

## The Two Types of *Hidaayah* (Guidance)

### I. *ad-Da-laa-lah* or *al-Ir-shaad* (Showing the Way)

This type of *Hidaayah* (Guidance) is through *information* or *knowledge* which someone uses to **guide** others to the *right way*, to **direct** them, or **show** them right from wrong, to distinguish the *right path* from the *wrong past*.

*Hidaayah ad-Dalaalah* is possible for every human being. Everyone has the potential or ability to guide or direct other people by their *knowledge*. It is the way of the Prophets and Messengers (Alaihimus-Salaam), as well as their followers, the scholars and the callers who call to the *Way of Allah*.

Allah, the Most High, **confirms** this type of *Hidaayah* for the Prophet ﷺ in the Qur'an:

"...And verily, **you** (O Muhammad) are indeed **guiding** (mankind) to the Straight Path (i.e. Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism)[by knowledge]." [ash-Shooraa 42:52]

### II. *at-Tawfeeq* (Success in Following the Way)

This type of *Hidaayah* (Guidance) is the ability to guide a person in their *actions* so that they will be **successful** in **doing** that which is pleasing to Allah and earning His Paradise.

*Hidaayah at-Tawfeeq* is the exclusive right of Allaah, as it is only Allah that can guide a person in this way that guarantees for him the **success** of entering the Paradise.

Allah, the Most High, **negates** this type of *Hidaayah* for the Prophet ﷺ in the Qur'an:

"Verily **you** (O Muhammad) **guide not** whom you like, but **Allah guides** whom He wills. And He knows best those who are the guided." [al-Qasas 28:56]

The responsibility of the people is merely to **show** others the way. However, the guidance which **guarantees reaching the destination** (i.e. al-Jannah), or that one will be **successful** in dying on the right path, worshipping Allah Alone - this is something that is with Allah Alone, and which no human being has any control over.