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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In this post<sup>1</sup>, the Shaykh (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>2</sup> refers to a, ‘... long answer,’ he gave just before this one was asked, that answer can be found by referring to the article ‘*Differentiating between innovations*’.

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**Questioner:** Is it allowed to praise the people of innovation even if they claim to be serving Islaam and [say] that they are striving for that, like at-Turaabee and those like him?

**Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): The answer differs according to the circumstance.

If what is meant by praising a Muslim who we assume is an innovator, and we do not say that he is an innovator [and you will have understood this] by that long answer [I just gave, where I said that] we differentiate between the two things Inshaa’allaah—so if what is intended by praising him is to defend him in the face of the disbelievers then this is obligatory.

But if what is meant by praising him is to beautify his methodology and to call the people to it, then this is not permissible.

**Questioner:** May Allaah reward you with good.

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 664.

<sup>2</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him