
Refutations from the Scholars are necessary

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

May Allaah give you good, this brother Aboo Ahmad, in reality oh Shaykh Saalih Fawzaan; he sent a good, beautiful question. We wish for you to expound upon it. The brother Aboo Ahmad said:

I love the Sunnah and I hate bid'ah and deviance, but oh noble Shaykh as for refutations upon the people of innovation and deviance; some people say this was not from the way of the Salaf. And the books containing refutations should not be spread except amongst the students of knowledge. We would like for Shaykh Saalih to give us some direction in light of this question.

Shaykh Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: As for what the questioner mentioned; refutations must be issued from the Scholars, those who are precise in the refutations. They know the mistakes and they are precise in refuting them with the proof from the Book and the Sunnah. And spreading the refutations is obligatory because it is education for the Muslims. If his innovation is spread and his mistakes are spread upon the people then the correct refutations must also be spread to remove the harm of his innovation and mistakes. This is a requirement, this is the remedy.

If the refutations are hidden the evil will spread among the people and the innovation will circulate. Thus the correct refutations must be spread, not every refutation. The correct refutations that are issued from the people of knowledge; those that know the innovation and they know the mistakes and they know how to refute them from the Book and the Sunnah.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him