

Weekly Question & Answer Session

with The Noble *Shaykh Ḥasan ibn ‘Abd Al-Wahhāb Marzūq al-Bannā* (حفظه الله)

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The following are the questions presented to the *Shaykh* with the corresponding minute marker from the audio.

1. I am a sister from Britain, and I am becoming very confused regarding picture taking. I am aware that it is *ḥarām*, however it has become a normal practice among the *Salafīs* in this land and they seem to think it is okay if the picture is of the back of the head or if the head is missing. These pictures are of women, men and children and are being posted on the internet and are kept for memories. I am starting to believe that it must be me that is in the wrong and that picture taking is okay because many *Salafīs* do this. Please advise us on the matter and please advise me as I am starting to dislike some of my closest companions, because regardless of how evidences are presented to them they still take these pictures. [00:00:37]
2. Is it allowed to attend a free-mixing university to attain a degree in order to get a job in *Muslim* lands so one can make *hijrah*. There are many who use the excuse of *hijrah* to attend a free-mixing university and it is our only option and they say it becomes allowed due to necessity, can you please clarify this doubt? [00:12:40]





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3. Are we currently living in times as mentioned by the Prophet (*sallAllāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) that holding on to our *Dīn* would be like holding on to hot coals? [00:35:13]
4. I find myself wasting a lot of time in things which are not *ḥarām*, but at times things which are not beneficial either. While I am engaged in this, I worry that I am wasting my time, but I still continue to do so. I then become very angry with myself when I think about all the beneficial things which I could have used my time for to do. O *Shaykh*, what advise do you have for me, so that I can discipline my soul and that I can spend my time in doing more beneficial things? [00:37:28]
5. Can we talk about things we have for sale to each other in the *masjid*? And is it permissible for us to show others our merchandise in the *masjid*, but accept payment for it from outside the *masjid*? [00:44:50]
6. Is it permissible for us to play card games and can we set conditions, such as the winner gets a certain prize and the loser has to do something suggested by the other players? [00:47:35]





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7. What advice does the *Shaykh* have for those in the West who have many family members that are affected by the ideologies of the *Khawārij* and some have even left and joined ISIS. They are firm in their belief that ISIS are the legitimate Islamic state and believe that the family members whom were killed there are martyrs. Sometimes I have no choice but to interact with them, so how do I deal with them? [01:02:38]

