

What is al-Haakeemiyah?

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The reality of the term Al-Haakeemiyah and how it concerns all of us.

Question:

Shaykana we know that the scholars of the Salaf classified Tawhid into three categories, with this being known is it possible to say that there is a fourth category of Tawhid called Tawhid al-Haakeemiyah or Tawhid al Hokum?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (^{رَجَمَهُ اللَّهُ})¹

It is not permissible (Abshir) good news but our answer/refutation is not to be done in just this manner, (meaning it is not as simple as that). See, Al-Haakeemiyah is branch of the branches of Al-Ulooheeyyah. Those that revolve around, and focus on this terminology in this day of ours, they use it not as a tool to teach the Muslimeen Tawhid that the Prophets and Messengers all came with, rather they use it as political weaponry. And in order to prove to you what I just said, (and I have given the answer to this question many times) I can repeat to you my previous answer concerning this specific question. So if you wish (and this is between me and you) I will go further (meaning I will delve further into the topic if you wish), and If you don't we can go to the next question. The questioner replied rather if you wish our Shaykh, the Shaykh said but I do not want to force anyone to listen to this if they don't want to, so it is up to you, do you want to hear the answer? Yes. I answered this question in a similar sitting from before, as a support to what I just stated (of it not being permissible) that using the word al-Ilahhyah (should be Haakeemiyah) is in essence a propaganda tool used to support a political agenda, that some of the ahzab (partisan based groups) are promoting today. And I recall here a story concerning this topic, a story that happened between me and a khateeb in Damascus. He gave a khutbah on the day of Jumu'ah and his khutbah from the beginning to the end was about al-Haakeemiyah / rulership being for Allaah alone. Now this human being made a mistake in an issue of Fiqh, so after Salaat al Jumu'ah. I walked toward him gave my Salaam and introduced myself then I explained to him I noticed a mistake he had made concerning a certain Fiqh issue. I said to

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him O' Brother you said such and such but it is in opposition to what the Sunnah has legislated. He replied well I am Hanafee and what I stated is what is in the Hanafee Madhab. So I said Subhaanallaah! You gave a whole Khutbah of al-Haakeemiyah being for Allaah alone then you say this. You people use this term against the rulers that you deem to be Kuffaar because they don't rule by the Islaamic Sharee'ah. Yet have you forgotten yourselves! This Haakeemiyah encompasses all the Muslims, so why is it I tell you the Prophet ordered such and such, but you reply with my Madhab states otherwise. You have (just contradicted yourself and) opposed what you call the people to! If it was not for the fact, that they (al-ahzaab- partisan based groups) used this term as a slogan to support their political agendas we would merely look upon it and say "this is our merchandise returning to us". The Da'wah we call the people to embrace encompasses al-Haakeemiyah and other than it. Tawhid al-Ulooheeyyah and Tawhid al-Ibaadah (worship) encompasses that particular issue you are concerned with. Rather we are the people that have spread what you use when you are speaking about al-Haakeemiyah. As is narrated in the Hadeeth of Hudayfah ibn-Al-yamann, {The Prophet ﷺ him recited upon the honourable Sahaabah the ayah "**And they took their priests and monks as lords besides Allaah**" Addy Ibn-Haatim al-Tahiy upon hearing this said By Allaah O' Messenger of Allaah we did not take them as lords besides Allaah. The Prophet ﷺ said: **is not that when they made for you something that was permissible, impermissible you followed and made it impermissible, likewise when they made for you something that was impermissible, permissible did you not follow suit and make it permissible.** Haatim replied as for this, then yes this happened. The Prophet ﷺ replied **this is you taking them as lords besides Allaah.**} We are the ones that spread this Hadeeth till it reached the rest of the people. Then they continued on to modify a portion of Tawhid Ulooheeyyah and al-Ibaadah using this newly invented term as their guideline, and they do so only for political reasons. I don't see anything wrong with this terminology in itself, if it was not for them using it as a slogan for their political agendas while they do not act upon what it embodies. Rather it is as I stated before a portion of Tawhid al-Ibaadah, but you see them worshiping Allaah in anyway they please and the rest as I illustrated before in the story of the khateeb of Damascus. When told to him this is the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ he answered back "My Madhab is this". Al-Haakeemiyah being for Allaah, is not just to be assumed upon the Kuffaar and Mushrikeen, rather also upon the worshipers of Allaah that worship Allaah in way that Allaah has not legislated in his book nor his Prophet ﷺ in his Sunnah. This is what I recall of an answer concerning this question at this time.