Even if Mr.Gulen's intention is good and his objective is the establishment of an Islamic state, he must fail. Besides failing, it is not permissible to abandon the entire Sunnah lifestyle – the entire Shariah – for the sake of the dream of establishing an Islamic state in the distant future. The *Maqsad* (Objective) is the *Ridha* (Pleasure) of Allah Ta'ala. The objective is not political power. Hence, it is not permissible to pursue political power at any price, especially if that price is the abandonment of the Sunnah.

Muslims are required to incumbently pursue the goals of the Aakhirah, and this is possible only by means of obedience to Allah Ta'ala, and such obedience is to follow the Sunnah. Haraam

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methods may not be adopted for achieving even the establishment of an Islamic state. When the overwhelming majority of the Ummah submits fully to the Deen, Allah Ta'ala will then create the circumstances for our political control on earth. The Qur'aan and Ahaadith proclaim this message with clarity. Allah Ta'ala says in this regard:

*“Allah has promised those of you who have Imaan and **practise righteous deeds (i.e. the Sunnah)** that he will most assuredly establish them politically on earth (as the rulers) just as He had established (as rulers) those before them. And, he will certainly make their Deen powerful – that Deen which He has chosen for them (not interfaith kufr ideologies), and that He will most certainly replace their fear with peace. They (the Mu'mineen) worship Me and they do not associate anything with Me. Whoever comits kufr after this, verily, they are indeed the faasiqoon (rebellious transgressors).” (An-Nur, aayat 555)*

The first fundamental requisite is for Muslims to become engrossed with moral reformation and spiritual elevation. The rest should be left to Allah Ta'ala. The Qur'aan Majeed declares:

*“Verily, the earth belongs to Allah. He bestows its control to whomever He wishes.”*

It is only Allah Azza Wa Jal Who grants nations political power, and it is only He who snatches away power and hands it to others. Thus, even if Mr.Gulen is sincere and even if the CIA is not his patron, his movement is un-Islamic. His schools are undermining Islam. Therefore it is not permissible for Muslims to support the Gulenist schools. Support for these modernist institutions is tantamount to digging up the foundations of Islam.

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(21) It is abundantly clear from the aforementioned statement of Gulen that a political objective underlines his movement. Gaining the tools of government in at least Turkey is the objective of this movement. He, himself is a secular man. All his followers are secular personnal. He propagates interfaith, and he is perfectly at home with secularists and kuffaar. So what then is the purpose of gaining control of the instruments of political power in Turkey?

It should be remembered that slight changes have taken place in Turkey only recently. When Gulen initiated his movement, the real government was not the secular government which was a mere nominal authority. The real rulers of Turkey since Attaturk's the accursed kaafir's time were the armed forces. The armed forces of Turkey until just a year or two ago were in the grip of the Yahood. Attaturk, himself was a Jew.

In Turkey, three Jewish families enjoyed total control of the armed forces since Attaturk's time. Control of the armed forces rotated in these three Yahood families. Gulen and many Turks were aware of this fact. Gulen's objective was to establish Turkish control over the armed forces. Only then would it be possible for the Turks to rule their own country.

The present Turkish government has so far accomplished this goal by removing the Yahood who controlled the army. The government has imprisoned about 200 army officers, ex-officers and pro-Yahood academics, and placed the armed forces under Turkish control. This has been a great achievement for Turkey. And, this was the reason for Israel's irrational reaction in attacking the Turkish ship which was part of the flotilla of peace sailing to Palestine. It was for this reason that the Israelis killed a number of Turks on the ship. Israel vented some of its anger on the Turks for having terminated the Yahood control of the armed

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forces. We therefore see today Turkey and Israel on a collision course.

It is palpably clear that the Gulen movement has a political agenda, but that agenda is not Islamic. The objective is not the establishment of the Shariah in Turkey.

(22) We recognize a movement from its founders and its fruits/products. Any true Muslim who looks at Gulen and who reads his writings will discern nothing of the Deen in him. Is he a Jew or a Christian? Allah knows best. But he neither looks like a Muslim nor lives like a Muslim nor writes like a Muslim. Look at all his products – all the personnel manning these modernist Turkish schools. No one can say that they are Muslims. They are flagrant fussaag. There is not the slightest glitter of Islam in them.

*Insaan* is not only a spiritual being – only soul bereft of physical body. A Muslim is not Muslim only in his soul and kaafir in his body. Soul and Body both must incumbently be Muslim. The Sunnah has its elaborate culture governing every aspect of the soul and the physical body.

Gulen's interfaith beliefs are kufr. His anti-Jihad stance is kufr. Why do you think that only kuffaar – leaders of the world of kufr – are lauding accolades on Gulen? Why do we find only the Yahood and Nasaara praising him? Among those who laud accolades on Gulen are Bill Clinton (one of the Butchers), Professor John Esposito (an anti-Islam orientalist), Jak Kamhi (Turkish-Jewish leader), Professor Annemarie Schimmel (another anti-Islam orientalist), Professor Thomas Michel (Ex-Director of the Jesuit Secretariat for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome), Father G.M.Michelson (Roman Catholic priest, and member of the Department of Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue and

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Collaboration of the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference), and others – all non-Muslims.

In an article, Father G.M.Michelson states:

*“More than Rabbi Sacks and Pope Paul II, Gulen underlines the need of an interfaith dialogue to combat the materialism that, Gulen believes, is the root of all evils including wars, conflicts, environmental problems, poverty, and loss of morality.”*

Gulen surpasses even the Yahood and the Nasaara in the call for interfaith. And why would the western kaafir university, the Leeds Metropolitan University award Gulen an honorary doctorate? A bulky volume or more could be written in refutation of Gulen’s kufr interfaith movement.

(23) Even if we should divorce the sinister dimensions from the Gulen movement and its appendages, the founder, his personnel and their products are ample evidence to convince us that this is a movement initiated to undermine and destroy the Sunnah – that is, true Islam, and to supplant it with a kufr ideology under Islamic guise.

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### **A SYNOPSIS OF THE INGREDIENTS OF THE GULENIST POTION**

- Gulen himself is a faasiq
- The personnel (teachers, etc.) at all of his schools are westernized fussaag
- Intermingling of sexes
- Music, kuffaar sport, haraam chess ('pig's blood) clubs, dances
- U.S.A. patronage. Whoever is under U.S. protection stinks
- Bizare emphasis on interfaith
- Abrogation of Jihad
- Total expungement of the Sunnah
- Emphasis on westernization

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WASALLAM).***

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