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. About attack in Brussels. [00:01:04]

2. Are the Ash‘āris and the Māturīdīs considered to be from Ahl al-Sunnah and does their error take them out of Islām? This is with regard to both their heads and laymen. [00:07:15]

3. In my workplace, we have a very small rectangular sized room where we pray our Ṣalāh. There are about seven of us sometimes with whom we pray Jamā`h or when we pray in Jum`ah - jamā`na. We wanted to know if there is any ruling regarding if it is necessary for all the followers to face the Qiblah behind the Imām - if the Imām faces the Qiblah or can the followers just stand together not necessarily facing the Qiblah, in order to fit in the small rectangular room. And is being behind the Imām counted as Jamā`h? [00:14:56]

4. My sister and I, both wear the niqāb and both unmarried. When I want to marry and do the nikāh, in shā’ Allāh, should I take away my niqāb in-front of the brother and the witnesses so for sure that he marries me and not my sister. [00:20:33]

5. I am a sister living in Europe and I am entrusted with a child who might not necessarily be an orphan. What is the Islāmic ruling regarding this and what advice can the Shaykh offer? [00:22:40]

6. In the U.K two Muslims fell into zinā and the father of the girl refused to get her married, so they went to a Masjid and the Imām did the nikāh contract. They did not repent from the zinā before the contract but she has repented from it now. Do they have to repeat the nikāh and what is upon them? [00:35:35]
7. After praying istikhārah, how does a person know if he –//38:56// -- is because the matter is not good for them or if they are just nervous about the situation? [00:38:54]

8. What is the correct opinion of the Scholars regarding not fasting Ramaḍān after reaching the age of puberty, due to jahl? The sister thought the only sign of puberty was menses, so she only started fasting when her menses began. However she already had the other signs of puberty. Does she make up the fasts she missed during that time? And if she has to fast, what should she do if she does not know how many they were? And should it be before this Ramaḍān, even though this was about five years ago? [00:44:18]

9. Noble Shaykh, I work at a dessert café and sometimes people come and say it’s their birthday and they like a treat or if we have birthday candles to stick on their cake. Is it permissible to aid them or assist them and making their day special for them by giving them the candles and lightening it on their cake? [00:47:43]

10. My Non-Muslim teacher asks everyone to stand for a prayer before class begins. The first time she asked one of the students to pray and at the end of the prayer the students said; in Jesus’s name. So, I reported this to president of the School, who is a Muslim and claims he is an Imām. Now, the teacher prays, but does not mention Jesus. I make du`ā instead to Allaah, is that correct or should I just leave the classroom and return when the prayer is over? [00:50:23]