The anti-Islamist discourse: The case of al-Ba‘ali

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Abstract

This paper explores al-Ba‘ali’s critical view on contemporary Islamists who, according to al-Ba‘ali, have misappropriated the Islamic creed and paraded themselves in the guise of political gain. Amongst al-Ba‘ali’s core beliefs is the notion that the Islamic creed is not a convenient political tool for the establishment of an Islamic state, but rather a living, dynamic application of the quintessential ethical practices of the Prophet and his companions. His criticism of the contemporary Muslim movements is not unlike that of the anti-Islamists. This paper aims to explore the basis of the mathematical and historical paradigm of al-Ba‘ali’s critique of the contemporary Islamic movements. The paper also attempts to highlight the need for further research in this important area of study. (© 2018 International Islamic University Malaysia. All rights reserved.)

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