

## A Reply to the Doubt of Those who Claim it is a Condition to Deliver Advice before Spreading a Refutation<sup>1</sup>

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It branches off from this the saying of some; or some of them believe that it is a condition -to be more precise with the intent (of the question) -that when refutations are (prepared) it is compulsory to give the one who is being refuted a copy, so that he may view it before it is printed. And they say that this is surely the methodology of the Salaf, (is this correct)?

This is not a condition, but if it is possible and if it is hoped that this will bring about unity, without spreading the issue amongst the people then without doubt this is something good. As for firstly making it a condition and secondly making it a general condition then this is not from wisdom in any shape or form.

And people, as you all know, are treasures, like the treasures of gold and silver<sup>2</sup>, so whoever you know is with us upon this way and this methodology and he will accept your advice then the least you should do is write to him and not broadcast his mistake, if this is your point of view, then this is something good. But it is not a condition and if it was a condition it is something not attainable. How will you obtain his address? How will you communicate with him? Will his response reach you or not? These are things which are probable..... Fulfilling this condition is very difficult and due to this

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it is not taken as a condition.

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from the tape (Al-Muwaazanah fee An-Naqd, side 1) from the series (silsilatul Huda wa An-Noor no. 638)

<sup>2</sup> The meaning of this phrase is that the people are valuable, and if we can win them, then it is more befitting than to lose them, which equates to losing the treasure.