
The beginner students of knowledge who try to tower over the major scholars

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Questioner: I have found, and I ask Allaah to forgive me and I hope that my feeling is misplaced, but I've started to notice that some of the students of knowledge, young people, who generally, (الحمد لله)¹, are good, but you will see that he has studied for four or five years, just having started [studying] the science of hadeeth and you find that he tries to build himself up by opposing so and so, for example, he will disagree with Al-Albaanee [in hadeeth], or in *fiqh* he will even oppose Abdul-Azeez Ibn Baaz or Uthaymeen, so this is a phenomenon which I fear, O Shaykh.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)²: We are men and they are men!

Questioner: In fact they did say that! But someone replied to them, O Shaykh, and said, 'They [i.e., the scholars] are men, and you are a *Dajjaal* [imposter].' Because one time the issue [being discussed] was about a Companion, the discussion reached the Companions, he said, 'They are men and we are men.' So he [the other person] replied, 'No, they were men and you are a *Dajjaal*.'

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): اللهُ اكبر!³

Questioner: So this is something noted, now for a few days I've been having a discussion with a student of knowledge, may Allaah reward him with good, who is attentive in this regard, so one of the brothers said to me, 'But he opposes Al-Albaanee or differs with Al-Albaanee,' so the issue ... '... and so and so opposes Shaykh Ibn Baaz and so and so differs with Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen.'

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): The love of fame will break one's back.

Questioner: I liked this statement of yours ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): This is a blight on the students in this age except for those who Allaah has protected, and how few they are.

Questioner: لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله⁴

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Allaah's aid is sought, Allaah's aid is sought.

¹ (الحمد لله) Alhamdulillah All praise is due to Allaah

² (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

³ (الله اكبر) Allaahu Akbar Allaah is Greater

⁴ (لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله) (La hawla wala quwata illa billaah) There is no change nor power except through Allaah