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Question:

O our Shaykh, we have heard that some of the women present within some of the universities, schools, and colleges or some of the women who deliver lectures, (give) lessons or even recite the Qur'aan specifically on the morning broadcasts (we have heard that) these women's husbands are never able to enjoy them because they are Mutarajjilaat (i.e. they imitate men or are masculine). We would like some clarity from you as it relates to this question.

Answer:

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رُحِمَهُ اللهُ)

The principle as it relates to this issue is a poor upbringing. From the reasons for the poor upbringing is the corruption of the society and corruption of the curriculums which the education of the men and women or male and female youth is predicated upon their foundation. That is because the female students in the schools, I am almost certain, have not heard the likes of his (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² statement:

"May Allaah curse the manly women."

Likewise, the other Hadeeth which 'Abdullaah ibn 'Abbaas (رضي الله عنه) anarrated saying: "Allaah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) cursed the men who resemble women and the women who resemble men." I believe that the female students who graduate from the high schools or from that which is above that, then likes of this Hadeeth or that Hadeeth (the first one) has not crossed their ears. And if it be that either of them has crossed their ears on any day, then it is from that which goes in one ear and out of the other ear. Because the curriculums which are taught or the lessons which are given on the basis of them do not allow the teacher, even if she may be religious, to go over the likes of this subject.

^{3 (}رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him



أرجمَهُ الله (رَجمَهُ الله) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

^{2 (}صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him