

On the Students of Knowledge Warning and Boycotting When There are No Scholars in the Land

Shaykh Rabīʿ bin Hādī was asked: “And the issue of the statement that boycotting is not sanctioned except by the scholars?”

He answered: “By Allāh, when there is a land in which there are scholars, it is better that they are the ones who sanction it and if scholars are not found or the scholars have passed away, and some of the students of knowledge who have understanding of the methodology of the Salaf hold the boycotting of so and so Ṣūfī, or Rāfiḍī or extremist Ashʿarī and what resembles that, and they hold that such a one has daʿwah and is active, then they warn against him and boycott him.” The questioner said: “Meaning, it is not a condition that the scholars sanction it?” Shaykh Rabīʿ: “I said to you that is [when] there are scholars in a land, as Imām Aḥmad used to say, ‘Boycott so and so, boycott so and so’. But when there are no scholars or the scholars have passed away, the students of knowledge who are not scholars, and so the student of knowledge sees a person from the people of innovation active in spreading his innovation, then I hold that he is [allowed] to warn from him.”

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