

التحذير من المتعالمين المتصدرين

A WARNING FROM THE  
FALSE SCHOLARS WHO PUT  
THEMSELVES FORWARD



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Shaykh Sulaiman bin Saleem Allah al Ruhaily, may Allah preserve him, said,

The Internet Scholars are those who have no place other than the internet. They don't benefit the people in the way the real scholars do. They are those who are hasty (even if they may have some fundamental good). Whoever hastens a thing before its time will be met with the denial of that very thing. It is obligatory to abandon them, meaning to abandon taking knowledge from them. This is achieved by not raising them above their levels and not referring to them in affairs that should be referred to the real scholars. That includes Fataawa and matters of a similar nature. As for the beginner students of knowledge who are known for being knowledgeable, seeking knowledge, attending the lessons of the scholars, and holding the scholars in correct esteem, they should be encouraged and guided. No one should belittle them, they should be encouraged to share the good that they have learned. However, they should be guided so that they do not go beyond their level.

It is a must to differentiate between the small students of knowledge (I intend those that are beginning students as we are all small in knowledge) who hold the scholars in correct esteem [and the Internet (fake) Scholars]. It is not desirable to disparage them or belittle them. Rather, we should support, respect and appreciate them. In fact, the scholars are the first to show appreciation of them. There is no doubt that they are from Allah's blessings to the scholars and teachers. We should support and encourage them in spreading good with proper guidance.

As for the ones who have become prideful and known over the Internet, who don't seek knowledge from the scholars and don't respect the scholars, they strive hard to replace the scholars as the point of reference [for religious matters]. They do this by means of a false claim; they claim that they are the medium between the people and the scholars. [So they put down the following rules of engagement]:

1. "You will never be able to be connected with the Shaykh except through us."
2. "Draw close to us so that we can connect you with [the Shaykh]."
3. "Ask us so that we can "filter" your questions," as they say.
4. "Then we will ask the Shaykh and "filter" his response because everything the Shaykh says is not fit to be shared with the people." Subhaanallah!

This is the reality, my brothers. We know this for a fact and we know those who are involved with certainty. In reality they want to be the point of reference [the ones people go to for knowledge, advice, fataawa, etc...]. They also dissuade and scare the students of knowledge by the following means:

1. Respect me!
2. Pay fealty/homage to me!
3. Study with us!
4. Keep coming to us!
5. If you don't, we will get the Shaykh to say something bad about you!

These people are evil, a test and an affliction. It is a must to stand up to them [and expose them] if they do not repent and return to Allah and suffice themselves with sitting with the scholars while abandoning the falsehood that they are upon.

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