

Tadmuriyyah Made Easy: Lessons and Benefits: Overview

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Chart Summary of the Book: The Names and Attributes

Introduction

Principle 1: General Methodology In Speaking About Allaah:

Allaah is described with all of what He and His Messenger described Him with without ta'teel, tahreef, takyeef or tamtheel.

Principle 2: Methodology In Affirming For Allaah,

Must combine between affirmation and negation, and no pure negation in itself.

Principle 3: Affirmation With Negation Of Likeness, Similarity, Equal

Principle 4: Specific Affirmation Alongside General Negation

Principle 5: Sharing the Name Does Not Necessitate Similarity In the Reality

Principle 6: Overall Methodology Summarised In Two Phrases:

Ithbaat (affirmation) without tamtheel (likening) and tanzeeh (negation of defects, shortcomings) without ta'teel (negation of attributes).

The Deviant Factions

- a) Ash'arees, Maatureedees., b) Mu'tazilah, c) Extreme Jahmiyyah/Philosophers
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Two Foundations

Foundation 1:

Speaking About Some Attributes Is Like Speaking About The Others

Foundation 2:

Speaking About The Attributes Is Like Speaking About The Essence (Dhaat)

Two Examples

Example 1: What Is Found Within Paradise of Reward and Bliss

Example 2: The Soul And Its Attributes And Actions

Seven Rules

Rule 1: Allaah Is Described With Both Affirmation And Negation

Rule 2: Words Are Of Two Types A) Those For Which There Is Sharee'ah Evidence And B) Those For Which There Is No Sharee'ah Evidence

Rule 3: Whether The Dhaahir (Apparent) Meaning Is Intended Or Not Requires Tafseel (Detail)

Rule 4: Those Who Claim That The Meaning Of The Texts Of The Attributes Is Tamtheel Fall Into Four Matters That Have Been Cautioned Against

Rule 5: We Know What Allaah Informed About Himself From One Angle But Not From Another – And A Discussion About the Types of Ta'weel

Rule 6: The Rule By Which The Correct and False Way Becomes Known Regarding Affirmation and Negation

Rule 7: The Intellect Can Come to Know Some of What Allaah Has Informed About Himself In His Revelation And the Misguidance of Those Who Put Intellect Before the Revelation

	DHAAT ESSENCE	ASMAA NAMES	SIFAAT ATTRIBUTES	AF'AAL ACTIONS	PRINCIPLE(S)
The Salaf	✓	✓	✓	✓	Affirm and negate whatever Allaah and His Messenger have affirmed and negated for Allaah with respect to Names, Attributes and Actions, without ta'teel, tahreef, tamtheel and takyeef. Affirming attributes with same labels, does not necessitate similarity in the reality or nature of those attributes.
Ash'ariyyah	✓	✓	<u>7 Attributes</u> Life, Hearing Sight , Knowledge Will' Power Speech	✗	Affirm and negate whatever the intellect considers worthy of affirming and negating. Seven attributes affirmed primarily by intellect, not by text from the Book or Sunnah. Naming with other attributes is likening to the creation. Ascribing actions to Allaah necessitates newly occurring events in Allaah(!).
Mu'tazilah	✓	?✓	✗	✗	Affirm and negate whatever the intellect considers worthy of affirming and negating. Affirm only Names, which are all synonymous. Affirming attributes necessitates dividing Allaah into parts and being composite (i.e made of different parts, things). Affirming Attributes is Shirk.
Jahmiyyah	✓ ----> ✗	✗	✗	✗	Affirm only the Essence. Affirming Names and Attributes is Shirk. Affirming only the Essence is Tawheed, without any Names and Attributes and this is the meaning of "al-Ahad".
Philosophers	? ----> ✗	✗	✗	✗	Are upon the thought and principles of the Greek Philosophers. Their saying amounts to an existence in the mind only.

SUMMARY OF THE GROUPS WITH RESPECT TO THE NAMES AND ATTRIBUTES AND ACTIONS

LESSONS IN TADMURIYYAH (LEEDS June 2002)