

Does the 'excuse of ignorance' apply to the one who insults Allah?

Answered by Shaykh Uthaymeen

Questioner: Noble Shaykh may Allah preserve you; the affair of the excuse of ignorance; does it apply to the person who insults the religion or insults the Lord?

Shaykh Uthaymeen: Is anyone ignorant of the fact that it is obligatory to venerate the Lord? I'm asking you. I'm asking you, say yes or no.

Questioner: No, no one is ignorant of this.

Shaykh Uthaymeen: No one is ignorant of this. The Lord has veneration and glorification which necessitates that no one insults Him. This applies to the religion as well. This issue (someone insulting Allah out of ignorance) is a hypothesis in the mind that does not actually exist.

At any rate; everyone who insults Allah is a disbeliever, apostate; even if he is joking.

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