



Question:

According to Shi`ahs and Sunnis who is entitled to interpret the Qur`an?

Answer:

Shi`ahs believe that `Imams of the Household of the Prophet are entitled to explain and interpret the Qur`an because the Household of the Prophet (s.a.w.) are the followers of the Reminder that in the verse "So ask the followers of the Reminder if you do not know" [1] God has ordered to refer to them, and in the verse "...but none knows its interpretation except `Allah ,and those who are firmly rooted in knowledge..." [2] God says that they are aware of the interpretation of the Qur`an. [3] Sunnis believe that ,first, all the Companions (sahabah) and then the scholars of the Ummah are entitled to explain the Qur`an , and most of them have said that nobody is aware of the interpretation (ta`wil) of the Qur`an except Allah.

[4]Reference:

[1] Qur`an- Surah 16:43

[2] Qur`an- Surah 3:7

[3] With truthful people, p. 28.

[4] With truthful people, p. 26.

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