
Ibn al-Qayyim on following someone who sets up his own principles

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said, “Ibn al-Qayyim (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said, ‘So whoever generates statements and establishes principles according to his own understanding and interpretation – it is not obligatory on the Ummah to follow them until they are examined against what the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² came with. If they agree with it, they are accepted, and if they oppose it, they are rejected.’”³

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

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Mukhtaaraat min Zaadil-Ma’aad, p. 11.