
Studying with the people of innovation

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Questioner: Okay, O Shaykh, there are some students who study with Ash'aree Shaykhs who misguide [people], but they don't study 'Aqeedah ... only other sciences like grammar, syntax, the Qur'aan, is this allowed? Or do you advise ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ):¹ This doesn't help at all, "... and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames,"² that which benefits is, firstly, correct knowledge and secondly that it is coupled with advice, and the religion is sincere advice as you all know, thereafter this is an Ash'aree and this is a Matureedee and this one is so and so ... this divides the Jamaa'aah of the Muslims and kindles rancour ...

Questioner: Ya'ni, what I mean O Shaykh, is that he studies sciences other than 'Aqeedah or theological rhetoric with him and so on ... is it correct? Or do you advise he studies for example ...

[Someone comes in and gives salaam]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Wa alaikum salaam wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuhu. Welcome, may Allaah bless you. Welcome, welcome, how are you? Welcome.

[Someone else comes in and gives salaam]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Wa alaikum salaam wa rahmatullaahi wa barakaatuhu. How are you? Okay, how's your father?

Person who Entered: We praise Allaah ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Okay?

Person who Entered: We praise Allaah ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Alhamdulillah. [Addressing the original questioner] I don't understand what you mean?

Questioner: Ya'ni, a student of knowledge meets an Ash'aree Shaykh ... and he is a beginner and wants to try for some grammar or syntax, so is this permissible for him ... is it correct for him to do that or should he leave it?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Ya'ni, he wants to study grammar or syntax with this other Shaykh?

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² سورة الحجرات - Soorah al-Hoojooraat [49:11]

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Questioner: Yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): And he [i.e.,] the Shaykh is an Ash'aree, for example?

Questioner: Yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): If he [i.e., the student] is well-versed in 'Aqeedah then it is permissible, and if not, then no.

Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 79.