
The followers of the leaders of the groups of innovation

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

With regards to those people who follow the Imaams of bid'ah (innovation), Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ states:

As for with regards to the followers of these leaders, then they are divided into two categories:

The first category: those who were ignorant of the Truth, so they did not know anything about it and there did not occur from them any deficiency in their searching for it, in that they truly thought that what they were upon was the Truth. So these people have an excuse.

The second category: those who knew the Truth but they rejected it out of ta'assub (bigoted adherence) to their leaders. So these are not excused and they are just as Allaah said about them:

[Indeed we found our fathers upon a way and religion and we guide ourselves by their footsteps.]²

(Al qawl ul mufeed (1/71) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ))

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² سورة الزخرف - Soorah az-Zukhruf [43:22]