

Argue with them-Who are them?

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Allaah (Glorified be He) says (what means): **[Invite (mankind, O Muhammad peace be upon him) to the Way of your Lord (i.e. Islaam) with wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Revelation and the Qur'aan) and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better.]**¹ To whom does the pronoun "them" refer in Allaah's Saying: **"argue with them"**?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)²: The pronoun refers to the invited people and the Aayah (Qur'aanic verse) means: call people to the Way of your Lord. The pronoun "them" in "argue with them" refers to those called people, whether they are Muslims or non-Muslims. The same meaning is manifested in the Saying of Allaah (Exalted be He): **[And argue not with the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), unless it be in (a way) that is better (with good words and in good manner, inviting them to Islaamic Monotheism with His Verses)]**³. The People of the Book are the Jews and Christians. They are Kaafirs (disbelievers); therefore, it is impermissible to argue with them unless it be in a good manner, except for the oppressive people among them who should be treated in the manner they deserve.

¹ Soorah an-Nahl [16:125]

² (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

³ Soorah al-Ankaboot [29:46]