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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Questioner: Shaykh, there is a man who belongs to an order (Tareeqa) a Soofee order, he believes in Soofism and he practices some innovation. But this man assists in establishing some acts of good. Therefore the likes of this man, if he is criticised for his innovation and it becomes known amongst the people he will cease to assist the people of righteousness and good. So I do not know what to do O Shaykh?

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: Does this man have an influence with his Da'wah?

Questioner: Yes, O Shaykh, he calls to his bid'ah.

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): Therefore, which is the greater harm, poverty or misguidance?

Questioner: Misguidance.

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ): Misguidance is the greater harm. Thus if this man is a caller to his innovation and he has an influence, it is obligatory to warn against him; even if he cuts off his charity; for he is only depriving himself. As for allowing him to remain and lead the slaves of Allah astray in order to earn out of it one or two Dirham; this is not possible.²

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

² لقاء الباب المفتوح اللقاء: 266 / السؤال: 7

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