

## Shaykh al-Albaanee's humility-2

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

- “Every time I met him [i.e., Shaykh al-Albaanee] I would kiss his hand and he would refuse, when he did so a lot I said to him:  
‘We learnt from you in some of your research in As-Saheehah that kissing the hand of a scholar is permissible.’  
So he said to me, ‘Have you ever seen a scholar with your own eyes?’  
I said, ‘Yes. I’m looking at one right now.’  
So he replied, ‘I am only a small student of knowledge. You and I are as that person said, ‘Indeed, in our land, the bugaath has become an eagle.’” [In another post, the Shaykh used this same example and explained what it meant. Here is the quote, he said, “The reality which I feel from the depth of my soul is that when I hear such speech [i.e., praise] I remember the old proverb, well-known among writers, and it is, “Indeed, in our land, the bugaath has become an eagle,” “Indeed, in our land, the bugaath has become an eagle.”  
Maybe the meaning of this speech or this proverb will be hidden from some people. The bugaath is a small bird of no value, so this small bird becomes an eagle in the eyes of the people due to their ignorance of the strength and hugeness of the [real] eagle. So this proverb applies to many of those who, [either] with truth and correctness, or with mistakes and falsehood, call to Islaam.”<sup>1</sup>
- And the Imaam said, “I am not the leader of a Jamaa’aah whatsoever—I am only a student of knowledge engaged in researching and verifying, the people of knowledge know the reality of what I’m saying.”<sup>2</sup>
- The Imaam said, “... alhamdulillah, but I will tell you something in addition to that too, the reality is that every beginner student of knowledge, and I used to be one—and maybe I still am—...”<sup>3</sup>
- The Imaam said, “... as will not be hidden from students of knowledge like us ...”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Kitaab Tanbeeh al-Haajid ilaa maa Waqa’a min an-Nadhr fee Kitaab al-Amaajid, p. 17.

<sup>2</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 10.

<sup>3</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 458.

<sup>4</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 341.

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- He said, "So, my brother, if some brothers from the people of hadeeth or those who follow the Salaf oppose someone like me, or, for example, Ibn Baaz—then this is not the criterion/gauge [by which we measure], the criterion is knowledge, whoever knowledge has reached has had the proof established against him."<sup>5</sup>
- Shaykh Esaam Moosa Haadee said, "Some brothers said to him, 'O Shaykh of ours! There is a man by us who regards you as an enemy and speaks ill of you—should we boycott him?'  
So our Shaykh replied, 'Does he oppose Al-Albaanee as a person or does he oppose the 'Aqeedah which Al-Albaanee holds and calls to? The 'Aqeedah of the Book and the Sunnah? If he is showing enmity to the 'Aqeedah of the Book and the Sunnah then one is to discuss [such issues] with him and he is to be shown patience. Thereafter if you see that it is beneficial and more advantageous to boycott him, then he is boycotted.  
But if he is opposing Al-Albaanee as a person whilst he agrees with us on the path of the Book and the Sunnah—then no [he is not to be boycotted].'"<sup>6</sup>
- He said, "And if you see that I have strayed or made a mistake you must advise me ..."<sup>7</sup>
- He said, "I am only a student of knowledge. Nothing else."  
And, "I am only, as I always and forever say, a student of knowledge."<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 799.

<sup>6</sup> Muhaddithul-Asr, Imaam Muhammad Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee Kamaa 'Araftuhu, p. 94, of Esaam Moosaa Haadee.

<sup>7</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 82.

<sup>8</sup> Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 8.