

Is it allowed to keep the daily newspaper inside the house?

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

Question: Is it allowed to keep the daily newspaper inside the house (as it also contains pictures)? How do we understand the hadeeth the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم: **“The angels do not enter into a house (room) where there is a picture”**¹ and other similar ahaadeeth about those that make pictures that they will be tortured on the Day of Resurrection?

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: The issue is as mentioned by questioner regarding the danger of pictures or picture-taking. Indeed there is a great threat as it relates to it and it is very dangerous. For this reason, that which the Muslims should do as it relates to these pictures, is to only keep in his home that which is of dire necessity, or if there is a great need for these pictures. That which there is no need for should be gotten rid of. That which remains should be only pictures known as (الصور الممتحنة) – the pictures that are not used for glorification by being placed on walls etc. As it relates to other than these types of pictures then one should strive to get rid of rest of them to best of his ability because it is a dangerous issue.

¹ Reported by Ibn Maajah and An-Nasaa'ee. Shaykh al-Albaanee رحمه الله says Saheeh in Saheeh al-Jaami' (#7262), Sunan an-Nasaa'ee (#4282) and Sunan Ibn Maajah (#3649).