



The position of the Student with differences

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"This is a term that was used at the end of the second hijree generation..."

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Question: What is the position of the Student of Knowledge in issues which have differences of opinions?

Answer: The scholar and student of knowledge do not speak about what they do not have knowledge on. A scholar is not aware of everything. He will be ignorant of some things. The Aa'imah (Plural of Imaams) used to train their students to say, "*I do not know.*"

Al-Qa'nabee and Ibn Wahb said, "*If you wanted me to fill my tablets (or books in our times) with the statement of Maalik, 'I do not know' I would have done it.*" This is a great scholar, an Imaam from the Imaams and if his students wanted him to fill his writings with the statement, "*I do not know*" then he'd have done it. So then the scholar does not speak except with what he knows.

And the student of knowledge does not speak except with what he knows, because the speech of the scholar and of the student of knowledge is ascribed to Allaah – 'azza wa jall -:



قُلْ إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّيَ الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَّنَ وَالْإِثْمَ وَالْبَغْيَ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَأَنْ تُشْرِكُوا بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنَزَّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَانًا وَأَنْ تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

“The things that my Lord has indeed forbidden are *AlFawahish* (great evil sins, every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse, etc.) whether committed openly or secretly, sins (of all kinds), unrighteous oppression, joining partners (in worship) with Allaah for which He has given no authority, and saying things about Allaah of which you have no knowledge.” (Surat Al-A’raaf:33)

So it is not permissible for the student of knowledge and the scholar to speak about Allaah without knowledge. If a need arises from the student of knowledge to speak then it should be within the limits of what he knows and he should speak (with it). The Prophet – salallaahu alaihi wa salam – said,

بلغوا عني ولو آية

“Convey from me, even if it is one verse.”