

Lesson 3

Topic: *Ijtihad and Taqleed*

Islamic Law

Books One and Two

Handbook of Islamic rulings on Muslims' duties and practices

Experts in Islamic Law, i.e. the *mujtahids* use such sources as the Holy Qur'an and the *sunnah* or teachings of Allah's messenger for deriving the Islamic rulings concerning various domains and this is called *Ijtihad*.

Taqleed is to act according to the judgements/verdicts of a fully qualified *Mujtahid*. He who does so is referred to as *Moqallid*.

Mokallaf, literally meaning "duty-bound" or "one who is under obligation", is in reference to religious obligations that are applicable to a sane individual from the age of adolescence.