



## The difference between Sunnis and Shiites

### The first question of Fatwa No. 8852

**Q 1: I hope that you will clarify the difference between the Sunnis and the Shiites ,and which of them is the closest to Sunnah?**

**A 1:** The differences between Ahl Al-Sunnah wa Al-Jama`ah (Those adhering to the Sunnah and The Muslim Community) and the Shiites are major regarding Tawhid (Oneness of Allah), Prophecy, Imamah (leadership or governance) and more. There are many books in this regard, including Minhaj Al-Sunnah by Shaykh Al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, Al-Milal wal-Nihal by Al-Shahristany, Al-Fisal by Ibn Hazm, Al-Khutut Al-`Aridah by Muhib Al-Din Al-Khatib, and Mukhtasar Al-Tuhfa Al-Ithna Ashariyyah. You can read about this issue in the above mentioned books.

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

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