

With regard to the texts, they acknowledge that the texts of the Qur'an and Sunnah apparently, and even clearly, support the view of ahl as-Sunnah wal-jamâ'ah, and that in order to support their false view, the texts need to be interpreted in a manner other than that which is indicated by the apparent meaning, and they think that the texts should be added to and subtracted from. This, as you can see, is not acceptable to one who has the slightest amount of faith in his heart.

From a rational point of view, there is nothing to support the notion that these attributes should be denied; rather reason indicates that being able to do a thing is more perfect than not being able to do it, and that divine actions having to do with the divine essence and those having to do with His creation are perfect. If they say that affirming these attributes is likening Him to His creation, the response is: speaking of the divine attributes is like speaking about the divine essence. Just as Allah has an essence that is not like any other essence, Allah has attributes that are not like the attributes of others. His attributes are connected to His essence, and the attributes of His creation are connected to their essences. Affirming them does not imply likening Him to His creation in any way whatsoever.

It may also be said to the one who affirms some of the attributes and denies others, or affirms the divine names but not the divine attributes: either you affirm everything that Allah has affirmed for Himself and that His Messenger (ﷺ) has affirmed, or you deny everything, which amounts to denying the very existence of the Lord of the worlds. As for your affirming some of the attributes and denying some, we say: show us the difference between those which you affirm and those which you deny; you will never find any difference between them. If you say: those attributes that I affirm do not lead to likening Him to His creation, the response of ahl as-Sunnah is: affirming what you deny does not imply likening Him to His creation. If you say: I do not see in that which I deny anything but likening Allah to His creation, those who deny all the attributes will say: we do