
There is no shyness in the Religion

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Question: To what extent is the saying "There is no shyness in the Religion" correct?

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: We find evidence for a saying similar to this – if it is understood in the correct way – in a statement reported in Saheeh Muslim. And it is the saying of 'Aaishah, the Mother of The Believers (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا)²: "May Allaah have mercy on the Ansaar women. Their shyness does not prevent them from acquiring knowledge and understanding of the Religion." However, this statement necessitates that some limitations be set to it, because the sayings reported (in the ahaadeeth) provide explanations for one another.

Therefore, we say:

If such a statement is made during the circumstances of:

- 1) researching some knowledge,
- 2) asking a question, or
- 3) in the context of acquiring knowledge of the Religion, or
- 4) if it is put in a proper place (i.e. situation), then it is correct. As for when it is said: "There is no shyness in the Religion" without putting any limitations to it, then it is not correct since "**Shyness is part of Faith (Eemaan)**", as has been stated by the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا) (rad iyallaahu `anhaa) May Allaah be pleased with her

³ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him