

Not Everyone who Speaks About a Particular Topic is Listened To

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

Questioner: Esteemed Shaykh, I have a question. There is a fatwaa of Dr. [Yoosuf] al-Qardaawee about the hadeeth concerning the splitting of the Ummah [wherein he states] that the last part of the hadeeth, i.e., "... all of them are in the Fire except one ..." is fabricated," and is not part of the original hadeeth?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Not everyone who speaks about a particular topic is listened to.

Have you ever known Shaykh al- Qardaawee to have written a small piece on the Science of Hadeeth, let alone a book, let alone books, let alone volumes?

This is the calamity of this day and age.

People like al- Qardaawee and the Egyptian, al-Ghazaalee, they castigate some of the upcoming youth who are on the methodology of the Book and the Sunnah with the understanding of the Salaf as-Saalih—[whereby] if one of them gives a fatwaa and they [i.e., the youth] ask them what the proof is they savage them, [saying], 'Who are you to ask what the proof is? You have to ask the scholars of fiqh and those who have knowledge and whose specialty this is!'—and then they go and fall into the same thing they were denouncing the youth for, and they are Shaykhs, because they [themselves] never took the opinions of the experts in the field of hadeeth.

Questioner: True.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Qardaawee himself, I know him personally and we were together for a few days in Qatar, we met at a gathering of the Higher Council of the Islamic University many times and he trusts my knowledge and knows my firm grasp of it, yet now in order to justify some of the bad circumstances in the Islamic world you see him authenticating what is weak and declaring weak the part in this hadeeth [that you asked about] which is [actually] authentic.

That is why our Muslim brothers, [Muslims] whether they are men or women, should know, as is said in the old Arabic proverb, "How to eat the shoulder ..." [a literal translation, it is used to refer to someone astute, insightful, who knows how to handle things].

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Ya'nee, as you know, today you will have a field of science that has categories of specialisation, for example, a person who has pain in his ear won't go to a doctor who specialises in internal medicine, a gastroenterologist and so on, he will go to an ENT specialist.

This specialisation is very important and is one of the meanings of the Most High's Statement, '**And ask the people of knowledge if you do not know**,' so al- Qardaawee and al-Ghazaalee like him and [yet] others are not people of knowledge in the science of hadeeth, in declaring them to be authentic or weak, if they do have any knowledge then it is the blind-imitation fiqh [type] and not the fiqh derived from the Book and the Sunnah.

Questioner: Allaahu yusallimak.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: We will end it here so as to give an opportunity to the other questioners waiting for this call to end. Was-salaamu alaikum.

Questioner: Wa 'alaikum as-salaam wa rahmatullaah wa barakaatuh, may Allaah reward you with good.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: And you.

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