

Fundamentals of Faith 5 - Belief in the Books

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

Kutub (books) is plural for Kitaab (a book). They are called Kutub because they are written (maktoob). Books, here means the Books that Allaah sent down to His Messengers as a mercy and guidance for mankind. These Books are designed to lead mankind to what brings them happiness in this life and in the Hereafter.

There are four aspects of believing in the Books

1. To believe that they are truly sent down by Allaah.
2. To believe in the Books that mankind were informed of, like the Qur'aan, sent down to Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), the Torah, sent down to Moses, the Injeel (the Gospel), sent down to Jesus and the Zaboor (the Psalms), sent down to David. We also believe in the other Books, sent down by Allaah, even though we do not know their names.
3. To believe in whatever the Books contained, like whatever is contained in the Qur'aan and sections of previous Books that have not been corrupted.
4. To implement the Commandments contained in these Books, unless Allaah commanded to the contrary through Naskh (over ruling). We must accept whatever these Books contained of Commandments, even if we do not know the wisdom behind them. All previous Books were over-ruled by the Qur'aan. Allaah said, what translated means, "**And We have sent down to you (O Muhammad) the Book (this Qur'aan) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and dominant over it.**" [5:48]. This means that the Qur'aan is dominant over all other Books. Therefore, no Commandment contained in other than the Qur'aan can be implemented unless it is in agreement with the Qur'aan.

Benefits Of Believing In The Books

1. Knowing that Allaah takes care of His slaves by sending down Books for their guidance.
2. Knowing Allaah's Wisdom in whatever He commands. He commanded each nation with what is suitable for them, "**To each among you, We have prescribed a Law and a Clear Way.**" [5:48].
3. Thanking Allaah for His bounties, because He sent down these Books to lead mankind to guidance.