

When Negative Assumptions Are Permissible

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Shaykh Zayd ibn Muḥammad al Madkhalī (رحمه الله تعالى) stated:

“It is permissible to have negative assumptions regarding those who have displayed the reasons for such (negative assumptions). Like the person who gets angry if the people of *Bid'ah* are mentioned, spoken against, generally warned against or you hear him defending them, whether they be groups or individuals.”

“If there are issues associated with the individual which indicate and exemplify that he is overtly lax and weak regarding the methodology of *Ahluṣ Sunnah*, subsequently, don't spread his material nor advise with taking from him until the soundness (of his methodology) becomes clear to you. After that, you can direct students of knowledge to take knowledge from him.”

“If the situation becomes clear that his allegiance is with the people of *Bid'ah*, even if just by way of him propagating them and not rebuking them, then warn him and warn from him. (Indeed) The statement of the poet is true wherein he said: 'Whatever an individual has of character, even if he thinks it is hidden from the people, will become known.'”

