

Thaqalayn Philosophy

The heart and core of al-Thaqalayn Muslim Association (TMA) revolves around the two weighty things, al-Thaqalayn of which the Holy Prophet Muhammad (S) said:

*"I have been summoned (by Allah) and the moment is near for me to answer (to die). I leave among you the two weighty things: the Book of Allah the Almighty and my progeny; Allah's book is (like) a rope extending from heaven to earth, and my progeny are the (Ahlul-Bayt). The Merciful informed me that the two will never part, until they come to me at the Pool (of Kawthar in Paradise), I warn you against deserting them".**

Islam from our point of view has two sides. The first is revelation, *al-tanzeel*. The second is correct interpretation, *al-ta'weel*. Interpretation without revelation is impossible. Meanwhile revelation, without correct interpretation simply means deviation and loss of the message. Therefore we should look at revelation and correct interpretation as two sides of the same coin, al-Islam.

Upon this foundation, and only this foundation, does TMA rest. TMA is not affiliated with any organization. Nor is it affiliated to a specific Marja' Taqleed, rather TMA acknowledges all of them, both the alive (may Allah elevate their stations) and the dead (may Allah bless their souls).

On this platform, TMA hopes to:

- Promote the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the purified Ahlul-Bayt.
- Unite and defend the followers adhering to the Holy Qur'an and the Ahlul-Bayt from misconceptions and false propaganda.
- Create bridges of peace, unity, and harmony amongst humankind in general and Muslims in particular.

As a final note, it is the belief of TMA that all of its members are valuable contributors. We are not a hierarchy of individuals, but are instead a closely-knit group of dedicated students working for the pleasure of Allah (SWT).

* This hadeeth is found in many sources considered authentic by our Sunni brothers and sisters such as:

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1. *Tirmidhi in his 'Sahih Manaqib Ahlul-Bayt'*. 2. *Sahih Muslim* 3. *Hakim in 'Mustadrak Sahihain'*. 4. *Ahmad ibn Hanbal in his Masnad*. 5. *al-Tabarani in his 'al-Kabir'*.

Thaqalayn Muslim Association (TMA) acknowledges the fact that its members are composed of different skin colours and different backgrounds. Furthermore, TMA acknowledges that, along with the rest of those who adhere to the Thaqalayn (Qur'an and Ahlul-Bayt), its members also have different Maraaji' Taqleed. Thus, TMA would like to officially clarify its position with regards to this matter:

TMA is not affiliated to a particular Marja' Taqleed, rather TMA acknowledges all of them, both the alive (may Allah elevate their stations) and the dead (may Allah bless their souls).

The rationale behind this is that the matter of Taqleed and Ijtihad is preceded by the adherence to the Thaqalayn (Qur'an and Ahlul-Bayt). Meaning that one first adheres to the Thaqalayn, then later comes the matter of Ijtihad and whom one makes Taqleed of. Therefore, regardless of whom one emulates, he/she are still bound by the Book of Allah and the teachings of the Ahlul-Bayt. This adherence to the Qur'an and Ahlul-Bayt is the sole focus of this association.

It is not in the scope of TMA to elevate the status any Marja' Taqleed, nor to lower the status of any Marja' Taqleed. Each member is entitled to having his or her choice of being respected. Hence, any derogatory statements directed towards any individual deemed as Marja' Taqleed (by even one of TMA's members) will not be tolerated.

Furthermore, it should be noted that the executives of TMA as well as the committee leaders also individually emulate a Marja' Taqleed. But, that fact should not, and will not interfere in any decisions made. The philosophy of TMA will be maintained. Anything otherwise will not be tolerated by these individuals, just as any other member.

Note: In the scope that we work in, we doubt that a (fiqh) issue will come up that has different ruling according to different maraaji', but in the event that one does, we will resort to ihtiyat (the more precautionary route).