

THE NULLIFIERS OF ISLAM

In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful the Bestower of Mercy.

Know that the matters which invalidate a person's Islām are ten:

First: Shirk (ascribing partners) in the worship of Allāh (the Most High):

Allāh (the Most High) said: "Indeed Allāh does not forgive that partners are ascribed to Him, however He forgives anything other than that for whoever He wills." [04:116]

The Most High said: "Verily, whoever sets up partners with Allāh (in worship), then Allāh has made Paradise forbidden for him and the Fire will be his abode. There will be no helpers for the Oppressors." [5:72]

Included in this is slaughtering for other than Allāh such as a person sacrificing for a Jinn or towards a grave.

Second: Whoever sets up intermediaries between himself and Allāh; supplicating to them, requesting intercession from them and having Tawakkul upon them. [Such a person] has disbelieved by the agreement [of the Scholars].

Third: A person who does not consider the Mushrikūn (Polytheists) to be disbelievers, doubts their disbelief or considers their ideology to be correct. [Such a person has] disbelieved.

Fourth: Whoever believes that the guidance of somebody other than the Prophet ﷺ is more perfect than the guidance of the Prophet ﷺ; or the laws of other than the Prophet are better than the laws of the Prophet ﷺ like a person who prefers the laws of the Ṭawāghīt (false deities). [Such a person has] disbelieved.

Fifth: If a person hates anything which the Messenger ﷺ came with, even if he performs the action. [Such a person has] disbelieved.

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Sixth: A person who makes a mockery of anything from the religion of the Prophet ﷺ, its rewards or punishments. [Such a person has disbelieved.]

The evidence for this is the saying of Allāh (the Most High): "Say: Was it at Allāh, His Signs, His Messenger that you used to make mockery of? Do not make any excuse, indeed you have disbelieved after your Īmān." [9:65-66]

Seventh: Magic; this includes turning a person away from something he loves or swaying a person to love something [through magic]. So whoever does this or is pleased with it being done has disbelieved.

Allāh (the Most High) says: "They (the two Jinn) would not teach this to anybody except saying: we are only a trial so do not disbelieve." [02:102]

Eighth: Supporting and helping the Mushrikūn (Polytheists) over the Muslims.

The evidence is the saying of Allāh (the Most High): "Whoever wholeheartedly supports them and takes them as friends is surely from amongst them. Verily Allāh does not guide the oppressive people." [05:51]

Ninth: Whoever believes it is permissible for some people to be outside the Sharī'ah of Muḥammad ﷺ, just as it was permissible for Khidr to be outside the Sharī'ah of Mūsā ؑ. [Such a person has] disbelieved.

Tenth: Completely turning away from the religion of Allāh, by not learning it nor acting by it.

The evidence is the saying of Allāh (the Most High): "Who is more oppressing than the one who, when the Verses of his Lord are mentioned, completely turns away from them. Indeed we will exact retribution from the criminals (disbelievers)." [32:22]

There is no difference in all of these matters which invalidate a person's Islām whether a person is [doing them] in jest, with intent or out of fear except if a person is compelled to do them. All these matters are the most dangerous and yet most common of what takes place. So it is befitting that a Muslim takes caution and fears for himself regarding them. We seek refuge in Allāh from anything that causes His anger and His painful punishment. May Allāh send salutations upon the best of His creation Muḥammad, his family and companions, and grant them peace.