

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY - DR. SHABBIR AHMED

'IMAM RAZI'S HORRIBLE CONFESSION'

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"And do not follow that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed! the hearing and the sight and the heart - of each of these you will be questioned"

In a book entitled **THE CRIMINALS OF ISLAM**, Dr. Shabbir Ahmed, M.D writes on Pages 4-5.

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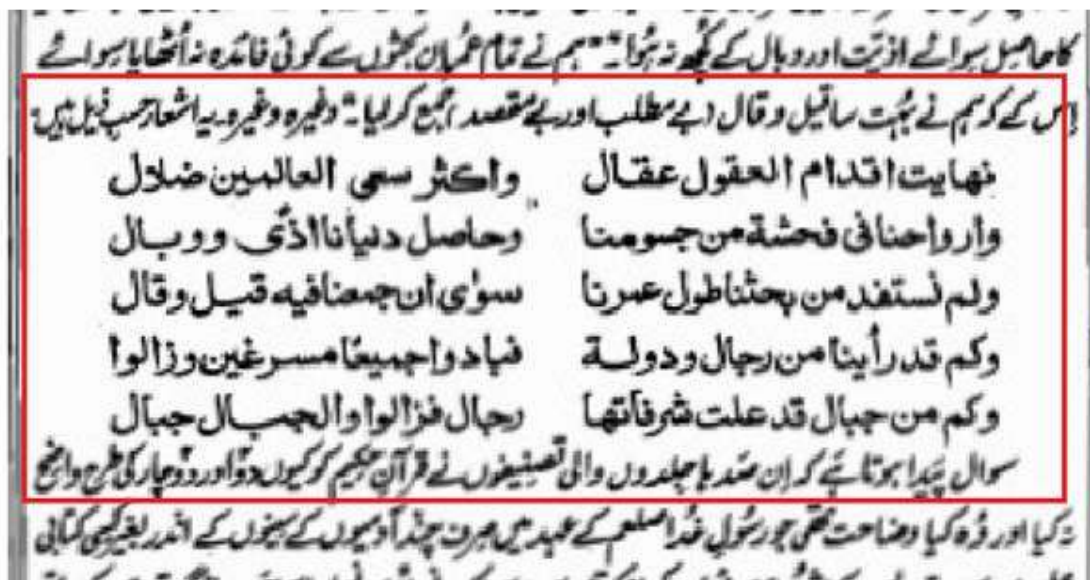
Most Muslims have heard of one of the most ancient and famous *Tafseer-e Kabeer* (The Great Exposition of the Quran) by Imam Fakhruddin Razi. This Tafseer is one of the tops being followed by our Mullahs till this day. After writing his 300 volumes, 'the great and authoritative' Imam confesses:

"All my intellectual and supposedly logical statements in the explanation of the Quran turned out to be lame. All the explanations of the Quran done by the so-called Imams (Tabari, Zamakhshari, Ibne Kathir, Bukhari, Muslim etc) are misguided and misleading. All of us were the tools of Satan. Our souls were polluted by our physical desires. All our endeavors and works of this world promise to bring upon us nothing but eternal humiliation, torture and doom."

Source: Hadith-UI-Quran by Allama Inayatullah Khan Al-Mashriqi, 1954 edition, pg 190. [1]

The source of Dr. Shabbir's translation in inverted quotations above is noted as Hadith-UI-Quran by Allama Inayatullah Khan Al-Mashriqi, 1954 edition, pg 190.

Page 190 of this book can be viewed from the source link below where Dr. Shabbir has sourced his translation. The relevant section has been provided with the original text.



<http://www.scribd.com/doc/46425814/Inayatullah-Mashriqi-Hadisul-Quran-Pg-190>

The complete book can be sourced [\[here\]](#)

As this is a well known poem by Imam Razi, many translations into English are available for perusal. A couple are shared below.

SOURCE 1

“Our souls fear our bodies as if they want to separate from them.
The result of our life in this world has been nothing but pain to others and sin.
For all the discussions and debates of our life We have derived no benefit but
senseless noise.
How often have we seen men and kingdoms All perish quickly and cease to exist!
How was their glory once more exalted than a mountain,
Yet, men perish and the mountain remains the same!” [2]

SOURCE 2:

Our souls are indifferent to what our bodies do,
And the sum of our lives is affliction and harm.
We did not benefit from our lifelong search

Except in collecting what these said, and those.
Atop many a mountain men have triumphed
And gone, while the mountains remained.
How many men and states have we seen
Goaded to disappear one and all. [3]

Having noted the above two English translations of the source poetic text, Dr. Shabbir translates from Allama Mashriqi's book, page 190, presenting it as a '**confession**' of Imam Razi as follows:

(Please note bold black emphasis - mine).

"All my intellectual and supposedly logical statements in the explanation of the Quran turned out to be lame. All the explanations of the Quran done by the so-called Imams (Tabari, Zamakhshari, Ibne Kathir, Bukhari, Muslim etc) are misguided and misleading. All of us were the tools of Satan. Our souls were polluted by our physical desires. All our endeavors and works of this world promise to bring upon us nothing but eternal humiliation, torture and doom." [4]

MISREPRESENTATION

- (1) The wordings "Explanations of the Quran" are a gross interpolation and a leading misrepresentation of the original text.
- (2) There are no mentions of any imams in the original text. These are clearly misleading insertions. Ibn Kathir lived from: 1301-1373 CE. However, Imam Fakhr al-Din Razi died in 1209 CE which is nearly a 100 years **before** Ibn Kathir was born. Therefore, Imam Razi could never have included mention of Ibn Kathir in his poem over 100 years before he was born. This is a grossly unjustified insertion.
- (3) There is no mention of the words '**All of us were the tools of Satan**' or the mention of the self prophesised **eternal humiliation, torture and doom** in the original text.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED

What Dr. Shabbir has actually advanced is the '**interpretation**' of the Urdu translation by Al Mashriqi of Imam Razi's poem.

حسب ذیل اشعار میں صاف طور پر اقرار کیا کہ قرآن کے متعلق میری "تمام عقلی اور منطقی باتیں لنگڑی ثابت ہوئیں۔"
عالمِ قرآن کی اکثر کوششیں گمراہی تھیں۔ "ہماری رُو میں ہمارے جسموں کے باعث گندی ہو گئیں۔" ہماری دُنیا
کا حاصل سوائے اذیت اور وبال کے کچھ نہ ہوا۔ "ہم نے تمام عمر ان بھٹوں سے کوئی فائدہ نہ اٹھایا سوائے
اس کے کہ ہم نے بہت ساقیل و قال (بے مطلب اور بے مقصد) جمع کر لیا۔" وغیرہ وغیرہ۔ یہ اشعار حسب ذیل ہیں۔

Al-Mashriqi has also '**interpolated**' statements into his Urdu rendition **that do not exist in the original text of Imam Razi's poetry**, such as the phrase '**in the explanation of the Quran**' (from Urdu). However, Dr. Shabbir has gone further and included his own 'interpolations' into the interpolations of Al Mashriqi's Urdu rendition. Neither does any mention of the name of the Imams exist in the Urdu rendering, nor does the statement "**All of us were the tools of Satan**".

However, to present Al-Mashriqi's Urdu rendering of an ancient poetic text **as a statement of fact** of Imam Razi's alleged confession remains unjustifiable in my personal opinion.

It remains ironic that a book which is called '**THE CRIMINALS OF ISLAM**' is subject to such gross misrepresentation and interpolation itself.

The introduction of Dr. Shabbir (Sub heading entitled: Criticism)

"This book will clearly show the unbelievable absurdities, lewdness, shamelessness, forgery, and **malice of some 'great', famous and widely revered Muslim scholars, Imams and Ulema**"

Wikipedia notes under an entry for Dr. Shabbir under a sub heading entitled: Criticism

"In 2010 Dr. Shabbir Ahmed was criticized for alleging in his books The Criminals of Islam and Islam-The True History and False Beliefs, that after writing his 300 volumes, authoritative Imam Razi confesses: "All my intellectual and supposedly logical statements in the explanation of the Quran turned out to be lame. All the explanations of the Quran done by the so-called Imams (Tabari, Zamakhshari, Ibn Kathir, Bukhari, Muslim etc) are misguided and misleading. All of us were the tools of Satan."

He was criticized for using Imam Ibn Kathir's name in the list, since Ibn Kathir was born about 150 years after Imam Razi himself. Also he was criticized for using name of Allama Inayatullah Khan Al-Mashriqi, as the source of Imam Razi's strange confession described in page 190 of Mashriqi's book Hadith-UI-Qur'an. In that page as well no reference could be found of the confession" [5]

SPECIAL CREDITS

Other write-ups exposing such intellectual dishonesty are also noted on the internet. A personal thanks to '**Antibhondo**' for pursuing the matter with a view to revealing the truth and bringing it to the attention of others. I have checked your claims and concur with your findings as noted in this article. [6]

FINAL THOUGHTS

As the readers will note, Imam Razi's beautiful poem found in Al Mashriqi's book has been dubiously interpreted and presented as a '**confession**' to the English readers.

Dr. Shabbir has made use of Al-Mashriqi's personal interpretation in Urdu of the original poem (with his own interpolations) and has put it forward **as a statement of fact** for Imam Razi's alleged confession.

This brief exposé was conducted to assist readers who are unaware of the cavalier approach and the misrepresentation present in Dr. Shabbir's work. It is quite ironic once again to note the following excerpt in Dr. Shabbir's book.

" However, the ground of scholarship by its very nature is open for critique, and I have allowed the figures in question to speak for themselves through their own writings" [7]

I have endeavoured to do much the same with regards Dr. Shabbir's own work.

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