
Concerning the Hands of Allaah

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Question: How can we make a combination between the report "**with His left Hand**", mentioned in the hadeeth of Ibn 'Umar (رضي الله عنه)¹ in Saheeh Muslim and his, (صلى الله عليه وسلم)², saying: "**And both His hands are right-handed?**"

Answer: There is no contradiction between the two hadeeths that is apparent on the outset. Thus his, (صلى الله عليه وسلم), saying: "**And both His hands are right-handed**" is an affirmation of Allaah's statement:

لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

There is nothing like unto Him; and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer³

So this description, which the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) has informed us of is an affirmation of Allaah's removal from any anthropomorphic qualities. Thus, the hand of Allaah is not like the hand of a human being – left-handed and right-handed. On the contrary, both His hands are right-handed, may He be far removed from any defects.

As for the other point, then it is that the report: "**with His left hand**" is shaadh⁴, as I have clarified in the checking of "al-Mustalahaat-ul-Arba'ah al-Waaridah feel-Qur'aan" (no. 1) of al-Mawdoodee.

What further supports this is that Aboo Daawood (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)⁵ also reported this hadeeth and (in it, he, (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "**with His other hand**" in the place of "**with His left hand.**" This report is in conformity with his (صلى الله عليه وسلم) other saying: "**And both His hands are right-handed.**" And Allaah knows best.

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ Soorah ash-Shooraa [42:11]

⁴ Translator's Note: A shaadh hadeeth is a hadeeth reported by a reliable narrator, which contradicts (the report of) a narrator that is more trustworthy than him.

⁵ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him