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Questioner: If one of the Shaykhs said about someone, 'He is an innovator,' is the student obliged to adopt this stance of calling that person an innovator? Or must he know why the person was called an innovator? Because this declaration of a person to be an innovator may have been applied to someone who is on the Sunnah?

Shaykh Abdul-Muhsin Al-'Abbaad (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Not everyone's statements in this issue are accepted, if it comes from someone like Shaykh Ibn Baaz or like Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen then it is possible that his statement is relied on, as for anyone and everyone, then such statements are not taken from them.²

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

² Baab maa Jaa'a fi Miqdaar Diyyatidh-Dhimmi min Sharh Sunan Abee Daawood.