Clarification Regarding the Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen Charity Foundation - May Allah Guide Them
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All praise is due to Allah alone and prayers and peace be upon him whom there is no Prophet after, his Family and his Companions.

There is no doubt that what the Ibn ‘Uthaymeen Charity Foundation has done regarding deleting some of the speech of Shaykh Muhammad Ibn ‘Uthaymeen (رحمه الله) from his knowledge based explanations is considered a betrayal of the trust which they were entrusted with.

Allah the Most High states:

{Verily, we presented the trust to the heavens and the earth and mountains, yet they refused to carry it and were afraid thereof, mankind carried it as he is often oppressive and ignorant}¹

Thus, trusts are a great affair and due to the magnanimity of trusts, the heavens, earth and mountains could not bear to carry the responsibility.

¹ Soorah al-Ahzaab 33:72
It is obligatory to return trusts to those who have entrusted - as they are - with no deficiencies or additions. Allah states:

{Verily, Allah commands you to return the trusts to their owners}²

Betrayal of trusts is a sign from the signs of hypocrisy due to what has been narrated in the two Saheeh books (Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim) from Abu Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) who attributed it to the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم): “The signs of a hypocrite are three: …and if he is entrusted, he betrays (the trust).”

Also, it is a sign from the signs of the Last Hour. From Abee Hurayrah (رضي الله عنه) who said:

“The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: “If trust has been lost, then wait for the Last Hour (as this is a sign of its approach).” It was said: “How is it lost O Messenger of Allah?” He replied: “If the affair is given to those undeserving/unfit, then wait for the Final Hour.” [Narrated by al-Bukhaaree who titled a chapter in his Saheeh: “The Loss of Trust”]

Al-Haafidh Ibn Hajr mentioned in Al-Fath: “Trust is the opposite of betrayal and what is intended by its loss is its being gone and as such the trustworthy person does not exist or is very close to being none existent.”

² Soorah an-Nisaa’ 4:58
Indeed, that which saddens the heart is what the Ibn 'Uthaymeen Charity Foundation has done from blatant transgression upon the knowledge of the Shaykh (رحمه الله), as they have distorted, deleted and changed the speech of the Shaykh. This distortion, deletion and amending is specific to the issues related to ‘Aqeedah based upon the Book and the Sunnah according to the understanding of the Pious Predecessors of this Ummah, as the Shaykh (رحمه الله) affirmed the correct and clear ‘Aqeedah.

Then the Charity Foundation comes along and erases all of this under the pretext that they have certain rules and conditions which they put in place concerning the printing of the books. And because of this, they prohibited anyone else from printing Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen’s books so that the circumstances were clear for them to decide what they wanted and they prevented the commercial prints from entering so that their affair would not be exposed whilst cross comparing the prints.

They also attempted to discredit the commercial prints saying that they are illegal in addition to what they have from (print mistakes, etc.) so that the issue of amending and deletion would not be discovered.
I do not know how they allowed themselves to betray this Salafi Imām, as betrayal to the knowledge of the Shaykh is a betrayal to the Shaykh (himself).

When I mentioned what I personally found from distortions and deletions concerning the books of the Shaykh and what emanated from them, they began with their refutations and mentioned their excuses, which demonstrate their deception and that they are not fit to shoulder the responsibility of the trust that was entrusted to them - and with Allah is the Promised Meeting.

I advise the children of Shaykh Muhammad and his students to have fear of Allah and to seek the truth in conveying (the works of the Shaykh). Just as I remind them with the statement of the Shaykh in his explanation of Hilyatuh Taalib al-'Ilm, pg.139, Dar al-Haytham print: “From the most important things in a student of knowledge is that he is trustworthy in his knowledge and as such, will be trustworthy in his conveyance (of knowledge) and trustworthy in his description of things. If he describes a situation, then he is to be trustworthy in his narration and not add or subtract anything.”

There are many people who lack this trust and subsequently, you see him convey statements from the People of Knowledge and even from the texts, that which agrees with his opinion and thus he erases the rest; and this is without a doubt a mistake and deception with regards to knowledge because conveying with trustworthiness is obligatory.
I (Abu Afnaan Muhammad) asked Shaykh Badr Muhammad al-Badr for advice to those who translate the works of Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen and rely on his books printed by the Ibn ‘Uthaymeen Charity Foundation.

The Shaykh responded by stating: “Regarding the Foundation, it is not trustworthy. Thus, whoever wants to translate the speech of Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen (رحمه الله), he is to rely on the recordings or other prints that have been verified and not the print of the foundation.”