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Talking about people of innovation in a joking manner

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

Question: "What do you say about talking about the people of innovation in a joking manner, in order to laugh and joke about them and give them nicknames in order to belittle them?"

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: "To mention the bad characteristics of a person of bid'ah especially if he is one who calls to his bid'ah, then to mention his faults in giving naseehah and advice to the Muslim is permissible in order to warn the Muslims from this individual. However, the aspect of mocking this individual and being sarcastic and laughing at him etc. is not from advice to the Believers. It is very important that one differentiates between the two affairs: naseehah (advice) by mentioning the faults of the individual in order to warn the people and the other affair of mocking people which is a despicable trait."