

The correct 'Aqeedah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "What is obligatory for a Muslim to know in the 'Aqeedah (the belief and creed) in order for him to actually be a true Muslim?"

Response: "Muslims vary with regards to the level of their intellects, and in the amount of free time that they have, and also in the amount of things that keep them busy in their day-to-day lives.

They may also differ with regards to how easy or difficult they find learning. So that which may be obligatory upon one Muslim, may not necessarily be obligatory upon another. But the least that is obligatory upon every Muslim to know is: belief in Allaah, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers and the Final Day, and also belief in the pre-decree, the good of it and the bad of it, and likewise its sweetness and bitterness. And that he understands that in general.

He must also bear witness to the testimony that 'none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah and that Muhammad is the messenger of Allaah', and the meaning of this testimony should be understood, even if is a general understanding.

One must also establish the prayer, and give the Zakaat (the annual charity to the poor) and the giving of this charity is in relation to those who are rich.

One must fast the month of Ramadhan and make The Hajj (Pilgrimage) to 'The Sacred House' for whomsoever has the ability to do so.

Then understanding the wisdoms of that with which one may be tested by way of afflictions, thereby acting upon whatsoever is permissible from it and avoiding that which is impermissible while at the same time staying away from everything which Allaah has prohibited for his slaves.

One should also frequently recite the noble Qur'aan and also read some of the books that are upon the methodology of the 'Salaf', such as the explanation of 'Al 'Aqeedah at-Tahaawiyah', by Ibn Abee al-'Izz and also the book 'Zaad al-Ma'aad', by Ibnul-Qayyim, and other books similar to these so that one may increase in his knowledge of 'Aqeedah.

And success is with Allaah, and may Allaah send His blessings upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon his family and companions."