

To put one's trust in another than Allaah

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

Question: Among acts of worship: “putting one’s trust in Allaah”, is it permitted to say to someone “I rely on you”?

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (May Allaah the Most High preserve him): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

It is not permitted to say “I rely on you”, but we have to say “I give you the responsibility of doing something, and I rely on Allaah”. Because confidence means that the heart relies on Allaah to bring profits and to repulse harm by having confidence in Allaah and to proceed by means of causes. Confidence, in this respect, is particularly reserved to Allaah (*He, The Most High*), Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*) says:

(وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَتَوَكَّلُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ)

[...and put your trust in Allaah if you are believers indeed]¹

Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*) says in another verse:

(وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ يَا قَوْمِ إِن كُنْتُمْ آمَنْتُمْ بِاللَّهِ فَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلُوا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُسْلِمِينَ)

[...and Moosa (Moses) said: “Oh my people! If you have believed in Allaah, then put your trust in Him if you are Muslims (submitted)”]²

Allaah made of “the trust in Him” in the two verses a condition to achieve faith and Islaam.

However, for questions which are under man’s capacity, it is permitted to put somebody in charge of them; like sale, purchase and others, because they are along with the set of causes. However, he must not rely on the surrogate for the realisation of what is confided to him, but he must put his trust in Allaah to achieve the required thing and to facilitate his task and of his surrogate. Putting somebody in charge of something is, therefore, considered

¹ Soorah al-Maa’idah (The Table Spread) [5:23]

² Soorah Yoonus (Jonah) [10:84]

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among the set of causes, and we must not rely on the causes but rather on the Generator and the Creator of the causes Who is Allaah the Glorious and the Very High.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*The Exalted, The Most High*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.