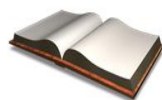


# الحديث الشريف

«كَأَنَّ وَاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِنْ دِينِنَا»



(الحديث)

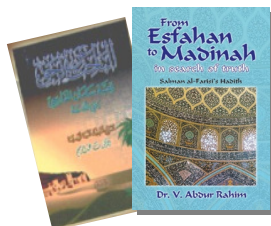
## Question

Is كَأَنَّ stronger / more intensive in negation than لَا ?

Is this the type of كَأَنَّ mentioned in the *ḥadīth* :

«كَأَنَّ وَاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِنْ دِينِنَا»

- which occurs in the Shaykh's book:



From Esfahan to Madinah  
In Search of Truth

Salmān al-Fārīsī's Ḥadīth

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



وعليكم السلام

كَأَنَّ is called حَرْفُ الرَّدِّعِ وَالزَّجْرِ.

In addition to negation, it implies:

- a) rebuke and
- b) a demand to desist.

If someone were to tell you:

«إِيَّاكَ وَبِلَالًا فَإِنَّهُ يَكْرَهُكَ».

*Beware of Bilāl for he hates you.*

- you would tell him: كَأَنَّ

which implies:

*Not at all. Desist from this lie. You have no right to say this.*

In one of my books I have translated this with the words: 'No way'.

والسلام,  
abdur rahim