



## Imaam al-Albaani on the Bid'ah of al-Muwaazanah (2)

### INTRODUCTION

All Praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him, seek His aid and His Forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evils of our souls and the evils of our actions. Whomsoever Allaah guides there is none to misguide and whomsoever Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah, alone, without any partners and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

Imaam Muhammad Naasir ud-Deen al-Albaani, the Muhaddith of the Era, was asked:

**Questioner:** “The truth is our Shaikh that our brothers or those youth have brought many (issues) together and amongst them is their saying, “That it is necessary for anyone who wishes to speak about an Innovator, whose innovation and war against the Sunnah has become apparent, or about one who is not like that but who has erred in issues connected to the manhaj of Ahl us-Sunnah wal-Jamaa’ah – that no one should speak in these matters except when one also mentions all of his good points.” And this is what they call this principle, “al-Muwaazanah” (counterbalancing) between the good and bad points. Many books and small works (have now) been written in this regard by those who hold onto this viewpoint, that it is necessary to adopt the methodology of the earlier people in criticising and that it is necessary to mention both the good and the bad points. So is this principle to be taken absolutely, or are their circumstances in which this principle does not apply? We desire a detailed explanation from you regarding this matter, may Allaah bless you.”

**Imaam al-Albani:** “The detailed (explanation) is: And every good lies in following (ittibaa’) the Salaf. **So did the Salaf used to do this?**”

**Questioner** “May Allaah protect you, our Shaikh. They use as evidence certain (textual) statements such as the statements of our Scholars concerning the Shi’ah for example, that “So and so is reliable and trustworthy (thiqah) in hadeeth, but a vile Raafidi”. They use statements like this as evidence. And then they desire to built the complete principle (i.e. that alluded to earlier) upon them, without at the same time looking at the thousands of statements in which there only occurs, “Liar”, “Abandoned”, “Vile”.

**Imaam al-Albani:** “**This is the way of the Innovators.** When a scholar of hadeeth speaks about a righteous man who is a scholar and a jurist, saying about him, “He is poor in his memory”, does he also say, “He is a Muslim, and he is righteous and he is a jurist, and he is one who ought to be referred to in matters of deriving evidences for the Sharee’ah rulings (from the texts).” Allaah is Great! The truth is that the aforementioned principle is very important [but] it comprises a number of very important subsidiary matters (finer details) relevant to our times.

**From where [did they derive this] that when the circumstance arises for explaining the mistakes of a Muslim, whether he is a caller [daai'yah] or not, that it is necessary for a lecture in which his good deeds - from their beginning to their end are mentioned? Allaahu- Akbar!! A strange thing!! By Allaah! A strange thing!'**

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And after, this what shall we say about the Extremist Murji'ah of the Era, who hate that what has occurred of vile Rafidism, mockery of Moosaa (alaihi salaam), the innovations of the Jahmiyyah, Ash'ariyyah, Mu'tazilah, Soofiyyah and many others are found in one man and his books, and yet they insist on declaring him "an Imaam of Guidance" and equivalent to Shaikh ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah and Shaikh ul-Islaam Muhammad bin Abdul-Wahhaab and also declare him a "shaheed" unconditionally and without exception in their writings and works. Rather, the refutations of such a one and his innovations are in front of their eyes, and they see, hear and know, and yet they persist in declaring such a one "an Imaam of Guidance"?!?! And they hate that out of sincerity of purpose to the sons of Ahl us-Sunnah, the affair of such a one be made known.

This is what the Ulamaa of have labelled "The Bid'ah of the Era", that is the bid'ah of al-Muwaazanah, the new manifestation of the bid'ah of Hassan al-Banna, brought into the ranks of Ahl us-Sunnah by Abdur-Rahmaan Abdul-Khaaliq and Salman al-Awdah. And we still have not seen any repentance from them to this day, from this innovation, and refuge is from Allaah.