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

The Question: "Do you have advice for some of the students of knowledge that are quick to rule upon others, and necessitate what isn't necessary, and amplify some of the issues which there are differences of opinions. In fact, the differences are vast, and some of them are issues which differing is permitted. There is some disagreement between the students of knowledge and they exaggerate in condemning those who differ with them in it and perhaps they publish it on some websites and cause fitnah (strife) between the students of knowledge?"

The Advice: Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin al-'Abbaad [May Allaah preserve him]: "The obligation upon every Muslim, upon the students of knowledge, is to fear Allaah [(Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He], and to busy themselves with seeking knowledge; and to be eager with acquiring it; and to know the path or the paths that the major scholars are upon, such as, Shaykh Ibn Baaz, Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen, Shaykh Ash-Shanqeetee, and Shaykh Al-Albaanee. Meaning, the people should be eager to be upon that which those major scholars who busied themselves with knowledge were upon.

As for the state of those people who busy themselves with “he said, she said”, and follow the mistakes or search for the errors, and then warn from individuals due to the fact that he has this or that, or that he's gotten this or that, then busying himself with this distracts from knowledge and it's not upon him to busy himself with that. It's upon the people to be eager to benefit themselves from the people of knowledge and return to them.

If there comes a mistake from them, and he is from Ahlus Sunnah, those who busy themselves with knowledge, then do not abandon, reject, and warn from him. Rather you should benefit from him and reject his mistakes and warn from his mistake as well.

If he is abandoned, neglected, and warned against, then this is not the way of virtuousness, and it is not the way to learn knowledge; because Ahlus Sunnah, if they were upon this way – meaning they go to every little thing – then there will not remain a single person! Meaning from those people!

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It is upon the people to be eager to attain knowledge and busy themselves with knowledge. They should not busy themselves with “he said, she said” because those who busy themselves with this will not acquire knowledge and they will not be busy with seeking knowledge, they will be busy with “he said, she said”! There is nothing useful from this, rather he'll acquire harm from this and that is to speak about others. This will cut the ways which have good and reform. Who has benefit with this preoccupation and busying himself with issues like this which is not permitted to preoccupy oneself with. It's not permissible to preoccupy oneself with this."