

The Foundations of Jamā‘at al-Tablīgh in Brief

Shaykh Rabī‘ bin Hādī was asked: “What are the foundations (uṣūl) of Jamā‘at al-Tablīgh?” He answered, “This occasion does not allow going into detail and explaining what they have with them, but in essence, they pledge allegiance to [one of] four Ṣūfī ṭarīqahs within which the doctrine of ḥulūl (divine indwelling) is held. Meaning that [the essence of] Allāh merges with the creation, with people, with apes, pigs, private parts and other [entities] besides them, and refuge is with Allāh. Within these [ṭarīqahs] there is also [the doctrine of] waḥdat al-wujūd (the unity of existence) whose meaning is that there is no difference between the Creator and the created, the slave is Allāh and Allāh is the slave, the created is the Creator and the Creator is the created. You will find this in this ṭarīqahs to which Jamā‘at al-Tablīgh pledges allegiance. They are followed by people whom they do not allow to reach this level [of awareness], but they take them as footsoldiers, followers and defenders who defend them and assume protection for them. So either he is a leader amongst them and will be aware of these realities [concerning the doctrines within the ṭarīqahs] or a lowly, docile, subservient footsoldier. Thus he is merely their follower and does not know what is beyond the hill. It is enough for them to earn his loyalty and turn him into a soldier to wage war against Ahl al-Sunnah and defend their leaders and their reputations.”

Kashf al-Sitār ‘Ammā Taḥmilahū Ba‘ḍ al-Da‘awāt Min al-Afkār, 1436H, p. 141.

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