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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

With regards to when the world will end, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ states:

So the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said:

The one who is being asked about it... Meaning: himself (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

Knows no more than the one asking the question... Meaning: Jibreel (عليه السلام)³.

And the meaning is:

If you are ignorant of it, then I am ignorant of it and I cannot inform you about it, because the knowledge of the Hour is from that which Allaah (عز وجل)⁴ has kept with Himself...

And that which we hear from some of the people of trickery - that the lifespan of this world is such and such, (doing so by) making analogy with what has already passed from it – then it is indeed obligatory upon us to say with our tongues and our hearts, “You have lied!”

And whoever gives credence to that (which these people say) then he is a kaafir (disbeliever) because if it were the case that the most knowledgeable of the human messengers and the greatest of the messengers from the angels, both of them, did not have knowledge of when that (time of the Hour) would be, then how much more so for lesser than these two, without doubt?

(Sharh of an Nawawee’s Forty of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), quoted in Mu’jam at Ta’reefaat p104)

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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

³ (عليه السلام) (‘alaihissalaam) Peace be upon him

⁴ (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

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