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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "The questioner says: A huge problem for us or for many of the youth nowadays is the issue of declaring certain individuals to be innovators (tabdee'), wherein the people and the youth have split into two groups. One group accepts the tabdee' of a scholar when it is issued and imposes it on others because this falls under accepting the narration of the trustworthy one. And the other group says that the issue of tabdee' is from the matters of ijtihaad (juristic effort to infer expert legal rulings). So based upon this, whosoever is capable should look into this and then take that which his ijtihaad shows him. This matter has become really difficult upon us -may Allaah protect you- so what is your advice to us?"

Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan [May Allaah preserve him]: "Allaah has not commissioned you with making tabdee' on people and to pass on judgement on them to be innovators. Allaah has not commissioned you with this. Seek knowledge for now. And once you have gained knowledge you will know what innovation and who the innovator is. As for unleashing your tongues on everyone who disagrees with you, or who has done something which you criticise him for and call him an innovator, then the sin of this will return to yourselves. The sin of this will return to yourselves! It is a duty upon a person to withhold his tongue from these matters and seek knowledge. He should preoccupy himself with seeking knowledge.

Allaah has not commissioned him to scrutinise the people and to say: This one is an innovator, that one is a faasiq (sinner), this one has this and that one has this. Yes. It might be that he himself has worse mistakes than the criticised! It is upon us to fear Allaah within ourselves."

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السؤال: يقول السائل: يقول: يُشكل علينا أو يُشكل على كثير من الشباب في هذا الزمان مسألة تبديع بعض الأشخاص حيث انقسم الناس و الشباب إلى قسمين : قسم يأخذ بتبديع العالم إذا صدر فيلزم غيره لأن ذلك من باب قبول خبر الثقة ، و قسم يقول إن مسألة التبديع من المسائل الإجتهدية فعلى هذا ينظر من له القدرة في ذلك و يأخذ حينئذ بما تبين له اجتهاده. و قد أشكل علينا هذا الأمر حفظكم الله فما نصيحتكم لنا؟

الجواب: ما كلفكم الله بتبديع الناس و الحكم عليهم بأنهم مبتدعة. ما كلفكم الله بهذا ، أطلبوا العلم الآن إذا طلبتم العلم عرفتكم البدعة و المبتدعة ، أما أنكم تطلقون ألسنتكم على كل من خالف وكل من فعل شيئاً تنتقدونه فيه تقولوا هذا مبتدع : هذا يرجع عليكم إثمهُ! يرجع إثمهُ هذا عليكم! فالواجب على الإنسان أن يكف لسانه عن هذه الأمور وأن يطلب العلم و يشتغل بطلب العلم، ما كلفه الله أن يتتبع الناس ويقول هذا مبتدع و هذا فاسق و هذا فيه و هذا فيه! نعم. يمكن هو عنده أشد من المُنْتَقَد. علينا أن نتقي الله في أنفسنا. نعم