

The Second Level of Islam: Imaan

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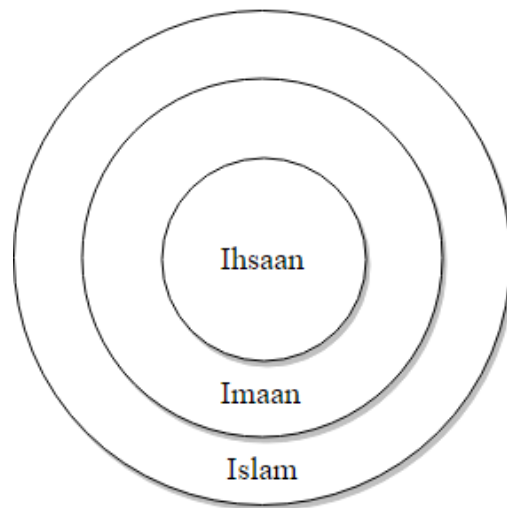
【 Commentary 】

The second Level: Imaan: that is: the second level from the three levels of the religion. Imaan is more specific than Islam. If they come together, the term Islam means the outward actions and the term Imaan is for the internal beliefs. If one of the two is mentioned, then it includes the other, except that Imaan is more specific than Islam and Islam is more general than Imaan.

Allah, the Exalted said addressing the bedouins who said they believed, criticizing them for that:

قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا قُلْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قَوْلُوا أَسْلَمْنَا

The bedouins say: "We believe." Say: "You believe not but you only say, 'We have surrendered (in Islam) [49:14]"



These circles represent the levels of the religion: Islam, Imaan, Ihsan