

The most important books in `Aqeedah

Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez bin 'Abdullah bin Baaz (*May Allaah have mercy upon him*)

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

Question: "Please tell us about the most important books in `Aqeedah (creed)."

Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez bin 'Abdullah bin Baaz (*May Allaah have mercy upon him*): "The most important book in `Aqeedah is the Qur'aan; it is the most truthful, the greatest and the noblest Book. You should adhere to it as much as possible and recite it often. It includes `Aqeedah, guidance to goodness and warning against evil. If you read it carefully out of desire to learn and follow its instructions closely, whether in words, deeds or `Aqeedah, you will find all goodness in it from the beginning to the end i.e. from Soorah al-Faatihah [First Soorah] to [Say: "I seek refuge with (Allaah) the Lord of mankind] [Soorah an-Nas 114:1, last Soorah], If you contemplate this great Book and recite it often, you will comprehend the `Aqeedah which Allaah (*Exalted be He*) accept from you and from the Mu'mins (believers).

Then, you should read the books of Hadeeth, such as the Two Saheeh (authentic) Books of Hadeeth (i.e. Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim) and others.

After that, you should read the books of scholars known for knowledge, grace and true `Aqeedah, such as the books written by the Shaykh of Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah, including:

- Al-'Aqeedah al-Wasitiyyah
- Al-'Aqeedah al-Tadmuriyyah
- Al-'Aqeedah al-Hamawiyyah
- Minhaj al-Sunnah, and
- Majmu` al-Fatawa

There is also the book of `Aqeedah written by Ibn Aboo Zayd al-Qayrawany and the explanation of Ibn Aboo al-'Ezz for Al-Tahaweeyyah `Aqeedah, being a useful one.

Moreover, there are useful books written by Ibn Al-Qayyim (*May Allaah be merciful to him*).

There is also the book entitled "Fath al-Majeed" written by Shaykh `Abdul-Rahman ibn Hasan; and

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- Kitaab at-Tawheed
- Kashf ash-Shubuhaat, and
- Thalathat al-Usool

...by Imaam and Shaykh Muhammad ibn `Abdul-Wahhab.

There is also "Al-Durar al-Saniyyah" that include the Fatwas (legal opinions issued by a qualified Muslim scholar) issued by the scholars of Najd.

I advise the beginner knowledge seekers to memorise the Qur'aan or as much as they can, and to study the books entitled

- Kitab at-Tawheed
- Kashf ash-Shubuhat
- Thalathat al-Usool and
- Al-'Aqeedah al-Wasitiyyah

They clarify the reality of the three parts of Tawheed and Salafiyyah (the way of the righteous predecessors), which is the 'Aqeedah called to by Shaykh and Imaam Muhammad ibn `Abdul-Wahhab (*May Allaah be merciful to him*), and which is the 'Aqeedah adopted by Saudi Arabia. It entails adhering to the Qur'aan and the Sunnah, and following the way of the Salaf (righteous predecessors) in 'Aqeedah and rulings according to the Qur'aan, the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allaah (*Peace be upon him*), and the way of the Sahabah (Companions of the Prophet) and their followers.

Some people call it Wahabiyyah 'Aqeedah, and think that it is a new 'Aqeedah contradictory to the Qur'aan and the Sunnah. This is not the case; it is the 'Aqeedah followed by the Salaf of the Ummah (nation) as previously mentioned, but our enemies gave it this name to make people hate it and others imitated them out of ignorance. However, a knowledge seeker should not be deceived by this; they should know the truth from their books, not through the claims of their enemies and those who are ignorant of their 'Aqeedah.

May Allaah grant everyone guidance and success!