

Criticising the innovator divides the Muslim Ummah

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بِ هَلِّ الدَّرَجِ مِنَ لِحْيَمِ

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

Question: Oh noble Shaykh may Allaah give you success. Is it correct what some people say, that criticising the people of innovation such as the Soofees and other than them is from the reasons that separates the people and divides the Muslim Ummah?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله): Yes! We want to separate from the innovator and the pagans and the grave worshippers. We do not want them to unite with us. No one will gather with us except for the people of Tawheed; this is what we want. This is the intentional division. Allaah made a separation between the believers and the disbelievers.

فَلَمَنْ كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَيَسَوُّونَ

[Is then he who believes like the one who is rebellious and wicked? Not equal are they.]²

أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَالصَّالِحَاتِ كَالْفَنَسِ فِي رِقَبِ الْأَرْضِ أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ كَالَّذِينَ جَارُوا

[Shall We treat those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, the same as those who do mischief on earth? Shall We treat those who guard against evil, the same as the wicked?]³

We intend this. We intended that those who do not accept the truth separate from us and we disassociate from them a clear disassociation.

¹ حفظه الله May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² سورة السجدة Soorah as Sajdah [32:18]

³ سورة ص Soorah Saad [38:28]