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This is a translation of the transcript of a question that was asked to Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ)^{1,2}

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Yes

Questioner: Assalamu alaykum

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): wa Alaykum Assalamu wa Rahmatullaahi wa Baraktuhu

Questioner: If you don't mind is the noble Shaykh al-Albaanee there?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): He's with you.

Questioner: Good, if you would allow me O Shaykh I have some questions to ask.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Go ahead.

Questioner: Is it permissible to talk to my fiancée over the phone?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): have you contracted the marriage yet or not?

Questioner: not yet.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): It's not permissible.

Questioner: Not permissible??

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): Not allowed.

Questioner: Even if it's for advice?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): it's not permissible.

Questioner: ok is it permissible for me to visit her and sit with her if the Mahram is present?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): with a Mahram being present and she comes in front of you wearing a Jilbaab in Hijaab, like when she goes out, then it's allowed, otherwise no.

Questioner: is it possible for her to uncover her face?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ): it's possible, if it's only the face.

¹ (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Taken from: Silsilah Huda wa Noor, tape no. 269 at 10mins.

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Questioner: only the face?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): She shouldn't wear a beautified dress and a short dress etc.

Questioner: ok regarding sitting with her, what is permissible for me to talk to her about?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): Do not talk to her except with what you would talk to with other than her.

Questioner: Ok if she asks me for a picture of me, is it ok to give it to her or not?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): just like if you asked her for her picture.

Questioner: yes??

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): I said just like if you asked her for her picture.

Questioner: yeah.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): Is it permissible?

Questioner: No.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): and my answer is also no.

Questioner: your answer is no??

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): no, definitely no.

Questioner: about what??

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): About what! For the same thing what you said, that you cannot ask her for her picture.

Questioner: yeah.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): understand?

Questioner: yeah, yes.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): If you understand then stick to it.

Questioner: But O Shaykh sometimes a person is forced to phone her, is this permissible?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): I don't think there is a need, you want to marry her don't you?

Questioner: For example, is it permissible to phone her for the possibility that I can visit her, at such and such time?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): why do want to visit her?! What's the difference between her and any other woman?

Questioner: Do you mean it's not allowed to visit her?

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Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): O my brother, I say to you what's the difference between her and any other woman? Why do you want to visit her? You want to marry her; you marry her by requesting it from her guardian.

Questioner: If her guardian is present?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): You want to marry her, you marry her by requesting her guardian, if there is an original agreement then you can visit her if the guardian is present, to see her and she sees you, as for visiting her then no!

Questioner: It's still not allowed to visit even after the engagement?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): After the engagement?

Questioner: Yeah.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): She remains to be a stranger to you O brother until you perform the marriage contract.

Questioner: Thank you, may Allaah reward you O Shaykh.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): And you.

Questioner: May Allaah be generous to you.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): May Allaah protect you... Sallamu alayk.

Questioner: Assalamu alaykum

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجَمَهُ اللهُ): Wa Alaykum Assalamu wa Rahmatullaahi wa Baraktuhu