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On the youth refuting and defaming one another out of spite, based on drastic ignorance and as a result turning the people away from themselves

After explaining the weakness of a hadeeth he was discussing, the Imaam said, "... though it [does] represent the state of affairs of many of the youth of the supposed awakening of today, those who refute one another, defame one another—out of spite, not to sincerely advise—their transgression and evil having reached some of the scholars and virtuous ones, and they insulted them with various names, not implementing the manners propounded by Islaam [that], **"The one who does not show mercy to our young, respect our elders, and recognise our scholar's rights, is not from us,"**¹—self-conceited with snippets of knowledge they gathered from here and there—until they imagined that they had something to stand on, but they have nothing to stand on, as has been mentioned in some of the hadeeths about the trials.

And they turned away the hearts of many people from themselves through sayings and fatwas which communicate their drastic ignorance, the thing which reminds us that they are from those whom the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² referred to in the authentic hadeeth, **'Verily, Allaah does not take away knowledge by snatching it from the people but He takes away knowledge by taking away the scholars, so that when no scholar remains, the people turn to the ignorant as their leaders. Then they are asked to deliver religious verdicts and they deliver them without knowledge—so they go astray [themselves], and lead others astray,'**³."

Ad-Da'eefah, 14/2/555-557.

¹ The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "He is not one of us, whoever does not respect our elders, and he does not show mercy to our young ones, and he does not recognise the right of our scholars." (Ahmad and Al-Haakim. Graded Hasan by Shaykh al-Albaanee in Saheeh ul-Jaami', 5443.)

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Agreed upon [i.e., reported in Bukhaaree and Muslim]

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