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THE FOUNDATIONS OF ISLAM

**ACCORDING TO THE
AHL AL-MADINAH**

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PREFACE

In Salafi Madinah, that is at the time of the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and the Sahaba, may Allah be pleased with all of them, and later at the time of the Khulafa ar-Rashidun – people did not pray and perform ‘ibada in four or more different ways. Their worship was a unified ‘amal supported by a powerfully verified set of hadith. Madinah was, quite literally, the place of the Deen. This renowned book by the greatest of the scholars of the Murabitun, Qadi ‘Iyad of Ceuta and Granada, is the summation of that Salafi and Madinan pattern of unity in ‘ibada which is the necessary basis to political reunion among the Muslims in these difficult days. This school of the Ahl al-Madinah is, thus, the Umm al-Madhahib.

Shaykh Abdalqadir As-Sufi

INTRODUCTION

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE

Qadi Abu'l-Fadl 'Iyad, may Allah be pleased with him, said:

Praise belongs to Allah, the only One to whom praise is due. I ask Him to single out our Prophet Muhammad and his family with the purest and most abundant blessings, and to make all our words and deeds purely for His pleasure.

Desiring the good and eager to train students in right action, you have asked me to draw up the essentials of the limits of the foundations of Islam in an accessible form. Know that Islam's foundations are five in number as our Messenger, blessings of Allah and peace be on him, has said:

“Islam is founded on five things:

**Bearing witness that there is no god but Allah and
that Muhammad is His slave and His Messenger
Establishing Prayer
Paying the Wealth-tax
Fasting the month of Ramadan
And Performing the Journey to the House.”**

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THE FIRST FOUNDATION

THE FIRST FOUNDATION THE DUAL DECLARATION OF FAITH **SHAHADA**

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This must include belief with the heart and pronouncing with the tongue.

In detail there are 40 BELIEFS –

- 10 – THE NECESSITY OF WHICH IS ACCEPTED**
- 10 – THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF WHICH IS ACCEPTED**
- 10 – THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH IS ESTABLISHED**
- 10 – THE COMING OF WHICH IS CERTAIN**

TEN NECESSARY THINGS

THE TEN NECESSARY THINGS (WAJIBA) THAT YOU ACCEPT ARE:

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1. That Allah is One, undivided in His essence.
2. That there is no second with Him in His divinity.
3. That He is Living, Self-Subsistent.
4. That He is neither diminished (by time) nor does sleep overtake Him.
5. That He is the God of everything and its Creator.
6. That He has power over everything.
7. That He knows what is outwardly apparent and what is inwardly hidden: *'Not an atom's weight escapes Him, neither in the heavens nor in the earth.'*
8. That He wills every created thing – bad or good – *'What He willed came into being and what He did not will, did not.'*
9. That He hears, sees and speaks without any bodily parts and without instrument – rather, His hearing, seeing and speech are some of His attributes, and His attributes do not resemble ordinary attributes.
10. Similarly, His essence does not resemble ordinary essences. *'There is nothing like Him – and He is the Hearer and the Seer.'*