**Chapter: Having faith that Allāh is above His Throne, separate and distinct from His creation, and His knowledge encompasses all His creation.** The Muslims from the Companions, the Successor and all of the people of knowledge from amongst the believers are unanimously agreed that Allāh is above His Throne, above His heavens, separate and distinct from His creation, and His knowledge encompasses all of his creation. No one denies this except one who traversed the doctrine of the Hulūliyyah, and they are a people whose hearts deviated and whom Satan beguiled, and thus, they left the religion, and they said, "There is no place devoid of Allāh's essence."<sup>751</sup>

Abu 'Umar at-Talamankī al-Andalūsī (d. 429H):

قال في كتابه: الوصول إلى معرفة الأصول: أجمع المسلمون من أهل السنة على أن معنى قوله : وهو معكم أينما كنتم . ونحو ذلك من القرآن : أنه علمه ، وأن الله تعالى فوق السموات بذاته مستو على عرشه كيف شاء

He said in the book *al-Wusūl ilā* Maʻrifah *al-Usūl*, which is in two volumes: "The Muslims from Ahl us-Sunnah are united that the meaning of His statement, 'He is with you wherever you may be' and what is similar to this from the Qur'ān is that it refers to His knowledge, and that Allāh, the Exalted, is above the heavens, with His essence (*bi dhātihī*), ascended over His Throne however he wills.<sup>752</sup>

Abu Nasr al-Sizjī (d. 444H):

فأئمتنا كسفيان الثوري ومالك وسفيان بن عيينة وحاد بن سلمة وحاد بن زيد وعبد الله بن المبارك وفضيل بن عياض واحمد بن حنبل وإسحاق بن إبراهيم الحنظلي متفقون على أن الله سبحانه بذاته فوق العرش وأن علمه بكل مكان وأنه يرى يوم القيامة بالأبصار فوق العرش وأنه ينزل إلى سماء الدنيا وأنه يغضب ويرضى ويتكلم بما شاء فمن خالف شيئا من ذلك فهو منهم بريء وهم منه براء

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>751</sup> Al-Ibānah ʿan Sharīʿah al-Firqah an-Nājiyah of Ibn Battah (3/163).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>752</sup> Mukhtasar al-ʿUluww (al-Maktab al-Islāmī, Beirut, 1991), p. 264.