

Seeking refuge from four things

Translation of the Du'aa and summary of the Shaykh's speech by Mikail ibn Mahboob Ariff
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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا
تَشْبَعُ وَمِنْ دَعَاءٍ لَا يَسْمَعُ

O Allaah, I seek refuge with You from knowledge that does not benefit, from a heart that is not humbly submissive; from a soul that is never satisfied, and from a supplication that is not given a response.¹

This is the Du'aa **Shaykh al-Albaanee** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)² concluded his sitting with once when he was asked about the permissibility of videotaping Islaamic talks since one might think the video will have a greater effect (than audio alone).

After responding that videotaping also falls into that which is prohibited (excusable only by necessity or pressing need), the Shaykh (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) added an additional beautiful point of benefit-contrary to these videos (of people) being more effective, it is likely to lead to a disastrous consequence: that of callers becoming amazed by themselves and not benefiting themselves from knowledge.

It is enough evil for a person (to be afflicted by), the Shaykh (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said, that people point him out with their fingers [like celebrities].

وَاللَّهُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ

Wallaahul musta'aan.³

¹ Sunan al-Nasaa'ee 5537. Graded Saheeh by Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

³ (وَاللَّهُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ) (Wallaahul musta'aan) And Allaah is the One whose help is sought.