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51: The Scholars Should Make Their Knowledge Evident

The Messenger of Allah (S) has said, "When innovations appear in my nation the scholar must make his knowledge apparent. Allah's curse be upon the one who doesn't follow this."[1] In the same book of Al-Kafi is narrated through a reliable chain of narrators a tradition of Imam Sadiq (as) that says: The Messenger of Allah (S) said, "If after me you see innovators you must express your disdain and criticize them and do not leave any stone unturned in maligning their name so that the desire to spread mischief and corruption may not take root in their hearts. That people may be careful of them and do not learn innovative practices from them. The Almighty Allah writes good deeds (Hasanat) for this action of yours and due to this raises your grades in the hereafter."[2]

I say: It is only when he is safe from every danger, otherwise he is supposed to observe Taqayyah as will be seen in the coming discussions.

1. Usool Kafi, Vol. 1, Pg. 54
2. Usool Kafi, Vol. 2, Pg. 375

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