

## Protecting the innovator is betrayal against the Muslims

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

**Question:** The questioner says: Is the absence of refuting the people of innovation, and concealing their falsehood, and defending them, considered as deception against the Muslims?

**Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan** (حفظه الله)<sup>1</sup>: This is the greatest form of deception against the Muslims. Remaining silent concerning the people of innovation and the absence of clarifying their innovation, this is deception against the Muslims. And if in addition to this, they praise and exalt them, then this is more severe and a greater evil; and with Allaah refuge is sought. Thus it is obligatory upon those who have knowledge to clarify the innovations and newly invented matters. And they must prohibit, and warn against the innovation and not remain silent. Remaining silent is considered concealing the truth.

**[Verily those who conceal the clear (signs) We have sent down, and the guidance, after we have made it clear for the people in the Book, on them shall be Allaah's curse, and the curse of those entitled to curse.**

**Except those who repent and make amends and openly declare (the truth): to them I turn; for I am Oft-Returning, Most Merciful.]<sup>2</sup>**

It is not permissible for the Muslim who possesses knowledge to remain silent concerning innovation and deviance without clarifying it for the people. This is because if he remains silent the people will use him as an argument, saying: if this was impermissible or prohibited then the scholar so and so would not have remained silent about it while he sees it.

<sup>1</sup> (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

<sup>2</sup> سورة البقرة - Soorah al-Baqarah [2:159-160]