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Ibn Taymiyyah was one of the greatest reformers (*raja'id*) in Islamic history. He emerged at a time of great turmoil in the Muslim world, when the *ummah* was in a state of decline, weak and divided, under attack from the east by the Tatars and from the west by the Crusaders.

Moreover, at that time *bid'ah* (innovation in religion) was rampant; heretical ideas had been introduced into the religion and had come to be regarded as part of it, as a result of the Muslims being influenced by Greek philosophy and the beliefs of other non-Muslim nations.

In addition to that, there was the "fifth column" which never stopped conspiring against Islam and the Muslims, seeking to sabotage Islamic beliefs and

