

## Extremism in Takfeer

Study Notes  
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**Note:** The revision notes below should not be solely relied upon. They are to be utilised along with their corresponding explanations delivered during the lessons.

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### PRINCIPLE EIGHT

This principle dictates that the mother of all verses used to pronounce 'takfeer' is surah al Ma'idah verse 44. It must be understood that this verse is general and not to be applied specifically on some people and not on others.

### EVIDENCE FOR PRINCIPLE EIGHT

Our beloved Shaykh, Shaykh Alee Hasan, gave a very clear explanation of this from the verse of *Surah Al-Maa'idah*. He said: "...where Allaah said: **"wa man.."** which means **"and whoever.."** this shows it is general for anybody without any exception..."<sup>1</sup>

He also mentioned that where Allaah said: **"..bi maa.."** which means **"..with whatever.."** this shows that it is referring to any issue of legislation not just politics, or legislated punishments or *jihad*. So it is as the principle states: "the evidence is in the generality of the wording not in the specific reason of its revelation."<sup>2</sup>

The saying of Al-Qurtubee (rahimahullaah):

"And Ibn Masood, and Al-Hassan said: "It is general for everyone that does not judge by what Allaah has revealed. Meaning, believing in that, and making that *halaal*." [Al Jaami le Ahkaam al Quraan 6/190]

And As-Su'oodee and Ibraheem An-Nakhee said similar. [See Tafseer At-Tabari 10/356-357]

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<sup>1</sup> One exception is that it is not applied upon the Muslim rulers [see chapter four]

<sup>2</sup> Even if we were to look into the specific reason of its revelation we find that it was specific to the *Jews*. [see chapter three]