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INTRODUCTION

Over the years, many movements have arisen bent on fighting Islaam, and destroying its values and teachings. Perhaps the most dangerous of these movements is the Baatinite (lit. Esoteric) movement which has played a most destructive role in this struggle. This movement attempted to destroy the Islamic faith and lead a revolt against the teachings of Islamic law by employing free interpretations of the religious texts, claiming that all texts have an outer obvious meaning known to the masses and an inner hidden intended meaning known only to a select few initiates. The greatest danger of these Baatinite movements lies in the fact that they wear the cloak of Islaam while striving to destroy it from within. History will never forget the effects of past groups like the Shi'ites, Sabee'ites, Khattaabites, Keesaanites, the Qaramantians, Nusayrites and Druzes or current cults like Bahaism, and Qaadiyaanism, etc. which have appeared at random, bursting out of the Islamic community's ranks in a vain attempt to extinguish the light of Islaam and divert Muslims from the reality of the religion. Realizing the grave danger of these movements, Muslims scholars and intellectuals of the past and present have shouldered the task of exposing the falsehood of these groups, their ultimate aims and the sinful hands which manipulate them from behind the scenes. This book is a good representation of these valuable efforts wherein its author Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips has clearly exposed the reality of a contemporary Baatinite group in America known as the "Ansaru Allah Community". The core material of this book has been extracted from a great and extensive work done by the author entitled "Al-Firaq al-Baatineeyah al-Mu'aasarah fee Amreeka" (lit. Contemporary Esoteric Sects in America); a Masters thesis presented at King Sa'ud University, during the defense of which I had the pleasure of being among its judges.

I have noticed throughout this work that the author has gathered an abundance of information which has been well organized, analysed and precisely documented. Its well referenced facts are taken from the books, newspapers, magazines and pamphlets published by the Ansaru Allah cult as well as. from recorded interviews with former members some of which have been included as an appendix. The literary style of the author, while being scientific and free from undue bias, is very flowing and attractive. This scholarly work has clearly exposed the pagan roots of the Ansaru Allah movement as well its heretical claim of God's incarnation in man, not to mention its distortion of the Sharee'ah (Divine Law), mistranslation and misinterpretation of the Qur'aan and Sunnah and its totally un-Islamic concepts of man. The book has also highlighted the false claims of the cult's founder that he is a descendant of the Sudanese Mahdi and his cult a branch of the latters movement With this noble effort, Abu Ameenah greatly benefits both the Muslim as well as non-Muslim reader whereby the former may be warned about the heretical nature of the Ansaru Allah cult, and those among the latter seeking knowledge about Islaam may look elsewhere for the realities of the true religion of God.

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Muslim scholars and intellectuals of the past and present have consistently shouldered the task of exposing the falsehood of heretical movements disguised under the cloak of Islaam.

This book is a good representation of these valuable efforts wherein its author Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips has clearly exposed the reality of a contemporary heretical pseudo-Islamic cult in America known as the "Ansaru Allah Community".

The author has carefully gathered an abundance of well organized, precisely analysed and documented information on the cult from its books, newspapers, magazines and pamphlets, as well as from recorded interviews with former members, some of which have been included as an appendix. The literary style of the author, while being scientific and free from undue bias, is very flowing and attractive. This scholarly work has clearly exposed the pagan un-Islamic roots of the Ansaru Allah movement as well its heretical claims with regard to God, the Sharee'ah (Divine Law), the Qur'aan and its totally un-Islamic concepts of man. The book has also highlighted the false claims of the cult's founder to the effect that he is a descendant of the Sudanese Mahdi and his cult a branch of the latter's movement.

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It is my strong recommendation that this book be read by all concerned about the spread and establishment of Islam in the United States of America, Canada, Central and South America. The author provides the reader with not only the history and doctrines of a dangerous contemporary anti-Islamic cult operating in the Americas, but he also provides a clear picture of Islamic belief in contrast. Muslim organizations, and individuals as well as non-Muslims should be well aware that the teachings of the Ansaru Allah cult are not in any way representative of the Islamic faith and efforts should be made to inform those unaware by those in a position to do so.

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