



**IMPORTANT MANHAJ PRINCIPLES & BENEFITS**  
**SHAYKH ‘ALLĀMAH RABĪ‘ BIN HĀDĪ:**  
**6. THE TRUTH IS GREATER AND OLDER**  
**THAN EVERYBODY**

**T**he truth is older and greater than everybody, and its age is from the creation of Ādam (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) till today, hence, nobody can claim or be claimed to be above it, and everyone’s speech can be accepted or rejected, save Allāh’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

**Questioner:** “Pardon me, for (seeking) further clarity and making an interruption, O Shaykh, if the one who opposes the Salafi methodology is senior in age and with precedence in knowledge, while the one criticising him is younger than him in age, but the proof has become clear to him and he speaks with it, is there any blame upon him?”

**Shaykh Rabī‘ bin Hādī** said: “Yes, this elder is advised with good manners, and if he calls to misguidance, he is to be warned against. Meaning (here), that to accept and call to the truth, to save the creation from falsehood and misguidance, the truth is bigger than this person, the age of truth is from the creation of Ādam till today, the age of this truth is thousands of years. Yet what is the age of this person who neglects the truth or withholds from accepting it? Good manners towards the seniors is desired, however, it is with Ahl al-Sunnah, it is not with the people of

innovations and misguidance and the callers to tribulations. If this senior is a Rāfiḍī, or this senior is a Mu‘tazilī, and he comes and spreads his falsehood, do you say: ‘He is senior in age’, so enough, you remain silent? We see falsehood and we remain silent?! But when he is from Ahl al-Sunnah, then we advise him with good manners, and we explain the truth to him with good manners.”<sup>1</sup> End of the quote.

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السائل: معذرة، زيادة إيضاح ومداخلة يا شيخ، وإن كان المخالف للمنهج السلفي كبيراً في السن وله سبق في العلم والمنتقد له أصغر منه سنّاً ولكن تبينت له الحجّة وقال بها، هل عليه ملامة؟

الشيخ: نعم، يُنصح هذا الكبير بأدب، وإذا كان يدعو إلى الضلال يحذر منه، يعني الأخذ والدعوة إلى الحق وإنقاذ الخلق من الباطل والضلال، الحق أكبر من هذا الإنسان، وعمر الحق هذا منذ خلق آدم إلى اليوم، عمر الحق هذا آلاف السنين، فكم عمر هذا الإنسان الذي يضع الحق أو يمتنع من الأخذ به.

الأدب مع الكبار أمر مطلوب، لكن مع أهل السنة ما هو مع أهل البدع والضلال ودعاة الفتن، إذا كان هذا الكبير رافضياً، هذا الكبير معتزلياً، وجاء ينشر باطله وضلاله تقول: كبير السن خلاص، وتسكت؟ نرى الباطل ونسكت؟! وإذا كان من أهل السنة فينصحه بأدب ويبين له الحق بأدب.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to *Fatāwā Faḍīlah al-Shaykh* (1/269).1