

The Danger of saying “Allah knows I did such and such”

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Question: “What is the ruling on the statement some of the people say: “Allah knows such and such?”

Shaykh Uthaymeen: The statement: “Allah knows” is a dangerous affair, such that I saw in the books of the Hanafis that whoever says about something “Allah knows” – while the affair is in contrast to what he has said – becomes a disbeliever outside the fold of Islam.

If you say “Allah knows surely I **did not** do this” while you actually did it, this necessitates that Allah is ignorant of the affair.

(For example if you say) “Allah knows I did not visit so and so” and you visited them, the result is that Allah did not know what happen. And it is known that whoever negates knowledge for Allah has disbelieved.

For this reason As Shafi’i رحمه الله said concerning the Qadariyah: “Argue with them concerning the knowledge (of Allah) if they deny it they have disbelieved and if they affirm it they have been defeated in the argument.”

The statement “Allah knows” if the person says it while the reality is in contrast to what he is saying then that is extremely dangerous, and it is Haram without doubt. But if what he says is correct and the affair is in accordance with what he said then there is no problem with this because he is truthful in his statement, and because Allah has full knowledge of all affairs. As the Messengers said:

قَالُوا رَبُّنَا يَعْلَمُ إِنَّا إِلَيْكُمْ لَمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

They said: "Our Lord knows that we have been sent to you as Messengers.

(Soorah Yā-Sīn 36:16)

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