

SOURCE 2: THE SUNNA

- Definition:
 - Lexical: Normative practice
 - Legal (*Usuli*): The Prophet’s non-Qur’anic statements, actions and tacit approvals

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- Evidence:
 1. Qur’an:
 - *“He does not say anything out of his own whim. (His speech) is nothing less than divine inspiration.” (al-Najm, 53:3-4)*
 - *“And We have revealed unto you the Remembrance, that you may explain to mankind what has been revealed for them.” (al-Nahl, 16:44)*
 - Verses that command us to obey the Prophet (peace be upon him)
 2. Ijmā` (Scholarly Consensus)

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- Types of Sunna
 - Verbal
 - *“Islam is founded on five pillars.” (Bukhari)*
 - Actual
 - *“The Prophet (peace be upon him) used to perform (a fresh) ablution for every prayer.” (Bukhari)*
 - Tacitly Approved
 - *‘Amr b. al-‘Āṣ and tayammum (Bukhari)*

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• Grades of Authenticity

1. *Mutawātir*

1. *Lafẓī*

- "Whoever deliberately attributes a lie to me, let him find his resting place in the Hellfire."

2. *Ma'nawī*

- Raising hands during supplication

2. *Mashhūr* (Famous)

- "A woman shall not be married to a man who has married her maternal or paternal aunt."

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• Grades of Authenticity (contd.)

3. *Āḥād* (Solitary)

1. *Ṣaḥīḥ* (sound)

2. *Ḥasan* (fair)

3. *Da'īf* (weak)

4. *Da'īf Jiddan* (very weak)

5. *Mawḍū'* (forgery)

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• Scope of Sunnah

1. Reiterates and confirms the Qur'an

- "It is unlawful to take the property of a Muslim without his express consent." (Ahmad)
- *al-Nisa'*, 4:29

2. Explains the Qur'an

- Prayer times, conditions, and units

3. Adds to the Qur'an

- Prohibition of marriage between a woman and a man who has married her maternal or paternal aunt
- Prohibition of eating predatory animals
- Obligation of *ṣadaqa al-fitr*
- Punishment by stoning
