



Imaam Muqbil Replies: On Striving to Obtain Tazkiyahs for Oneself

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Question number 2:

Our noble Shaykh: What is the ruling regarding striving to gather personal references – Tazkiyaat – that is, a person comes to you requesting a reference, so that it will assist me to give lectures in England and so on. So some people have started to do this a great deal. They go to scholars and they go to mashaa'ikh, they go to the Shaykhs, to obtain these references, in order to make it easy and possible for themselves to give da'wah in the U.K. here. So is this practice to be rejected or accepted? What do you say about this?

The answer of the Shaykh Muqbil bin Haadee, *hafidhahullaah*, he says:

“Yes, these references are like witnesses that are given, if the one who carries them, deserves them. Then this pertains to the saying of Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, in the Qur'aan, the translation of which is: **And assist upon good and pious deeds. And do not assist upon sin and transgression.**

“But if he is not deserving of that, then it is a case of hiding the reality and of deception. And the Messenger of Allaah, *sallallaahu alayhi wasallam*, said: *'Whoever deceives, then he is not of us or he is not from us'*. And the Shaykh continues to say: “And it will also be a case of helping upon sin.

Then also these references - these *Tazkiyaat* - what is to be counted is knowledge, *al-'ilm*. Knowledge is what is to be considered. “Yes, the people have become lax in their use of these *Tazkiyaat* these references. And Allaah the Mighty and Majestic says in His Noble Book” and the Shaykh quotes the aayah he says: Do you not see those who declare themselves pure? Rather, Allaah declares good whomever Allaah pleases to declare good.

And then he quotes another aayah in the Qur'aan he says: **So do not declare yourselves pure. Allaah knows best those who fear Him.**

End of the aayah. So the Shaykh continues: “So the affair is that such a reference: if it is in accordance with reality, i.e. that which you know, that which is reality, then it is like the

permission to report – i.e. the *ijazah* – that the early scholars used to take; that the *salaf* used to do. But if it is other than this, then it is a case of hiding the true reality, and deception, and assisting upon sin. And Allaah is the One Who aids, and their ruling is that of cases of witness.”¹

(End of Question 2)

¹ May Allaah the Most High reward the noble Shaykh with the greatest of rewards, the Imaam, Shaykh of Islaam, Allaamah, Muhaddith, rahimahullaahu Ta’aala, Aameen.