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### **Question:**

The questioner says: We ask some advice from you for our young brothers in mentioning putting oneself forward for Fatwa [religious rulings] and Da'wah [calling to Allah] and when does the student of knowledge have the right to put himself forward in the area of Da'wah?

### **Answer:**

O Brothers! Students of knowledge are considered the messengers of the scholars to the people. The scholar is not able to meet all of the people, so the student of knowledge is his messenger to the people. There are some questions that the student of knowledge is able to answer from what he's heard from his Mashayikh [teachers] and what he's read from the Hadeeth [narrations].

He says to you the clear question, he answers it, and his answer is easy by the permission of Allah. What is the ruling on praying with the congregation? Is it permissible to part from the congregational prayer? What are the excuses that allow you to part from it? Meaning, things that he is able to answer, yes, how do I make up the Fajr [morning] prayer if I miss it? What time does Salat Ad-Dhuha start and end? What is the Nisaab [charity owed] on gold? What is the Nisaab on silver?



The point is that the student of knowledge is able to answer based on his level. We do not like that we should silence the mouths of the students of knowledge. Rather, they are the ambassadors of the scholars to the people, and they are callers, they give sermons, warn, explain to the people the description of the Prophet's (peace and blessings be upon him) prayer, based on what they have learned from the Mashayikh [teachers] and also based on what is in the books that they have in their hands. They explain to the people the text of Usool ath-Thalatha [the three fundamentals] upon their levels. They prepare sermons and give sermons based on their level. They give sermons based on what the people need [for example] with maintaining ties of kinship, or in righteousness to parents, or rights of the neighbors or spouses, and like that from what the people need.

This student moves with the ability based on his level. He does not move to a higher level in Da'wah. No, this is for the scholars. If the issue has become a big issue in Da'wah or the ruling for a Sunni that he has gone into Bid'ah [innovation], or like that, then this is for the scholars and they are the ones who rule in these issues.

He [the student of knowledge] speaks about the Soofees, yes, he speaks about the Shee'ah, yes. Even the girls of Ahlus Sunnah speak on these issues. These issues are clear. The scholars have enriched the libraries with books in this topic and spoken on it a lot. However, speaking about a Sunni that he's fallen into innovation is not for others except the scholars. They are the ones who are able to reach this level. Yes.

And this student should be in contact with the scholars. When he's faced with questions that he does not have the answer for, he should write it down in a notebook entitled: "Allah knows best", it should be placed in your cache. Meaning, that Allah knows the answers for them. Write it. You have a verse that you desire to understand, or a Hadeeth, or a word – what does it mean in the Arabic language?- a hadeeth is saheeh [authentic] or da'eef [weak] or like this. Write it, for if you are able to return to the books, return and



research, or ask those who are more knowledgeable than you. Yes. For this we do not advise the students of knowledge to put themselves forward and we do not order them to stay silent. BarakAllaahu Feekum [May Allaah bless you].