

The adab of disagreement among Muslims

Disagreement does not have to become contempt. Revelation gives Muslims a way to pursue truth while protecting brotherhood and justice.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Anfal 8:46, Surah al-Hujurat 49:10

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Conflict can consume collective strength

Allah commands believers not to dispute in a way that causes failure and drains their strength (al-Anfal 8:46). Winning an argument can still leave the community weaker, the heart harder, and the truth less visible.

2. Correct the idea without erasing the person

A Muslim can be mistaken and still retain rights over us. Describe the claim accurately, answer what was actually said, and avoid assigning hidden motives. Justice is required even when affection is absent.

3. Know which differences are established

Some questions have clear evidence and some have recognised scholarly disagreement. A khateeb should know the difference before turning one valid position into a test of another Muslim's sincerity.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Return to the centrepiece and gather the message around one honest change connected to the adab of disagreement among muslims.

Suggested closing: O Allah, show us truth as truth and help us follow it. Show us falsehood as falsehood and help us leave it. Keep our hearts just toward those who disagree with us.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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