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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling on a person saying: This happened by coincidence?

Shaykh ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: There is nothing wrong with this; because the intent is; this occurred without a prior appointment or agreement. For example, a person meets someone on the road, and greets him, without having had an agreement to meet him. A person receives a visit from someone, and this makes him happy and there was no appointment to meet. It was a coincidence without appointment. This means from something to occur without there being an appointment between him and so and so. Thus the meaning of coincidence is something which was not planned.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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