

WHAT IS IJTEHAD?

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ABSTRACT

The paper proves through Quran, Hadith, the works of sahabah and Aima-e-Din that ijtehad is the moving spirit behind the Shariah-e-Islam. To put mind to work through ijtehad is a human need because human beings have to work in different areas and ages. And for every incident there exists no 'NAS' -the funds of NASOS is limited- therefore for every possible event that can happen ijtehad becomes must in the light of Quran, Sunnah and ijma-e-Sahabah. However ijtehad should be confined only to those events for which we dont find any clear ordain from Allah and Muhammad (PBUH). For those events for which clear orders from Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) are there, seeking solution for them through reasoning is NOT IJTEHAD rather it amounts to disagreement with the Islam with the Islami Shariah for which no human has been permitted.

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