

Principles Regarding Allaah's Names

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1. All of Allaah's names are beautiful and perfect. The proof is the saying of Allaah: **"To Him belong the most beautiful names."** [Taa-haa 20:8]
2. The names of Allaah aren't restricted to a certain number. The prophet said: **"I ask You oh Allaah, by every one of Your names, by which You have named Yourself, or revealed in Your book, or those that You have taught to one of Your creation, or those You have kept for Yourself in the knowledge of the unseen that is with You".** [Ahmad in his Musnad & ibn Hibbaan]. This hadeeth proves that there are names of Allaah that He has not revealed. The prophet said: **"Allaah has 99 names, who ever correctly preserves them and acts in accordance with them will enter Paradise."** [Bukhaaree and Muslim].
3. The names of Allaah are not affirmed by the intellect. They can only be affirmed by revelation. [Book & Sunnah]. To speak about Allaah without knowledge is haraam.
4. Each of Allaah's names applies to: a] Allaah Himself, b] The attribute that the name carries, c] The effect of the name of it is transitive.

An example of those names that are not transitive [don't have an effect] is the name of Al-Adheem [The most great]. Your Eemaan is not complete until you believe that it is a name of Allaah, whose meaning applies to Him [Allaah]. And to believe in the attribute that it carries which is His Greatness. An example of a name that is transitive has an effect] is the name of Allaah Ar-Rahmaan [The most Merciful]. One's Eemaan is not complete until he believes that is a name of Allaah, the attribute of Mercy and that He bestows His Mercy to whoever He wills.