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The Importance of Purifying the Religion

Indeed, from the distinguishing characteristics of the *Salafī* methodology and from the affairs that distinguishes its callers is the importance given to purification and cultivation. And from the greatest pillars of this purification is warning against innovation and innovators.

The Muslim nation has not split and become weak, nor have many people improperly understood the religion, nor has their creed changed, except due to innovation and those who call to it – and this is something that no reasonable person denies.

For this reason, the scholars, from the earliest times, have given importance to warning against innovation and callers to innovation. So, these are important principles that all of the scholars of the *Sunnah*, past and present, highlighted.

Even with this being said, the people of the *Sunnah* concerning this issue (i.e. issuing warnings), and every other issue, are moderate. The people of the *Sunnah* are between the extremely harsh *Haddādiyyah* and between the callers to watering-down the religion, the *Mumayyi'ah*.

The extremely harsh *Haddādiyyah*, [you find that] the scholars are not safe from their tongues. They speak ill of scholars such as *Shaykh* al-Albānī and [*Shaykh*] Ibn al-‘Uthaymīn. And their followers, [until this day], are still speaking ill of the scholars of the *Sunnah*. This is done in their books and on their websites. And we ask Allāh for help.

And as for those callers who water down the religion, they do not differentiate between a person of the *Sunnah* and a person of innovation, what is important to them is conglomeration under the party of so and so, or joining the group of such and such.

As for the people of the *Sunnah*, they are between these two extremes.¹

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