

Tawheed Basics 15

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Do the Attributes of Allaah like Hands, Face, Anger, etc actually mean anything or are they just figures of speech?

The answer of course being: yes, the Attributes such as Face, Anger etc do have a meaning and it is the meaning which is apparent - the Face of Allaah literally means His Face.

The Qur'aan states:

Indeed We have made it an Arabic Qur'aan, so that you might understand its meanings and its warnings.

[Soorah az Zukhruf (the 43rd chapter) verse 3]

So the Qur'aan is in Arabic, in a form that people can reflect upon – and this would not be possible if the meanings of the Qur'aan could not be understood. Otherwise there would be no significance in it being in Arabic or any other language.

The concept of **Tafweed** is the concept of entrusting knowledge about a certain Attribute of Allaah back to Allaah, because we do not have that knowledge.

The crucial point is that we entrust how an Attribute of Allaah is back to Him.

But we do not entrust the meaning of the Attribute back to Him – why? Because we know the meaning of His Attributes!

So to take one of His Attributes – His Face.

If we are asked about Allaah's Face, then we say:

We know what the meaning of Face is.

But as to how Allaah's Face is, then we entrust that knowledge back to Him because He has not told us about that and so we do not know about it.

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This was in contrast to the attitude of many people who have made the error of saying:

We don't know what the meaning of Allaah's Face is nor how it is – so we entrust all of this information back to Allaah.

For then the Attributes that Allaah describes Himself with would just be mere words, whose meaning is incomprehensible to us - just pretty words. And how could we fear Allaah's Anger or hope for Allaah's Mercy or take benefit from any of His Attributes when we have no idea what they mean?