
THE EVIL OF TALE-CARRYING

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The evil of tale-carrying is tremendous. Its repugnance is intensified if it is done between the students of knowledge. Those who unite upon guidance and the Sunnah; upon the methodology of the pious predecessors, striving to acquire knowledge. So the tale-carrier comes transmitting the speech of this one to that one, and transmitting the speech of that one to this one, to cause corruption. This is from the most despicable forms of tale-carrying. Uglier than that is the tale-carrier working to cause corruption between the Shaykh and his students. Those who are united by knowledge and upright methodology and love for the sake of Allāh. The tale-carrier sees that the Shaykh is close to his students, so he works to cause corruption between the Shaykh and his students. Even uglier than this is the tale-carrier who works to cause corruption between the scholars; those who are united upon the truth, guidance, Tawhīd, the Sunnah, and the upright methodology of the pious predecessors. So he transmits the speech of this one to that one; and from that one to this one with the intention of causing corruption between them. All this is from the major sins and from the repugnant acts. It is obligatory upon the person to be greatly aware of tale-carrying and not be deceived by Shaytān.

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