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Righteous, Salafee believer, strong in 'Eemaan, cooperating with an Ash'aree

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Questioner: Is it allowed to work together with a man who is Ash'aree in 'Aqeedah in the field of calling to Allaah under the pretext that this differing in 'Aqeedah will not result in evil but that rather not cooperating with him could lead to the efforts of the Muslims being split?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: If cooperating with [an Ash'aree] man like this does not lead to him [i.e., the Salafee] neglecting his [Salafee] 'Aqeedah, then that is something allowed without doubt.

In fact, I believe that part of the religious good of a believer who is strong in his 'Eemaan is for him to cooperate with other Muslims who have, due to reasons past or present, deviated from the Salafee 'Aqeedah.

It is more deserving for this Salafee believer to cooperate with these people because he will find an appropriate opportunity to convey the Salafee da'wah to them.

And what has happened, and I know this from experience, is that those people who oppose us will take one of two stances towards this righteous, Salafee believer: they will either respond to his call and will thus lean towards accepting the Salafee madhhab and will turn away from their khalafee madhhab—and this has happened many times, or they will reject him and his madhhab and will refuse to work with him ..."²



rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) 1

² Mutafarriqaat lil-Albaanee, 6, no. 15.