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Questioner: May Allaah reward you with good. Regarding mentioning [Allaah's] Names and Attributes, some people say that the callers to Allaah must not speak about this issue in front of the common masses and riffraff, because delving into such things leads to placing doubt in them, so how true is this statement?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: We say to these people: then you [find and] speak about something in front of the common folk which is better than that, you speak about something which is better than that.

And if talking about that does not impress you then you have to speak about something which does other than that, and if you can't [find something better than Allaah's Names and Attributes to talk about]—and you won't be able to—then you will hear what will not please you and this is the thing that doesn't please you, [but] what is important is that it pleases your Lord. And this is what has reached us from the Salaf's knowledge and what we hold as religion before Allaah.

And the common folk, as I said to you just now, are upon the natural inborn inclination [that Allaah created man on, al-fitrah], when it is said to them that, '[Allaah is] not above, and not below ...' [as the deviant sects say when explaining Allaah's Names and Attributes] their hearts disapprove of that, but when it is said to them that, 'Allaah is above all of His creation and there is no created thing above Him,' [as is the 'Aqeedah of the Salaf], then this is what goes with the sound inborn inclination [that Allaah created them on], "... the fitrah of Allaah which He has created [all] people upon."²

Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 314.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Soorah Room [30:30]

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