

Course Title: Explanation of the Creed (Sharh Us Sunnah)

Course Faculty: Faculty of Aqeedah Studies

Course Description:

The scholars have a saying, that "the nobility of a knowledge, depends upon the nobility of what is being studied". The basis of Aqeedah revolves around the belief of Allah and knowing Him, the Creator, the Greatest, the only One worthy of our worship, therefore there can be no more noble knowledge than that of Aqeedah.

Written by the Imam of Ahlus Sunnah of his time, Imam Al Barbahaari's 'Sharh Us Sunnah' or Explanation of the Creed is often misunderstood and misused by some. Written as an exposition of the Aqeedah (Creed) of the Saved Sect, Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama'ah, the book covers many issues about our beliefs, refutations of the deviated beliefs of some historical and contemporary groups, and even some of the practices and Fiqhi rulings to which we adhere and the people of innovation and deviation do not.

This course is designed for all those wanting to learn the details of what we believe, and is aimed at all levels irrespective of whether or not one has studied Aqeedah previously. This course is based on the book 'Sharh Us Sunnah' (Explanation of the Creed) by Imam Al Barbahaari.

Course Overview:

In this course you will learn:

- Who was Imam Al Barbahaari?
- What are the virtues of this particular text?
- How is this text sometimes misused?
- What are the conditions of a Jama'ah?
- Why can the Sunnah and Bid'ah not coexist?
- Why is it incumbent upon every Muslim to ascertain everything he hears?
- What are some of the tenets of faith that deviant groups denied?
- How did some groups come to innovate in the first place?
- What are the attributes of Allah, which Ahlus Sunnah affirm?
- How did the scholars refute the innovators?
- What are the categories of Nifaaq (hypocrisy)?
- How can we affirm and prove the Allah's attribute of speech?
- Who were the Jahmiyyah, Mu'tazilah, Asha'irah and Qadariyyah?
- Why is it necessary to adhere to the Sunnah and the Jama'ah?
- What stance should a believer take in the event of trials and strife amongst the people?
- What are the dangers of accompanying the people of scholastic theology?
- What are the characteristics of the people of misguidance and innovation in the deen?
- What are the correct beliefs regarding the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم ?
- What are our beliefs regarding the Companions of the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم ?
- Who are the deviant sects and what are their errant beliefs?
- What is the correct stance towards these deviated sects and their adherents?
- What do we say about one who doubts anything from the Qur'an?



- What are some of the rulings regarding worldly dealings which Ahlus Sunnah adhere to?

Course Duration:

This course is taught over a 3 month period, each week's lesson consists of 2 hours class time.

Course Materials:

A course pack containing the text of "Explanation of the Creed" will be provided. You should also bring a notepad and pen to take notes.

Homework:

For 2 hours of class work you will need to do at least 1 hour of homework (rewriting notes and assignments set by your tutor) and revision each week.

Examinations:

The final examination for what you will have learnt throughout this course, takes place on week 11, this consists of a 60 Minute written paper. The pass mark for this course is 50%.

Certificates:

You will receive an in-house certificate recognizing your achievement in this course.

Course Fees:

Students/Unemployed: £65

Employed: £75

That's only £2.71/£3.41 per hour!

Progression:

After studying this course you should consider studying the following:

- Usool Us Sunnah
- Aqeedah Hamawiyyah
- Aqeedah Al Wasitiyyah
- Aqeedah At Tahawiyyah

Additional Reading Material:

- Aqeedah Al Wasitiyyah, Shaykh Ul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah
- Aqeedah Al Hamawiyyah, Shaykh Ul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah
- Aqeedah At Tadmuriyyah, Shaykh Ul Islam Ibn Taymiyyah
- Kitaab At Tawhid, by Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahaab
- Aqeedah At Tahawiyyah, Imam At Tahawi
- Usool Ath Thalaatha, by Shaykh Muhammad Ibn Abdul Wahaab

Registration:

You can register online now securely via PayPal or if you prefer you may visit us at our office during our registration dates (see registration timetable) where registration staff will be awaiting to welcome, assess, advise and help you register.