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Q 4: Among the Masjids (mosques) built by religious societies of some Muslim sects, some plead for resorting to intellect in judging the prophet's Hadiths and denying thousands of sound Hadiths. Others divert the Names of Allah and His Attributes from their original meaning. They articulate the wicked phrase, "The Salaf (Predecessors) are Ahkam (more precise and nearest to the truth) and the Khalaf (Successors) are more knowledgeable." They also promulgate among the public a phrase that states, "Allah is there, everywhere." Is it permissible to offer salah behind an imam of these sects?

What if the imams of these masjids (Mosques) retract from this belief, shall I ask them to free themselves from these sects or is saying it verbally sufficient?

A: Those who deny the sound Hadiths reported from the Prophet (peace be upon him)

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and reject their meanings, are sinners. As for their disbelief, it is a matter of detail; those who interpret the texts of Qur'an and Sunnah on Allah's Names and Attributes and divert them from their original meaning claiming that Al-Salaf are more precise and nearer to the truth and the Khalaf are more knowledgeable are wrongful. Indeed, Al-Salaf are more knowledgeable, more understanding of the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) than the Khalaf.

As for those who say: 'Allah is there, everywhere,' they are disbelievers. Whoever says that Allah is there, everywhere with His knowledge not Essence, is correct. Whoever exceeds the limits, denies all the sound Hadiths related from the Prophet (peace be upon him) and does not believe in anything but the Qur'an, they will be disbelievers and are not allowed to be imams for Muslims. Even if they are imams, their salah is invalid. Those who trespass in the interpretation of Allah's Names, Attributes, and the Resurrection until they believe the pantheism or the atheism or assume that the resurrection is spiritual not physical, they are disbelievers and their salah is invalid, thus shall not act as imam. But, whoever repents sincerely, is accepted as Muslim leaving their innermost to Allah.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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