

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 met a Non Muslim woman who I had desired out of lust but never had any physical relationship with whatsoever. After a while of openly talking to her in public, regular chats, phone, discussions and a meeting in a restaurant without her *walī*, we discussed about *Islām* and *nikāḥ*. She disclosed to me that she believed that there was a God and that according to her belief, Jesus was a prophet (عليه السلام) but she did not totally attribute her belief to Christianity. After a couple of months we decided to try and get married and after a couple of attempts we ended up in the office of an *Imām*, who after his opinion, decided that she was close and that he could perform the *nikāḥ* because she, at the time adapted the understanding of marrying a *Muslim* male under the pretence of being someone who related to Christianity as she did. After some strenuous periodical situations in our *nikāḥ*, she began to have a certain attraction to what *Islam* was about and at the present seems to still be working on her understanding and acceptance of being a *Muslim* man's wife as well as a *Muslim*. However, she has yet to accept (the Name) **Allāh** over the name God and to accept *Muḥammad* as he is. Are we considered legally married in *Islām* or is the *nikāḥ* nullified due to the mistakes/ error? [00:00:42]



2. Our beloved *Shaykh*, may **Allāh** grant you goodness and prolong your life and reward you for sparing some time in helping the *Muslims* in answering their questions. I am a youth *yā Shaykh* who is about to enter my twenties, I am currently living in the Philippines and as you are aware *Shaykh* that this country is not a Muslim country. Almost everywhere we see, women are half naked, which puts me into *fitnah* because I am not yet married. Knowing that this is the situation, I am afflicted as well with the *fitnah* of watching pornography and masturbation and I seek **Allāh's** forgiveness every time I fall into this *yā Shaykh*. I regret it and I don't want to return back to it but I can't get rid of this *yā Shaykh* because of the environment I am in where there are many women half naked. *Yā Shaykh*, I really don't know what to do. I wish to get married but I have no financial ability. On top of that, almost all parents here are afflicted with the ideology of the west, meaning you need to graduate first and have work. And what is worse is that they raise the *mahr* too high, to hundreds of thousands of pesos and I am still a college student. And I am the eldest among my siblings and my father is getting old and wants to help my siblings finish their studies. Please advise me and the brothers who are afflicted with the same *on*, because I really can't handle the situation. *Bārakallāhufīkum* [00:21:53]
3. *Aḥsan Allāhu ilaykum* our beloved *Shaykh*, I have a question regarding children's books: is it allowed to make a picture book, meaning it illustrates without drawing the face, so the face is blank with no features. And usually these books do tell a story without words but with pictures. For example, on one page, you will see a boy that wakes up from his bed and then on the other page he is eating breakfast. Is this telling a lie since the child will take this as a story but there





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are no words except some. For example when he wakes up, it is written on the page, the *du'ā'* for waking up, and when the book illustrates the kid eating, it says *Bismillāh*. May **Allāh** reward you, *Bārakallāhu fikum* and to the brothers at Mpubs, may **Allāh** reward you as well. *Allāhumma bārik*. [00:34:18]

