

Allah gave me intellect; therefore I can sit with the innovators

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**Question:** May Allah bless you. This doubt is pertaining to sitting with the people of desires and deviant methodologies. Some of the people sit with the innovators and listen to them; afterward if they are warned against listening to them, they say: "Allah has given me intellect and the ability to distinguish right from wrong". And perhaps they will repeat the statement of some of the scholars: "Everyone's statement can be accepted or rejected".

**Shaykh Sulayman Ruhaylee:** If Allah gave you intellect, you wouldn't sit with them. Surely this is from the greatest forms of evil. I swear by Allah O brothers; verily I know people personally, who were from the best of people upon the Sunnah, but they took lightly the matter of sitting with those known to be upon innovation and they were turned upside down. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ سَمِعَ بِالذَّجَالِ فَلْيُنْأَ، فَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَأْتِيهِ وَهُوَ يَحْسَبُ أَنَّهُ مُؤْمِنٌ فَيَتَّبِعُهُ مِمَّا مَعَهُ مِنَ الشُّبُهَاتِ

Whoever hears of the Dajjal, then let him stay far away from him. For verily a man will go to him while believing himself to be a believer, and he will follow him due to the doubts him has with him. (Ahmad 19118)

You must take precaution and stay away from them. Do not take lightly, the matter of sitting with the innovators and listening to them, because there is nothing equal to safeguarding your religion. Following desires blinds and infects the person and it is the reason for calamity. The person cannot be careless with his religion; rather he must take severe precaution. And he must firmly adhere to the Sunnah and the people of the Sunnah.

We increase the people of the Sunnah and we increase their ranks. We strive to display the good they have with them. We have no need to sit with the people of desires and innovations.