

## Dealing with a heretical Imaam

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

**Question:** There is a heretical Imaam in the mosque of our district, how can we deal with him? Benefit us and may Allaah reward you with good.

**Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee** (May Allaah the Most High preserve him): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

Dealing with heretics differs according to the weakness or force position and state, and depends on the one who dissimulates his heresy and the one who shows it up and calls to it.

For the state of weakness and the emergence of heretics, the duty is to care with them and be patient and not to show them what could encourage their tyranny and oppression towards the people of Sunnah, like being moved away from the mosque and enclose their activities. As well as doing the duty towards them by unveiling their state, warning against them, showing and teaching the Sunnah. But if the people of Sunnah have the power and the dominance; in this case it is necessary to repress heresies according to what the rules of the religion dictate; with roughness, rigor and desertion - if necessary - so that they return to the straightforwardness which is the instructions and commands of religion. And since its adepts are supported, the teachings requirements of the Prophet (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) conduct push us to behave towards them with sympathy but without flattery while doing the duty of unveiling them and warning against them.

For the one who dissimulates his heresy we leave his inner to Allaah the Very-High. It was in that way that the Prophet (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) and his companions treated hypocrites during their time.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (Mighty and Majestic is He). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.