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

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Thus we say this thing is repulsive, while we know it is the creation of Allaah. And we know the person who is a created being does not possess in his hand any choice in the matter. Thus how can we find him repulsive?

Thus a white man—and this occurs amongst the disbelievers—will deem a black man to be repulsive; his appearance, his statue, his nose, his lips and the like. And in contrast perhaps you will find a black man, who deems a white man to be repulsive, declaring him to be a leper; while he is not a leper but rather he is extremely white.

Whether it is the white man laughing at and mocking the black man, or the black man laughing at and mocking the white man; in reality the ridicule shifts from them to the One who created them and created their appearance.

And this is indicated in the statement of the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)²:

لَا تَسُبُّوا الدَّهْرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الدَّهْرُ

“Do not insult the time, for it is Allaah Who is the time”

Why do we not insult the time? Because Allaah is the One who arranges the time, so if you insulted the time, what is this time? Does the time do as it wants? Or is it designed without having a choice? According to the believer it is decided and planned without having a choice. Decided by whom? It is decided by the Creator who does as He wills, the One who does what He intends. Thus when you insult the time, this insult returns to the Creator of the time. For this reason the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: **“Do not insult the time, for it is Allaah who is the time;”** meaning the Creator of time.

This is exactly like what comes in the authentic narration:

إِنَّ مِنْ أَكْبَرِ الْكَبَائِرِ أَنْ يَسُبَّ الرَّجُلُ أَبَاهُ

“Verily it is from the greatest of sins for a man to insult his father.”

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

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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قَالُوا : وَكَيْفَ يَسُبُّ أَبَاهُ ؟ قَالَ : "يَسُبُّ أَبَا الرَّجُلِ فَيَسُبُّ أَبَاهُ

They said: And how does a man insult his father? He (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) replied: "He insults the father of another man who in turn insults his father."

This means it is from the greatest of sins for a Muslim man to be the reason that his father is insulted. It is from the greatest of sins for a Muslim to be the reason his father is insulted. Is it not from the greatest of sins for a Muslim to be the cause of Allaah being insulted? Yes, this is even more so the case.

Thus it is not permissible for us to deem anything from Allaah's creation to be repulsive; because He created it with His will and choice. As Allaah (سبحانه وتعالى)³ said in the Qur'aan:

وَرَبُّكَ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ

[And your Lord creates whatsoever He wills and chooses]⁴

The creation does not have a choice. Allaah is free from the partners they associate with Him.

[To hear this lecture in its entirety refer to: 024-سلسلة الهدى والنور-024]

³ (سبحانه وتعالى) (Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) The Exalted, The Most High

⁴ سورة القصص - Soorah al-Qasas [28:68]