

Shaykh al-Albaanee gives young man advice on being gay

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

Questioner: Another problem, one of the brothers, O Shaykh, I got a message of his yesterday, wallaahi, makes you cry.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Allaahul-Musta'aan.

Questioner: Can I read it to you? It's short, ya'nee ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Tafaddal.

Questioner: "I have a problem and I don't know if there is a solution to it, especially since I've tried and failed. Before I mention it I want to let you know that I don't want to identify myself I'll just go by the name 'Abdullaah.'

I have a big problem which is ruining my life. I'm in the prime of my youth and unfortunately I suffer from the sickness of homosexuality. I have no sexual desire for the opposite sex, my sexual inclination is for those of my own sex, other men. It started in puberty and, truth be told, I ignored it because I thought that it would pass with time and I didn't appreciate how dangerous this issue was until after I was twenty years old when I started to try and find out if there was a medical cure for it but they said that this sickness will stay with you for as long as you live."

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Au'oothubillah.

Questioner: "And things have worsened especially since now I'm at the age to get married and my family are insisting on getting me married and I just try to divert the topic every time they bring it up because I don't want to oppress [any future spouse]. I can't tell my family about it, I haven't told a soul about this. I have opened my heart up to you hoping that you can help me, with Allaah's Permission."

So by Allaah, ya'nee, mushkilah, O Shaykh, I started to write a letter to him and I haven't finished it yet, I wanted to say in it that the person who told you that it is a life long disease is a devil.

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Shaykh al-Albaanee: Of course, you are correct in saying that.

Questioner: Naturally I wanted to remind him of some aayahs, like, ["Say, (O Prophet, that Allaah says,) "O My servants who have exceeded the limits against their souls! Do not lose hope in Allaah's mercy, for Allaah certainly forgives all sins. He is indeed the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful,"]¹ and, ["Indeed, when Satan whispers to those mindful (of Allaah), they remember (their Lord) then they start to see (things) clearly."]² Then I will mention the hadeeth about that Companion who said that, "A bad thought will come to me where it is easier on me to fall out of the sky and have birds snatch me away ..."

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Okay.

Questioner: I'm [summarising all this here but] will mention it in full, in'sha'allaah.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Good, good.

Questioner: It's from the devil, unless you have another suggestion, O Shaykh.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: You must remind him of the hadeeths which curse the person who does that, if he is a believer.

Questioner: Yes I have included that.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Ok good. If he doesn't care and doesn't establish his prayers, then in such a case there really is no cure.

Questioner: It doesn't seem to me that he is wanton because his question alone doesn't show that he is, O Shaykh.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: That is how it seems and as such you should give him the narrations which strike fear [into the soul] and which warn [against such actions].

Questioner: Yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Because in addition to what you mentioned earlier these narrations will, Inshaa'allaah, be a cure for him. And tell him to also make sure to say the adhkaar and the supplications that have been reported for all occasions, like when leaving the house, when coming into it—all of these are legislated means and are regarded as spiritual cures for all diseases of the soul. And if you could give him a copy of Saheeh al-Kalim at-Tayyib if you have one.

Questioner: Yes I have a copy, Inshaa'allaah.

¹ [Soorah az-Zumar 39:53]

² [Soorah al-A'raaf 7:201]

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Shaykh al-Albaanee: He needs to take care in memorising these adhkaar and that he makes sure to say them in every situation and in that way, Inshaa'allaah, the cure will happen.

Questioner: How authentic is the hadeeth that the Throne of ar-Rahmaan shakes at ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: It's not authentic.

Questioner: It's not authentic?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: No.

Questioner: [Any other] hadeeth which strike fear into one?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Maybe you can refer to my book [about marriage], Aadaab az-Zafaaf [available in English under the title 'The Etiquettes of Marriage and Weddings'].

Questioner: The one who does it and the one it is done to ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Yes my book Aadaab az-Zafaaf has a good amount of hadeeths about that.

Questioner: [Never heard the Shaykh properly:] Where can I find them?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: I said Aadaab az-Zafaaf.

Questioner: Aadaab az-Zafaaf.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: My book Aadaab az-Zafaaf you must have a copy?

Questioner: Yes I do, yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Do you have the al-Maktabah al-Islaamiyyah one, not the al-Maktab al-Islaamee one?

Questioner: I got a copy from Kuwait two years ago and you said that we shouldn't rely on the other copy.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Yes.

Questioner: I have the al-Maktabah al-Islaamiyyah print.

Shaykh al-Albaanee: That's the one.

Questioner: This is the latest one?

Shaykh al-Albaanee: Yes it is. Inshaa'allaah go back to that and take some of the hadeeth from there on this topic ...