

HADĪTH OF THE WEEK – WEEK TWO

Also on the authority of ‘Umar, may Allāh be pleased with him, who said:

One day, while we were sitting with the Messenger of Allāh, may Allāh’s blessings and peace be upon him, there appeared before us a man whose clothes were exceedingly white and whose hair was exceedingly black; no signs of journey were to be seen on him, and none of us knew him. He walked up and sat down by the Prophet, may Allāh’s blessings and peace be upon him, resting his knees against his and placing his palms on his thighs. He said, “O Muḥammad, tell me about ‘Islām.” The Messenger of Allāh, may Allāh’s blessings and peace be upon him, said, “**‘Islām is to testify that there is none worth worshipping but Allāh and that Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allāh, to perform the prayers, to give Zakāh, to fast in Ramaḍān, and to go on a pilgrimage to the House if you are able to do so.**” He said, “You have spoken rightly.” We were amazed at his asking him and saying that he had spoken rightly. He said, “Then tell me about ‘Īmān.” He said, “**It is to believe in Allāh, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, and the Last Day, and to believe in Qadar, both the good and the evil of it.**” He said, “You have spoken rightly.” He said, “Then tell me about ‘Iḥsān.” He said, “**It is to worship Allāh as if you see Him, and if you do not see Him, then surely He sees you.**” He said, “Then tell me about the Hour.” He said, “**The one questioned about it knows no more than the questioner.**” He said, “Then tell me about its signs.” He said, “**That the slave-girl will give birth to her mistress and that you will see the barefooted, naked, destitute herdsmen competing in constructing lofty buildings.**” Then he left, and I stayed for a time. Then he said, “O ‘Umar, do you know who the questioner was?” I said, “Allāh and His Messenger know best.” He said, “**It was Jibrīl, who came to teach you your religion.**”

It was related by Muslim.