
Shaykh al-Albaanee's patience and precision

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An amusing conversation: Shaykh al-Albaanee's patience and precision in helping people get their questions right before answering them

[There are about three to four people addressing the Shaykh in this conversation.]

Questioner: What is the ruling concerning buying and selling with someone who trades in things forbidden in the legislation?

Someone Else: ... what is the ruling concerning buying from someone who sells forbidden things ...

Questioner: ... carrying out transactions buying and selling with someone who trades in things forbidden in the legislation?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: He trades in forbidden things ... ya'nee, the person who wants to transact with him wants to buy some permissible things from him but he in fact also sells forbidden things, is that what you mean?

Questioner: Hmm.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Like he sells alcohol and also, for example, sells rice and dates? Correct?

Questioner: No.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Why no?

Someone Else: Drugs, O Shaykh ...

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¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Na'am?

Someone Else: Drugs ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): He [i.e., the original questioner already] said transactions with something forbidden, from this it is beyond doubt that he holds them to be impermissible [i.e., so obviously it would include drugs, i.e., you haven't brought any new information with your input].

Questioner: ... forbidden ... all he sells is drugs ...

[They all start talking at once.]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Listen Yaa Jamaa'ah ... I haven't been able to understand one of you for me to now understand three of you ...

[Talking amongst themselves asking the original questioner what he is trying to ask.]

Questioner: ... what is the ruling concerning buying and selling with someone who trades in forbidden things ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): May Allaah bless you, doing business with him in something haraam or halaal? Carrying out a transaction with this man who sells forbidden things ... I for example ... I want to carry out a transaction with him, to buy from him, will I be buying something halaal or haraam?

[Questioner hesitates again and they start laughing.]

Interjection: Shaykh, he means ... sorry ... this man deals in haraam things ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): ... I understood that.

Interjection: ... he deals with him, he's asking ... what's the ruling ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): And what am I saying? What am I saying? And what are you explaining?

[They start laughing.]

Interjection: Yaa Shaykh ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Subhaanallaah, Yaa Akhee, there's a man who sells alcohol ...

Interjection: Yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): ... and dates ...

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Interjection: No, no, he doesn't mean that he sells anything else, he means that all ...

Interjection: ... he means drugs, Yaa Shaykh ...

Interjection: ... Yaa Shaykh ...

Interjection: ... of his business is forbidden, so should he carry out transactions with him, he means that?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): He means what, Yaa akhee?

Interjection: He means this trader who deals in drugs and alcohol ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): He does business with him, what does he mean by "... does business/interacts with him?"

Interjection: He deals with him in some interactions ...

Interjection: ... [for example] get married ...

Interjection: ... yes, not that he does business with him ...

[Talking all at once.]

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Yaa akhee, what do you mean by, 'does business/interacts with him?' What does he mean?

Interjection: Ask him.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): We did, and where did it get us?

[They start laughing.]

Interjection: Dealing with him in things like ...

Interjection: ... getting married and, and, and, and ... divorce, [the question having now progressed to mean dealing with such a person in a social setting, then addressing the original questioner to clarify if he does mean this] dealing with him socially or in business?

Interjection: He buys forbidden things ...

Interjection: Yaa Shaykh ...

Interjection: and you ... he comes and takes from you.

[They clarify the question a bit more from the original questioner, then finally having understood what he meant ...]

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Interjection: This [brother] will explain [the question] on his behalf, Yaa Shaykh ... Shaykh, this [brother] will explain [the question] on his behalf ...

Interjection: He's saying that this man sells drugs and alcohol, and now you work in a store or something, and sell halaal things, then he comes and buys from you ...

Interjection: ... is it allowed for you to transact with him ...

Interjection: ... ya'nee, you're not buying alcohol or anything from him ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Ya'nee, he's buying from me?

Interjection: Yes, he's buying from you.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): So, he's dealing with me and it's not that I'm dealing with him...

[Laughing slightly because they have finally conveyed the question to the Shaykh.]

Is it like that?

[Laughing heard.]

If it's like that: what is it that I sell, [something] haraam or halaal? If I sell something halaal to him then it's halaal, and if I sell something haraam to him then it's haraam, and if I sell something halaal to him which he will immediately use to help him do something haraam, then it's not allowed for me to sell it to him, do you understand?

Interjection: Yes.

Interjection: Yaa Shaykh, a question, Yaa Shaykh ...

Interjection: A question, Yaa Shaykh ...

Interjection: Hold on ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Tafaddal.