

When will the end of the world be?

With regards to when the world will end , Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* states:

So the Prophet *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam* said:

The one who is being asked about it...

Meaning: himself *sall Allaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*

Knows no more than the one asking the question...

Meaning Jibreel *'alahissalaam*.

And the meaning is:

If you are ignorant of it, then I am ignorant of it and I cannot inform you about it, because the knowledge of the Hour is from that which Allaah the Mighty and Majestic, has kept with Himself...

And that which we hear from some of the people of trickery - that the lifespan of this world is such and such, (doing so by) making analogy with what has already passed from it - then it is indeed obligatory upon us to say with our tongues and our hearts, "You have lied!"

And whoever gives credence to that (which these people say) then he is a *kaafir* (disbeliever) because if it were the case that the most knowledgeable of the human messengers and the greatest of the messengers from the angels, both of them, did not have knowledge of when that (time of the Hour) would be, then how much more so for lesser than these two, without doubt?

(Sharh of an Nawawee's Forty of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen *rahimahullaah* ,
quoted in Mu'jam at Ta'reefaat p104)