

# “Calling to Allah is Two Types”

As-Shaykh Muhammad Amaan al-Jaami [d. AH 1416] said, “There are two types of calling to Allah:

## 1. A Fundamental call to Allah:

This call is directed towards non-Muslims. This call includes teaching them Islamic belief (‘aqeedah) along with certain general and specific components of Islam according to the caller’s ability.

## 2. A Call to the Correction of Islam:

This call is directed towards Muslims who have deviated from the correct understanding of their religion, have become ignorant of how to worship Allah correctly or have fallen into polytheism (ash-Shirk).

An example of Muslims who have deviated are those who say that the meaning of our testimony of faith is that: There is no creator, provider or controller of affairs except Allah. This is not sufficient in explaining the meaning of our testimony of faith! This explanation only concedes to the fact that Allah, the Most High, deserves to be singled out in lordship. This faulty explanation doesn’t concede to the fact that He, the Most High, deserves to be singled out in worship. [Think about it], even though Aboo Jahl <sup>1</sup> and every other non-Muslim concede to the fact that Allah, the Most High, deserves to be singled out as the only creator, provider and controller of affairs, [they still are not considered Muslims]. Allah, the Most High, says, **‘And if you were to ask them (the disbelievers) who is the one who created the heavens and the earth, they would certainly say Allah.’** <sup>2</sup>

More precisely, the correct meaning of our testimony of faith is that: There is no God that deserves to be worshiped except Allah. (al-Jaami 18).” <sup>3</sup> / <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Aboo Hakm ‘Amr bin Hishaam (a.k.a. Aboo Jahl), may Allah curse him, was one of Islam’s greatest enemies. Mu’aath bin ‘Amr and Mu’aath bin ‘Ufraa wounded him during The Battle of Badr. After Aboo Jahl was wounded, Abdullah bin Mas’ood found him suffering and put him to death.

<sup>2</sup> Sooratuz-Zumar: 38

<sup>3</sup> Al-Jaami, Muhammad. An Explanation of the Three Principles. Al-Madinah: Maktabah Daar an-Naseehah. 1428/2007

<sup>4</sup> Translator’s note: Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, is to be simultaneously singled out in lordship, in worship and in His names and attributes.