
Correct method of exhorting dying person to say Shahahdah

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

The Imaam said, “[What is meant by] exhorting a dying person to say Laa ilaaha illaallaah at the time of death [i.e., the talqeen] is not that the Shahahdah be mentioned in his presence and that he [just] be made to hear it—rather it is that he be directed to say it—in opposition to what some people think, and the proof is the hadeeth of Anas, (رضي الله عنه)¹, ‘That Allaah’s Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² visited a man from the Ansaar, and said, ‘**O maternal uncle! Say, ‘Laa ilaaha illaallaah!’** So he said, ‘[Am I] a maternal or paternal uncle?’ So he said, ‘**A maternal one.**’ He said, ‘Is it better for me to say, ‘Laa ilaaha illaallaah?’” So the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said, ‘**Yes.**’”

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

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