



Fundamentals of the Salafi Methodology: Understanding the Path

Description

Bismillahi Wal Hamdullillah Was Salaatu Was Salaamu â€‹ Alaa Rasoolillahi

Ammaa Baâ€‹ d:

Indeed from the most important of the branches of our deen is that which is related to its foundations and its fundamental (Usool)

Since the scholars mention that the definition of â€‹ Usoolâ€‹ (Foundations/fundamentals/roots) is that it is the plural of â€‹ Aslâ€‹ which is defined as â€‹ that which has other than it, built upon itâ€‹ .

Thus when we speaking about the usool of the deen we are addressing an issue that the whole deen is built upon thus it forms the foundation of that which in the heart of the muslim.

Manhaj

The term â€‹ Manhajâ€‹ (also minhaaj, translated Methodology) is the clear-cut path laid down for the muslim, by way of which one understands all aspects of the religion and implements them, not in accordance with his own understanding, but in accordance with this pristine crystal clear methodology. Thus the methodology is a path that is followed in the implementation and understanding of all aspects of the religion, the framework by way of which we approach applying the deen.

Minhaaj in the Qur'ān

Allah the most high mentions:

{ ... } (Arabic text)

â To each among you we have prescribed a law and a clear way (minhaaj)â

(Suratul Maa'idah Vs 48)

Ibn Abbas â Radhiyallahu anhumaa mentioned: â a Way and a pathâ

Here we see Allah the most high informs us that every nation was given a law and was given a clear path to follow. The manhaj of this Ummah is the Manhaj of its Salaf.

What is the â Salafâ and â Salafiyyahâ ?

The Salaf linguistically refers to that which has passed or those who have preceded you from your forefathers.

The great scholar of the arabic language Ibn Faaris mentions in definition of the arabic term â Salafâ

â Anyone who has preceded you from you forefathers and relatives, then they are your salaf. Its plural is â Sullaa'â and â Aslaafâ ..â

(Mu'jam Maqaayeesil Lughah 3/95)

When the term is coupled with the term â Saalihâ then it is a reference to a particular group of people and they are the first three generations of righteous Imaams of Guidance (i.e. 1. The Sahaabah (Companions of the messenger of Allah. 2. The Taabi'een (successors of the companions and 3. The Atbaa' ut Taabieen (successors of the successors of the Companions)

This is who we mean when we say Salaf and it is their way that is the embodiment of this ummah's clear pristine methodology

Imaamus Safaarini mentions In Lawaami' ul Anwaar 1/20

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