

Shaykh al-Albaanee's reaction to someone calling himself Shaykh

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Al-Huwaini said, "And I won't forget what happened to me with our Shaykh ... Naasirud-Deen al-Albaanee, may Allaah protect him and allow us to enjoy his presence, when as a gift I gave him [a book called], 'Kitaab al-Ba'th' by Ibn Abee Daawood. On its cover the publishers had printed, 'Its hadeeths have been checked by Shaykh al-Huwaini, as-Salafee.'

So he [i.e., Shaykh al-Albaanee] said to me, "What is this?" as he pointed to the word, "Shaykh."

So I excused myself telling him that it wasn't of my doing, he criticised me for it ...

... And it is enough that despite the testimony of famous scholars concurring to him [i.e., al-Albaanee] being an Imaam in this field he only wrote his name on the cover of his books [without any titles such as Shaykh etc.], even though other people—whose statements alongside his are like the squeaking of a door or the buzzing of a fly—write on their books, "Written by the Imaam, the Haafidh, the Faqeeh, the One Versed in Usool, the Astute, the Mujtahid ..." thinking that by doing so they are enumerating Allaah's Blessings, but this is where one's foot slips and delusions multiply."