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In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

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Shaykh al-‘Allāmah Ṣāliḥ al-Fawzān

Q: O noble Shaykh, which of the two are more grave and dangerous: those who carry out suicide bombings or those who incite them with misguided verdicts (Fatāwá) and (misguided) publications?

Shaykh al-‘Allāmah Ṣāliḥ al-Fawzān responded:

A: All of them are equal, all of them are equal. Those who give them verdicts are just like them. This is because they did not go forward with what they carried out except because of this misguided verdict. Therefore the one who gave them the verdict is just like them, and refuge is sought with Allāh.

Rather, he (i.e. who gave the verdict) may be greater in sin than him (the one who carried out the bombing), because he spoke about Allāh without knowledge. He is greater (in sin) than him, because Allāh said:

“And say not concerning that which your tongues put forth falsely: “This is lawful and this is forbidden,” so as to invent lies against Allāh. Verily, those who invent lies against Allāh will never prosper.” [Al-Naḥl 16:116]

And He, the Glorified said:

“Then, who does more wrong than one who utters a lie against Allāh, and denies the truth when it comes to him!” [Al-Zumar 39:32]

And He said:

“And to join partners (in worship) with Allāh for which He has given no authority, and saying things about Allāh of which you have no knowledge.” [Al-A‘rāf 7:33]

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So those who gave them those verdicts are greater in sin than them because they lied upon Allāh, and spoke about Allāh without knowledge. This is from one angle, and from another angle, they are those who were the cause of this crime; they caused this crime, and if it wasn't for their verdict, the crime would not have occurred.

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