

Knowledge not attributed to the source has no blessings

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Question: Our Shaykh, the phenomenon of transmitting speech without ascribing it to its source has become widespread. And it was said long ago: 'Verily that removes the blessings of the knowledge.' So what is your advice for the person who does this?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Disseminating the speech of others without ascribing it to them can be called 'stealing speech' or a new innovation which was not known by the scholars from before! And the affair is not only that the stolen knowledge is void of blessings; rather this is a very clear sign that this knowledge is not for Allaah! Because if it was for Allaah (سُبْحَانَهُ)² he would have not fallen into the threat of the statement of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³:

المتشبع بما لم يُعط، كلابس ثوبي زور

The one who creates a false impression of receiving what one has not been given is like one who wears two garments of falsehood.⁴

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

² (سُبْحَانَهُ) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

³ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁴ Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim