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Throughout Islamic history, Muslim scholars, both past and present, have cautioned against the dangers of fabricated *ahādīth* in circulation among society and their detrimental effects on the beliefs, ethics, transactions, and issues of Islam and Muslims. These fabricated *ahādīth* have led to divisions among Muslims, enticing them towards polytheism and violating established principles and fundamentals of the religion, rejecting abiding by authentic *ahādīth*.

Hence, Allāh ﷻ has designated esteemed scholars for this nation. They meticulously examined these *ahādīth*, distinguishing the authentic from the weak, ensuring no *ḥadīth* remained unaddressed, and attributing each to the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. These scholars transcended any particular era or locale, persisting throughout the ages, as Allāh did not deprive this nation of their guidance in any period.

## Negative Impact of Fabricated Hadith Upon The Image of Islam

They presented numerous works and publications dedicated to documenting Prophetic traditions, safeguarding them from distortion and manipulation by enemies of the religion, people of desires, the ignorant, and the weak souls. They established principles and guidelines to differentiate between authentic and weak *ahādīth* and to recognize the fabricated ones, especially considering the clear warning of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ about the seriousness of this issue, as he said: **“Whoever intentionally attributes lies to me should prepare for his place in the Fire.”** This *ḥadīth* is widely transmitted, narrated by approximately seventy or even a hundred companions, and considered among the *ahādīth* narrated by the ten companions promised Paradise, as mentioned in *Fatḥ al-Bārī* in the explanation of *Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī* by Imām Ḥajar al-‘Asqalānī.

In the present time, we witness the spread of misleading and false information, especially on social media and other platforms, particularly concerning the noblest of creations and the attribution to him of fabricated sayings and deeds, with significant laxity in its dissemination by some Muslims. Therefore, it is imperative to clarify

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this danger to individuals and communities, reminding them to avoid falling into dangers unintentionally and encouraging students of knowledge to focus on and acquire proficiency in this vital field of Islamic sciences.

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