

Give me a definition of a Saheeh Hadeeth, from Hadeeth!

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A Shaykh was sitting in Makkah, when somebody came up to him and said, **'I wish to debate with you on certain masa'il (rulings). However, my condition is that we dont use Kalam ul-Rijal. We dont want proof for evidence from any human being. Only from Quran and Hadeeth.'** So Shaykh said, **"Ok. What type of hadeeth?"** The person replied, **"We want sahih (sound, authenticated) hadeeth. And i dont want any statement of any human being."** Shaykh said, **"Ok. But before we start, can you give me the definition of a sahih (authentic) hadeeth?"** So the person gave the definiton. Shaykh replied, **"Give me a definition which is not from the statements of men. You made a condition that we only use Quran and hadith. So if you can do that then we shall continue insha'Allah."** The person couldnt say anything, and went away.

Ultimately, its impossible not to make taqleed of someone. Even when it comes to the definition of what a sahih hadeeth is, you have to rely on the Scholars before you. So every person is doing taqleed.