

## Following the faults of the Muslims

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

This is not permissible barakallaahu feek... to follow the faults of the Muslims, and in particular that of the scholars, is forbidden. It has been narrated in a hadeeth:

**["Oh you who have believed with your tongues, while the faith has not entered into your hearts; do not gossip about the Muslims and do not follow their faults. Because verily, those who follow the faults of his brother; Allaah will follow his faults. And the ones whose faults Allaah follows; He will reveal them..." I think he said: "...even in the hiding place of his mother (i.e. in her home)."]<sup>1</sup>**

It is therefore not permitted for us to follow the faults. And following the faults, is (itself) a fault. In other words, those who follow the faults of the people, falls at that moment himself into a fault.

What is incumbent, barakallaahu feek. What is incumbent (upon us), with regards to the one who does something for which he may be criticised; is that the man defends his brother when he hears someone criticise him because of it. And that he says: "Maybe the matter is ambiguous... or perhaps he has an interpretation..." Especially, if he is known for (his) truthfulness, sincerity and love for spreading knowledge.

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<sup>1</sup> Sunan Aboo Dawood (3/4862) and authenticated by Shaykh al-Albaanee in Saheeh Jaami' Sagheer