



What are the best books regarding 'Aqeedah? A Question to Shaykh Bin Baaz

From the responses of his eminence,
ash-Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez bin 'Abdillah bin Baaz
may Allah have mercy on him

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Question: What are the books that his eminence advises to be read concerning the subject of 'Aqeedah (Islamic Creed)?

Answer: The best, greatest and most truthful book to be read in learning 'Aqeedah, the Islamic rulings and Akhlaaq (Islamic Morals) is the Book of Allah-Mighty & Majestic-which does not contain any falsehood within it, from the beginning of it to the end of it, It is a Book Divinely Revealed from the All-Wise, The One Who is Deservedly Praised.

And Allah-Mighty & Majestic-has said concerning it:

“Verily this is the Quraan that guides to what is upright and gives glad tidings to the believers those who do righteous good deeds so that they may obtain a great reward.” Soorah al-Israa’: 9

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And He-Mighty & Majestic-also says:

**“Say: It is for those who believe (a Book) of guidance and healing.”
Soorah Fussliat: 44**

And He-Glorified Most High-says concerning it:

**“A Book that We have sent to you, filled with blessings, that they
may ponder over His signs and that men of intellect may reflect.”
Soorah Saad: 29**

And He-Mighty & Majestic-says concerning it:

**“And this is a Book that We have sent, filled with blessings, so
follow it and fear Allah so maybe He may have mercy upon you all.”
Soorah al-Ana’aam: 155**

And He-Mighty & Majestic-says concerning it:

**“And We sent a Book to you clarifying everything a guidance, mercy
and glad tiding to those who believe.” Soorah An-Nahl: 89**

And the verses concerning this meaning are numerous.

And the Prophet-may the peace & blessings of Allah be upon him-said
concerning it, in the authentic narration during his final sermon during
the farewell pilgrimage:

“Verily I am leaving you that which will not lead you astray if you but
hold tight to it, it is the Book of Allah...”

And he-may the peace & blessings of Allah be upon him-said during his

sermon on the day of Ghadeer Khumm when he had returned to al-Madeenah from the farewell pilgrimage:

“Verily I am leaving you two very immense things the first is the Book of Allah which contains guidance and light so take from the Book of Allah and hold to it tenaciously.”

So he impelled others to be upon the Book of Allah and to desire it then he said:

“And the people of my household, I remind you all of Allah concerning the people of my household, I remind you all of Allah concerning the people of my household.” Both related by Muslim in his Saheeh the first being from the narration of Jaabir ibn Abdillah-may Allah be pleased with him-and the second from the narration of Zayd bin Arqam-may Allah be pleased with him.

And he-may peace & blessings be upon him-said:

“The best of you are those of you who learn the Quraan and then teach it.” Related by al-Bukhaaree in his Saheeh.

And he-may peace & blessings be upon him-said:

“Whoever seeks the path to obtain knowledge Allah will make clear the path to paradise, there is not a people who gather in a mosque from the mosques of Allah to recite the Book of Allah and to study it except that tranquility comes down on them, mercy covers them and the angels surround them, and Allah mentions them to those by Him.” Related by Muslim in his Saheeh from the narration of Aboo Hurayrah-may Allah be pleased with him.

And the narrations concerning this meaning are numerous.

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Then verily the best of books after the Noble Quraan are the books of the prophetic narrations and they are the books of the Sunnah like the two Saheehs and the four Sunan and other than that from the reliable books of the prophetic traditions, so it is befitting that you attend the sittings and circles that involve reciting the Noble Quraan and in learning it, and instructing the people in it, and in studying the books of the prophetic narrations and assisting with it, and instructing the people in it, and that is entrusted to the people of knowledge and insight, the trustworthy due to their knowledge, comprehension, advice and integrity.

And from the appropriate books concerning 'Aqeedah are reading Riyaadhus-Saaliheen, at-Targheeb wat-Tarheeb, al-Waabilus-Sayyab, 'Umdatul-Hadeeth ash-Shareef, Bulooghul-Maraam, Muntaqaa al-Akhbaar and other beneficial books of Hadeeth.

As for the books that have been authored regarding creed then from the best of them is Kitaabut-Tawheed by ash-Shaykh al-Imaam Muhammad bin 'Abdil-Wahhaab-may Allah have mercy on him-and its explanation by two of his grandchildren the first being ash-Shaykh Sulaymaan bin 'Abdillah bin Muhammad and the second ash-Shaykh 'Abdur-Rahmaan bin Hasan bin Muhammad and they are both entitled Tayseerul-'Azeez al-Hameed and Fathul-Majeed.

And other such as the Majmu'atut-Tawheed by ash-Shaykh Muhammad bin 'Abdil-Wahhaab-may Allah have mercy upon him-and likewise Kitaabul-Imaan, al-Qaa'idatul-Jaleelatu fee at-Tawassuli wal-Waseelah, al-'Aqeedatul-Waasiteeyah, at-Tadmureeyah, and al-Hamawiyah all five being written by Shaykh-ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah-may Allah have mercy upon him.

And others like Zaadul-Ma'aad fee Hadyee Khairil-'Ibaad, as-Sawaa'iqul-Mursalah 'ala al-Jahmiyyati wal-Mu'ttalah, Ijtima'ul-Juyushil-

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Islaameeyah, al-Qaseedatun-Nooniyyah and Ighaathatul-Lahfaan min Makaaid-ish-Shaytaan, all five of them being written by al-'Allamah Ibn al-Qayyim-may Allah have mercy upon him.

And others like the explanation of at-Tahaaweeyah by Ibn Abee al-'Izz and Manhaaj as-Sunnah by Shaykh-ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah, and Iqtidhaa-us-Siraatil-Mustaqeem authored by him as well, and Kitaab-ut-Tawheed by Ibn Khuzaymah and Kitaab-us-Sunnah by 'Abdullah bin al-Imaam Ahmad, and al-'Itisaam by ash-Shaatibee and other books written by Ahlus-Sunnah that explain the Creed of Ahlus-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah.

And from the most compiled legal rulings are those of Shaykh-ul-Islaam Ibn Taymeeyah and ad-Durar-us-Saniyyah fil-Fataawaa an-Najdiyyah compiled by al-'Allamah ash-Shaykh 'Abdir-Rahmaan bin Qaasim-may Allah have mercy upon him.