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## Shaykh Ibnul-'Uthaymeen On Tolerance In Differing

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*Ash-Shaykh al-Allamah Muhammad bin Saalih al-Uthaymeen said in Kitaabul-'Ilm:*

“The fourth matter: Tolerance of the heart in matters of differences of opinion. The heart (of the student of knowledge) should be tolerant in matters of differences of opinions which originate from *Ijtihad* (qualified independent deduction). The issues, over which the scholars hold differing opinions, are either from that which there is no scope for *Ijtihad*, as the issue is so clear that there is no excuse for anyone to oppose it or that there is scope for *Ijtihad*, and this provides an excuse for one differing in them. Your opinion does not become proof against one who opposes you, because if we were to accept this, then we would also accept the opposite: that this statement is a proof against you.

And my intent here is opinions where there is a scope for this and for which it is allowed for people to differ.

As for opposing the way of the *Salaf* in such matters as '*Aqeedah* (Creed or belief), then opposing the Rightly Guided Predecessors is not accepted from anyone. However, in other matters where there is scope for opinions, then it is not befitting to undertake a verbal attack against those who differ in opinion nor take this a reason to spread hostility and hatred.

The Companions (may Allaah be pleased with them) used to differ in opinion in many matters. So he who wishes to read about their differences, then refer to those traditions that are available regarding them, and you will find many differences of opinion amongst them. And those issues were greater than that which people these days have taken as a custom, until that the people of today have adopted *hizbiyyah* (partisanship) by saying: I am with such and such and I am with such and such, as if the matter is a matter of [forming] parties. Indeed this is a grave mistake.”

(See [www.IbnOthaimen.com](http://www.IbnOthaimen.com)).