
No 'how' in the matters of the Unseen

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Questioner: In the hadeeth of the Prophet's (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ Ascent to the Heavens, when the prayer was prescribed upon him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and Moosaa (عليه السلام)² asked him to go back [and ask for the number of prayers to be reduced] ... how [exactly] was it?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah)³: There is no 'how' in the matters of the Unseen, may Allaah bless you!

Regarding the matters of the Unseen, take [the following] as the principle and relax: there is no 'how' in the matters of the Unseen. People other than you twist and turn [this way and that], and go on at length but in the end they conclude with this word which you just said now, 'How?'

There is no, 'How?' in the matters of the Unseen.

There is only total and complete faith, without [the question], 'How?'

Because that world is metaphysical [lit. '... behind or beyond matter ...'] as they say today, that which is beyond the intellect ... our physical world cannot be compared to it and vice versa.⁴

¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

² (عليه السلام) (alaihissalaam) Peace be upon him

³ (rahimahullaah) (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) May Allaah have mercy on him

⁴ *Al-Hudaa wan-Noor*, 28