

Islam Question & Answer

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11443 - Reliability of Hadeeths?

the question

Is it possible to trust all ahadeeth (prophetic narrations)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah

Among the ahadeeth which are attributed to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), there are some which are saheeh (sound), concerning which there is no doubt that they are the words of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). There are others which are da'eef (weak) and there are doubts that they can be attributed to him. Both saheeh and da'eef are well known to the scholars. Books of saheeh have been compiled which include saheeh ahadeeth such as Saheeh al-Bukhari and Saheeh Muslim; there are other books which include saheeh ahadeeth and others, like the other books of hadeeth, The scholars have gone to great lengths to distinguish the saheeh from others, as is well known to young students let alone those who have specialized in the study of the Sunnah.