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Aboo Hurairah took knowledge from Shaytaan, can't I take from innovator?

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

Question: Some of the people of innovation use as a proof the hadeeth of Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) to show that it is permissible to take knowledge from the people of innovation because Aboo Hurairah (رضي الله عنه) took knowledge from Shaytaan.

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)²: He took knowledge from the Messenger of Allaah, (حفظه الله عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³. He did not take from Shaytaan. The Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) is the one who informed him of this and he did not take from Shaytaan. And he did not depend upon the statement of Shaytaan; rather he only depended upon the statement of the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

(The Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) said: "He spoke the truth, while he is a compulsive liar."

This is using falsehood as proof. This speech is using falsehood as proof.

^{1 (}رضى الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

² (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him) (صَلَّى اللهُ عُليْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)