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Introduction

Oftentimes we, the madhab followers, are confronted by those who describe themselves as Salafis, for not following daleel (evidence) but instead following a madhab.

I have come across some who cannot even read a verse of the Qur'an without making serious mistakes, yet they claim to be able to interpret and follow the daleel. One wonders how can someone in such a state follow and interpret daleel?

Through a series of exchanges and observations, I found them to be nothing more than blind imitators of the contemporary Salafi teachers. These very teachers claim to understand, interpret, and follow the daleel all while promoting anti-madhabism.

At length, I came to realize that when a young man of utmost ignorance claims to follow the deleel instead of imitating an Imaam of a madhab, he is in fact insinuating that his Salafi teacher follows the daleel but the Imaams of the four madhabs don’t. Thus, I wanted to find out to what extent the learned Salafis or the Salafi teachers themselves follow the daleel (evidence).

What is meant by “following the daleel” is that a qualified scholar gathers, on a given subject, all the proofs and then derives a ruling following the thorough analysis of the complete body of evidence (daleel). This involves sifting through a quarter of a million hadith spread across more than three hundred hadith books as well as hundreds of volumes of books of each madhab.

One of the prominent Salafi teachers by the name of Shaykh Albani put it as follows:

“I examine the positions of the Imams1 and their evidenc-
es for them, and then take the closest of them to the ev-
idence of the Qur’an and Sunnah”

Thus, if we find a learned Salafi giving fatwas without know-
ing the positions or the evidences of the Imams, he is betray-
ing this principle.

I selected five examples from learned Salafis, including the
owner of the above quotation, to demonstrate to the reader
that in fact Salafi teachers do not adhere to their own prin-
ciple. If they stopped at that, we would have said that is their
choice. But they go on declaring some of the practices of the
madhabs as INVALID or CONTRARY to the sunnah without
having looked at the evidences used by the madhabs.

So, if the Salafis themselves do not strictly follow the daleel,
then why do they call the madhab followers to their way un-
der the slogan of “Follow the Daleel from Qur’an and Sun-
nah!”? I will attempt to answer this question at the end of
the booklet God willing.

May Allah make this little effort a means by which the truth
can be understood. Ameen!

All praise is due to Allah and may His peace and blessings
be upon our master Muhammed, upon his family, his com-
panions and upon those who follow in their footsteps until
the day of judgment. Ameen!

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take to examine the evidences of one madhab let alone four.
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