

Restricting Da'wah of Ahlus-Sunnah to specific scholars

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

Question: "Is restricting the Da'wah of Ahlus-Sunnah to specific scholars or specific Da'wah organizations from the manhaj of the Anbiyyah (Prophets) in calling to Allaah, or is it from the ways of the people of Hizbeeyah (partisanship) and splitting?"

Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan [May Allaah preserve him]: "My dear brother, no one undertakes the Da'wah except the people of knowledge. It is not for the Juhaal (ignorant ones) to uphold the Da'wah. Allaah the Majestic and Most High has said:

["Say: This is my way. I call to Allaah upon insight, I and whosoever follows me. And Glorified be Allaah, I am not from the Mushrikeen (polytheists)."]¹

Calling to Allaah upon insight and that is having knowledge. And the Most High has said:

["Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and fine preaching and argue with them in a way that is better."]²

Therefore these affairs are not upheld except with knowledge. So the ignorant person is unable to undertake and follow these steps which have been mentioned by Allaah the Most Perfect and Most High. So there is no Da'wah except with knowledge and there is no knowledge except with learning and there is no learning except at the hands of the well grounded scholars. Those who have correct 'Aqeedah (belief) and correct conduct and are the ones who are from the people of Taqwaa (piety) and who fear Allaah the Mighty and Majestic. As the Most High has said:

["It is only those who have knowledge among His slaves that fear Allaah."]³

¹ Soorah Yoosuf [12:108]

² Soorah an-Nahl [16:125]

³ Soorah Fatir [36:28]