
Innovators are like scorpions

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

Question: The questioner says: What is the meaning of the statement from some of the Salaf: The innovators are like the scorpion, he buries his head while leaving his tail out, such that when he is able to, he stings?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: Yes. This speech is clear. The people of innovation have with them hypocrisy. The people of innovation have been afflicted with hypocrisy. And it is that they display good while they hide evil, they display good to the people as a way of deception.

يُخَادِعُونَ اللَّهَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

[They try to deceive Allaah and those who believe...]²

And they conceal the evil. And when they have the ability to spread evil, they spread it, just like the scorpion.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² سورة البقرة - Soorah al-Baqarah [2:9]