

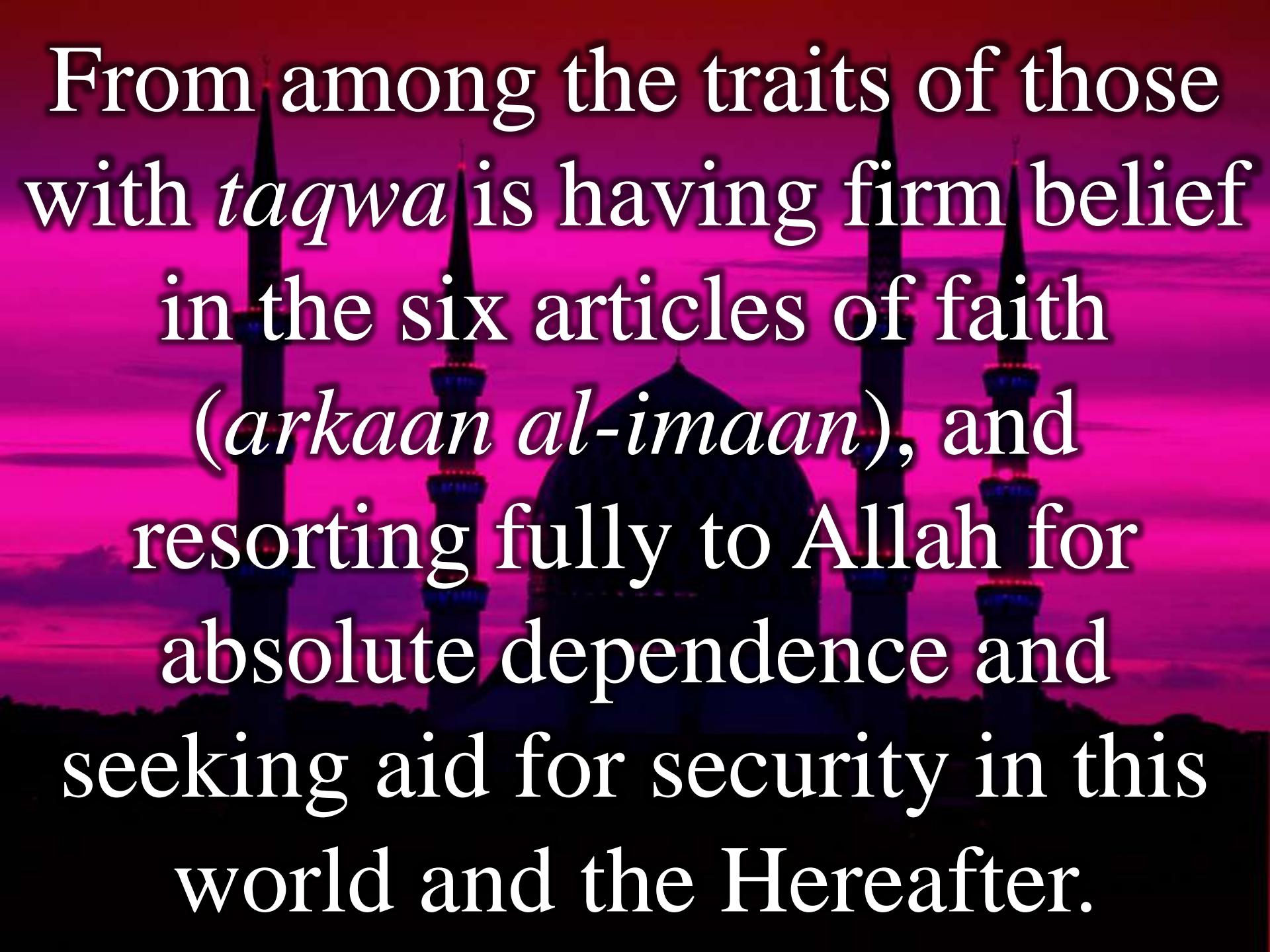


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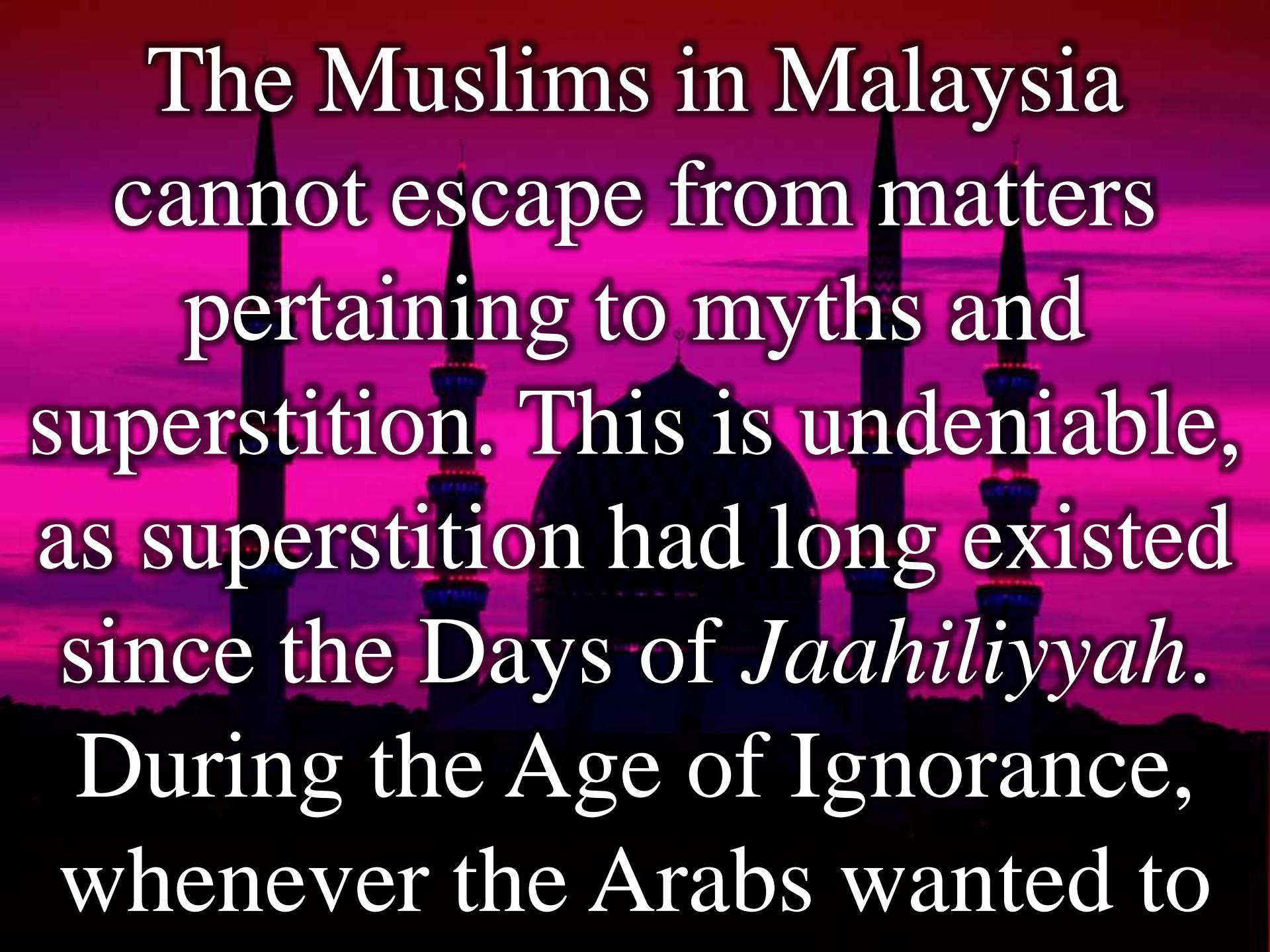
MYTHS AND SUPERSTITION WEAKENS THE IMAAN



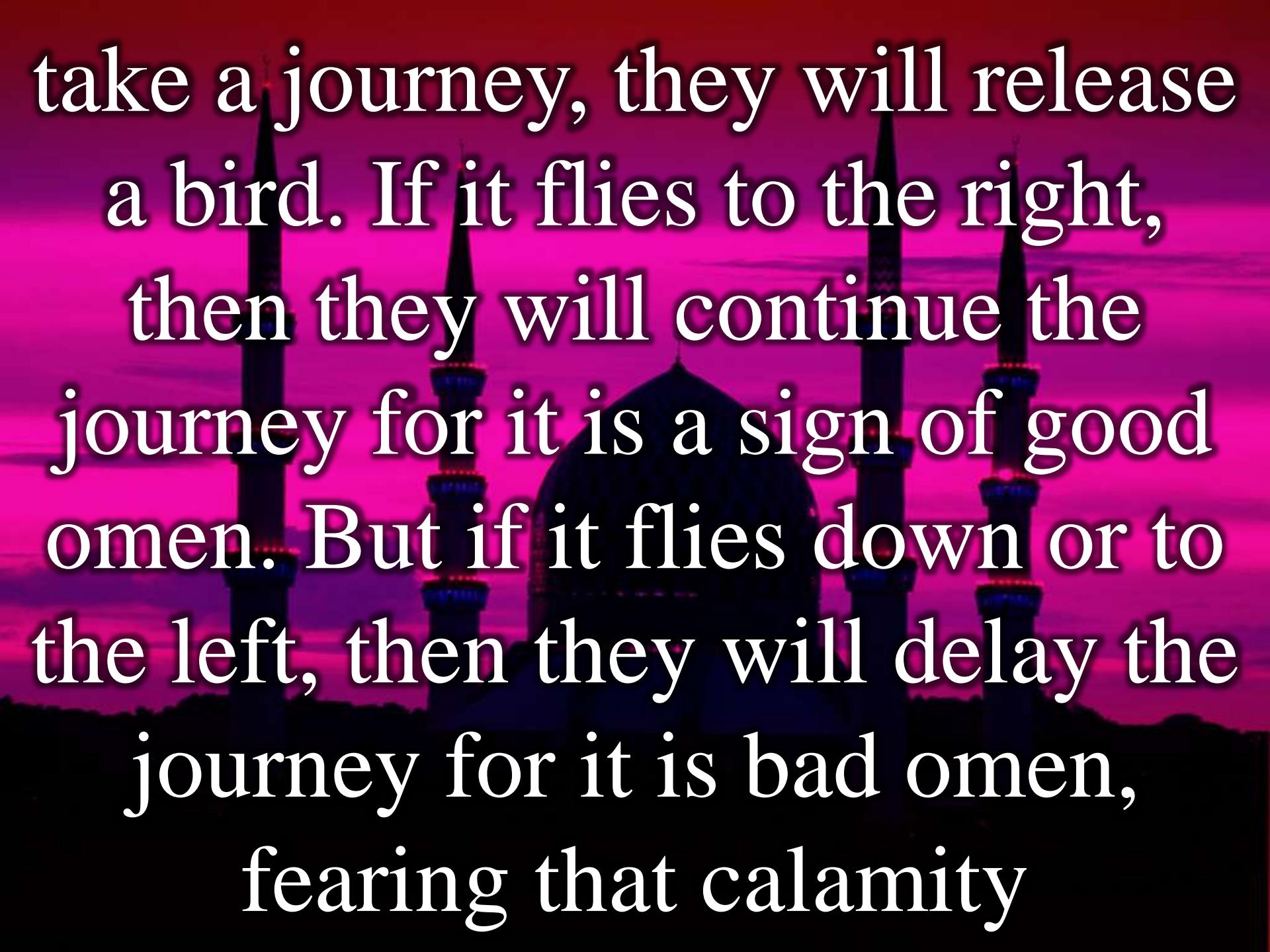
Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala with the
ultimate *taqwa*, fulfilling all of
His Commands and avoiding all
of His prohibitions.

A silhouette of a mosque with two prominent minarets against a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky. The colors transition from deep red at the top to orange and yellow near the horizon, with a darker silhouette of hills or mountains in the foreground.

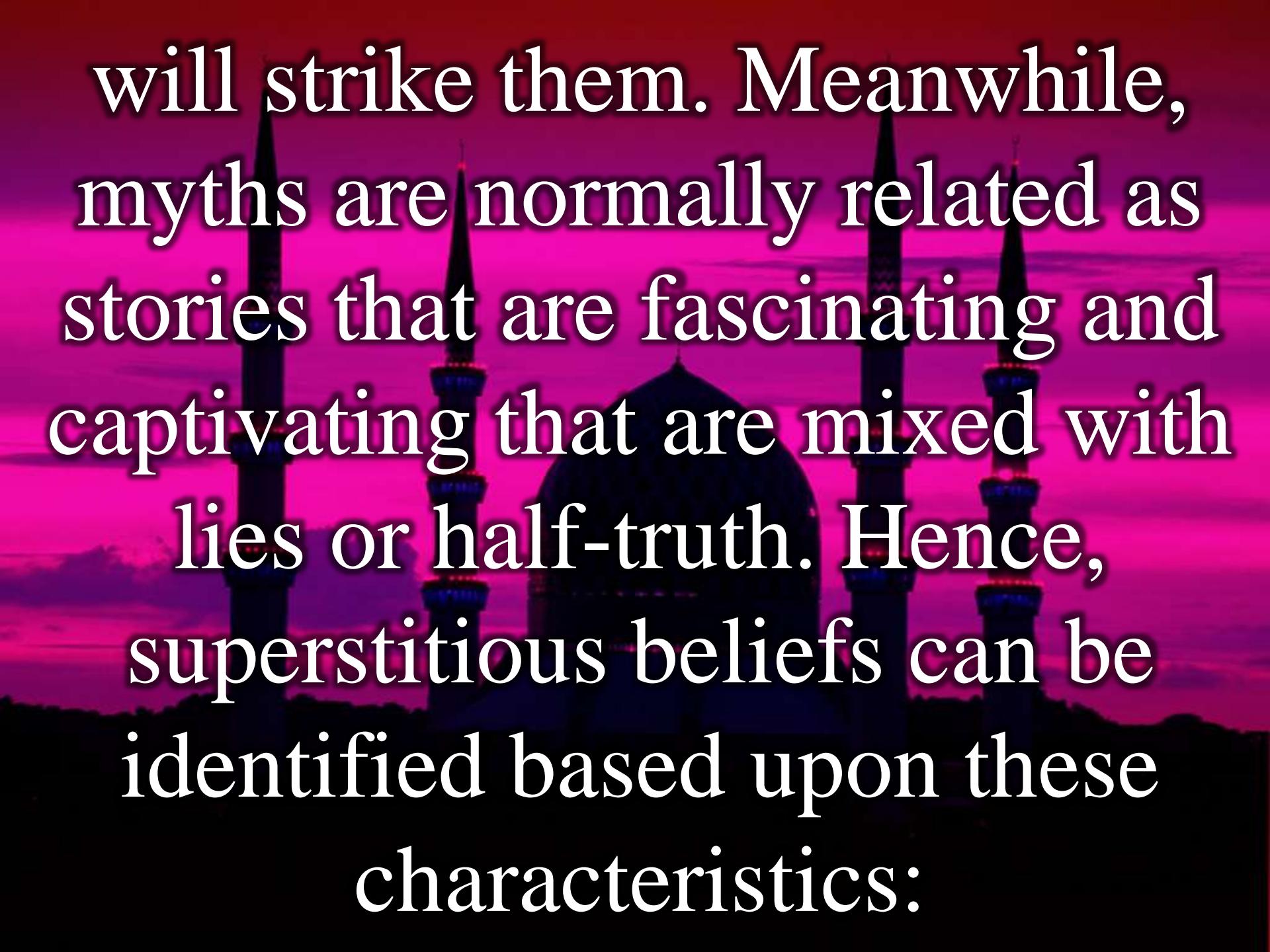
From among the traits of those with *taqwa* is having firm belief in the six articles of faith (*arkaan al-imaan*), and resorting fully to Allah for absolute dependence and seeking aid for security in this world and the Hereafter.

The background features a silhouette of the Kuala Lumpur skyline, including the Petronas Twin Towers, against a vibrant pink and purple sunset sky.

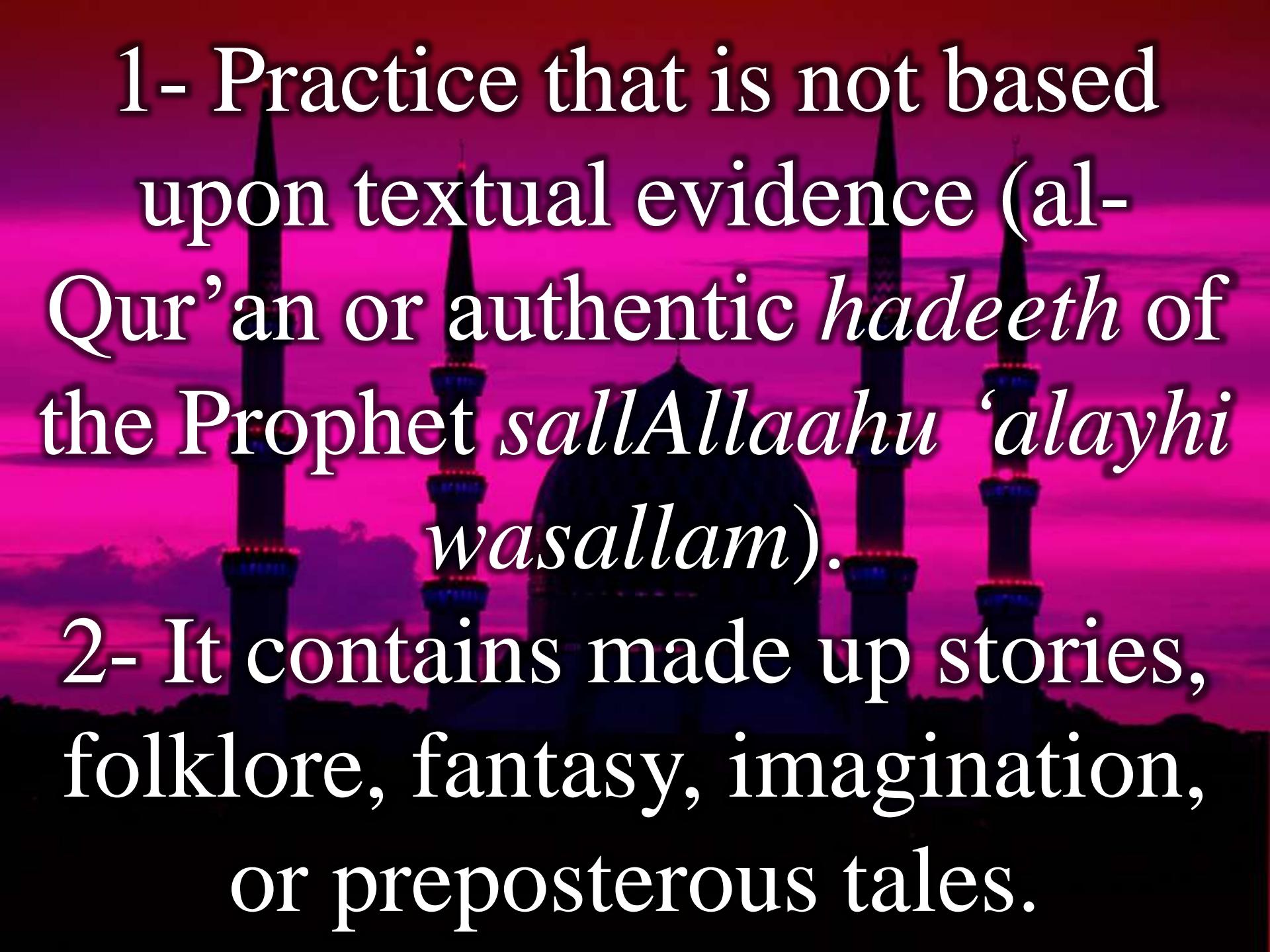
The Muslims in Malaysia cannot escape from matters pertaining to myths and superstition. This is undeniable, as superstition had long existed since the Days of *Jaahiliyyah*. During the Age of Ignorance, whenever the Arabs wanted to

A silhouette of a mosque with four minarets against a pink and purple sunset sky.

take a journey, they will release a bird. If it flies to the right, then they will continue the journey for it is a sign of good omen. But if it flies down or to the left, then they will delay the journey for it is bad omen, fearing that calamity

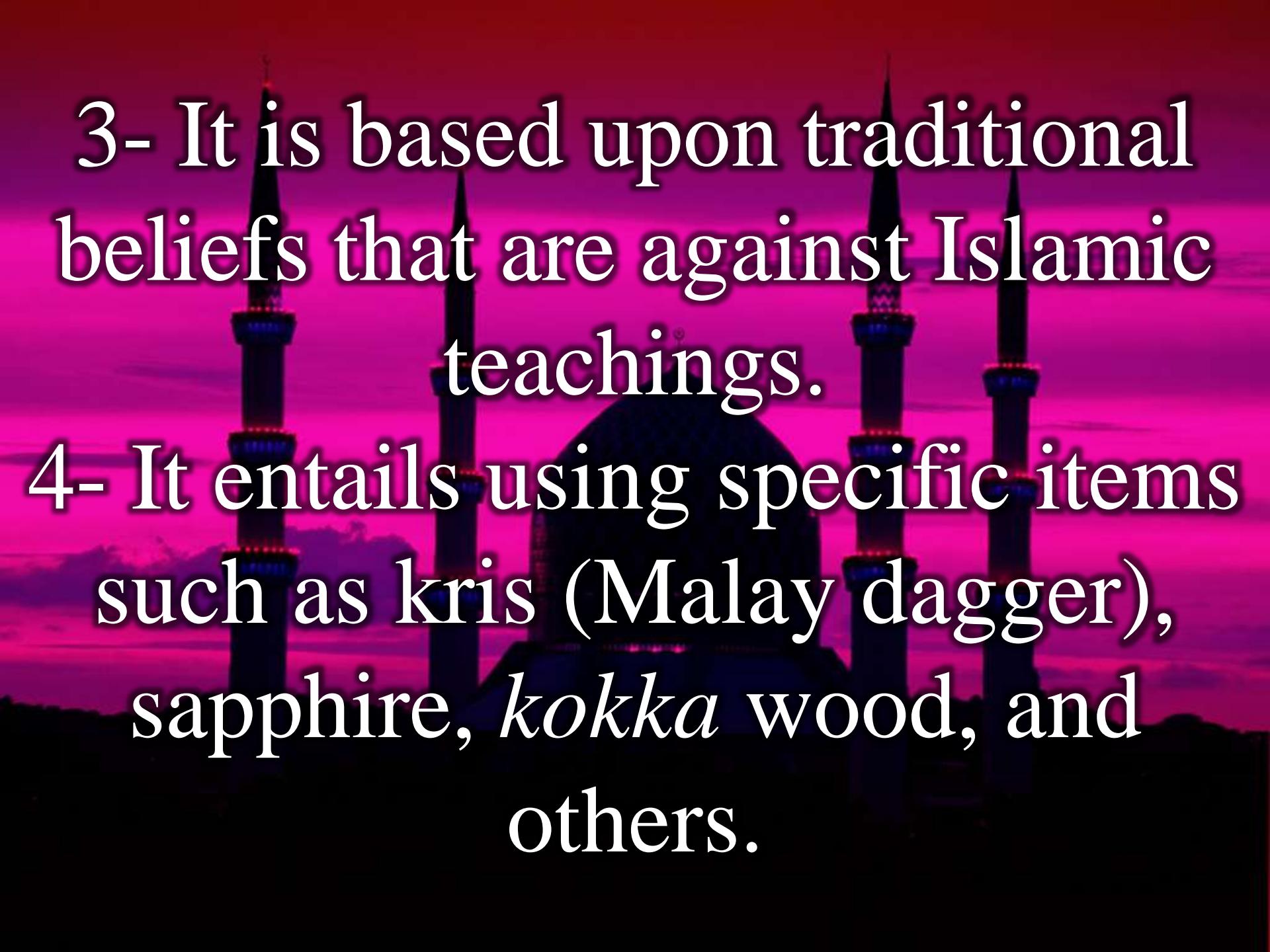


will strike them. Meanwhile, myths are normally related as stories that are fascinating and captivating that are mixed with lies or half-truth. Hence, superstitious beliefs can be identified based upon these characteristics:

A photograph of a mosque during sunset or sunrise. The sky is a gradient of orange, yellow, and blue. Four tall minarets are visible against the sky. The main dome of the mosque is prominent in the center. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and spiritual.

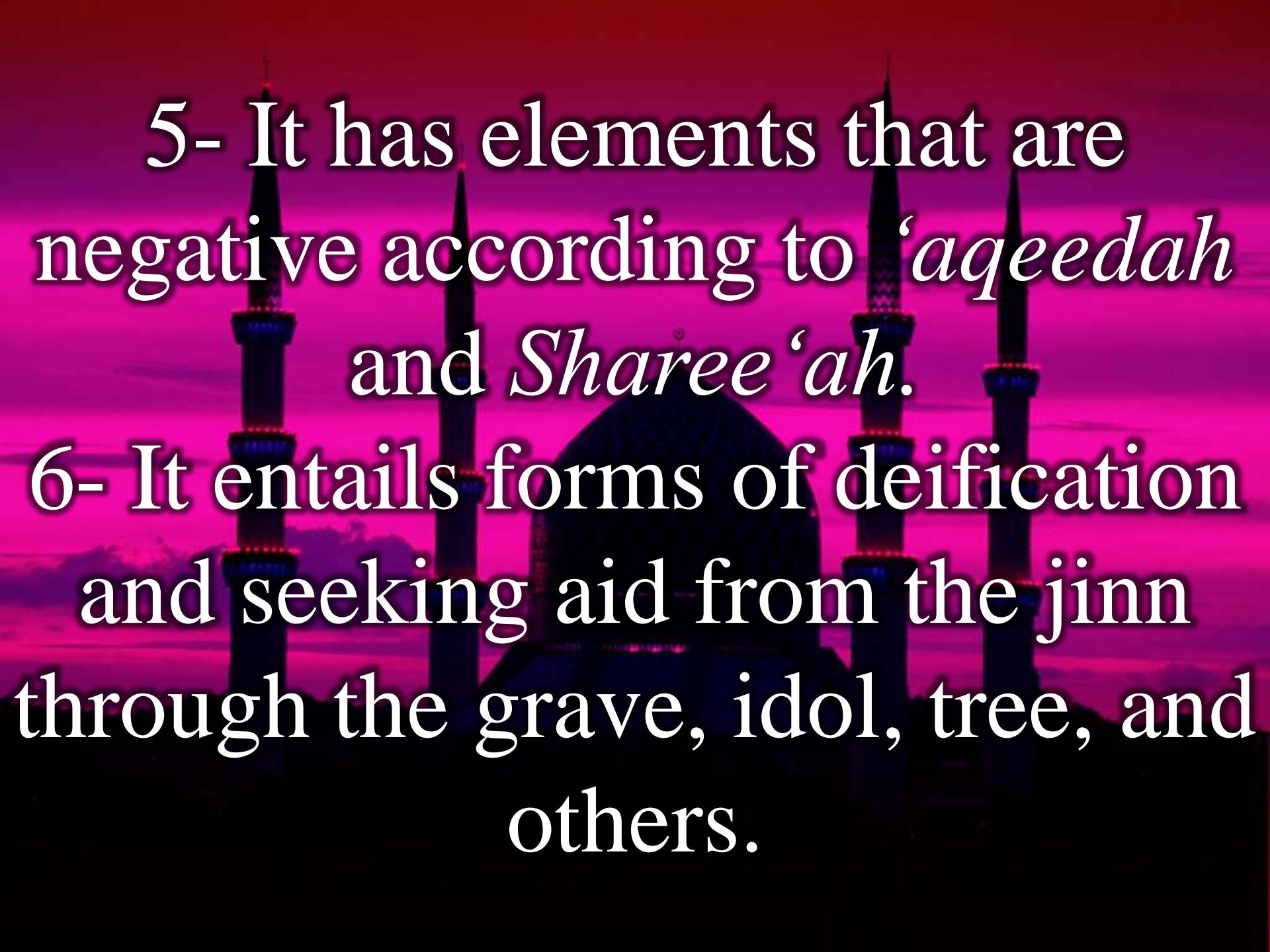
1- Practice that is not based upon textual evidence (al-Qur'an or authentic *hadeeth* of the Prophet *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*).

2- It contains made up stories, folklore, fantasy, imagination, or preposterous tales.



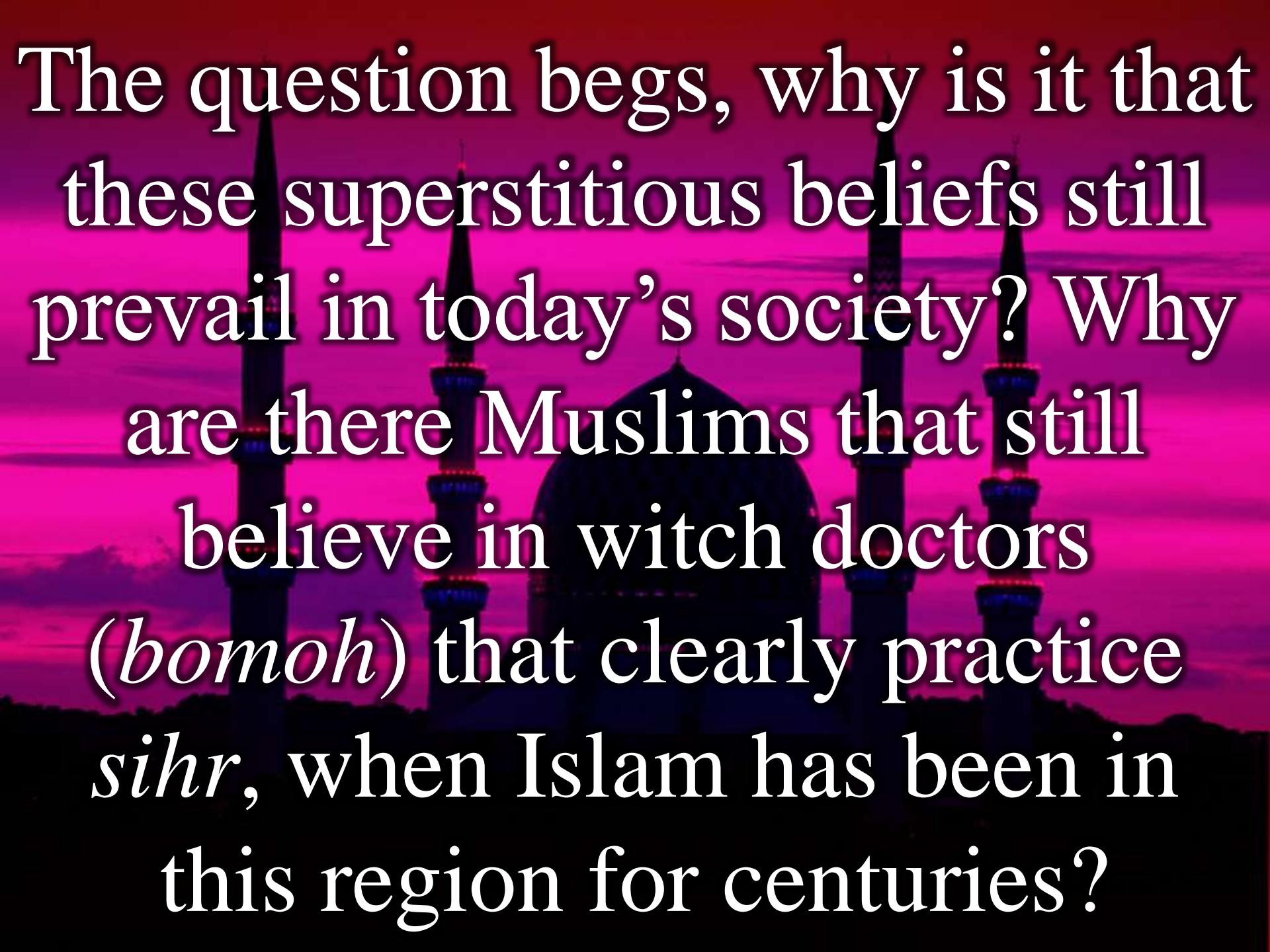
3- It is based upon traditional beliefs that are against Islamic teachings.

4- It entails using specific items such as kris (Malay dagger), sapphire, *kokka* wood, and others.

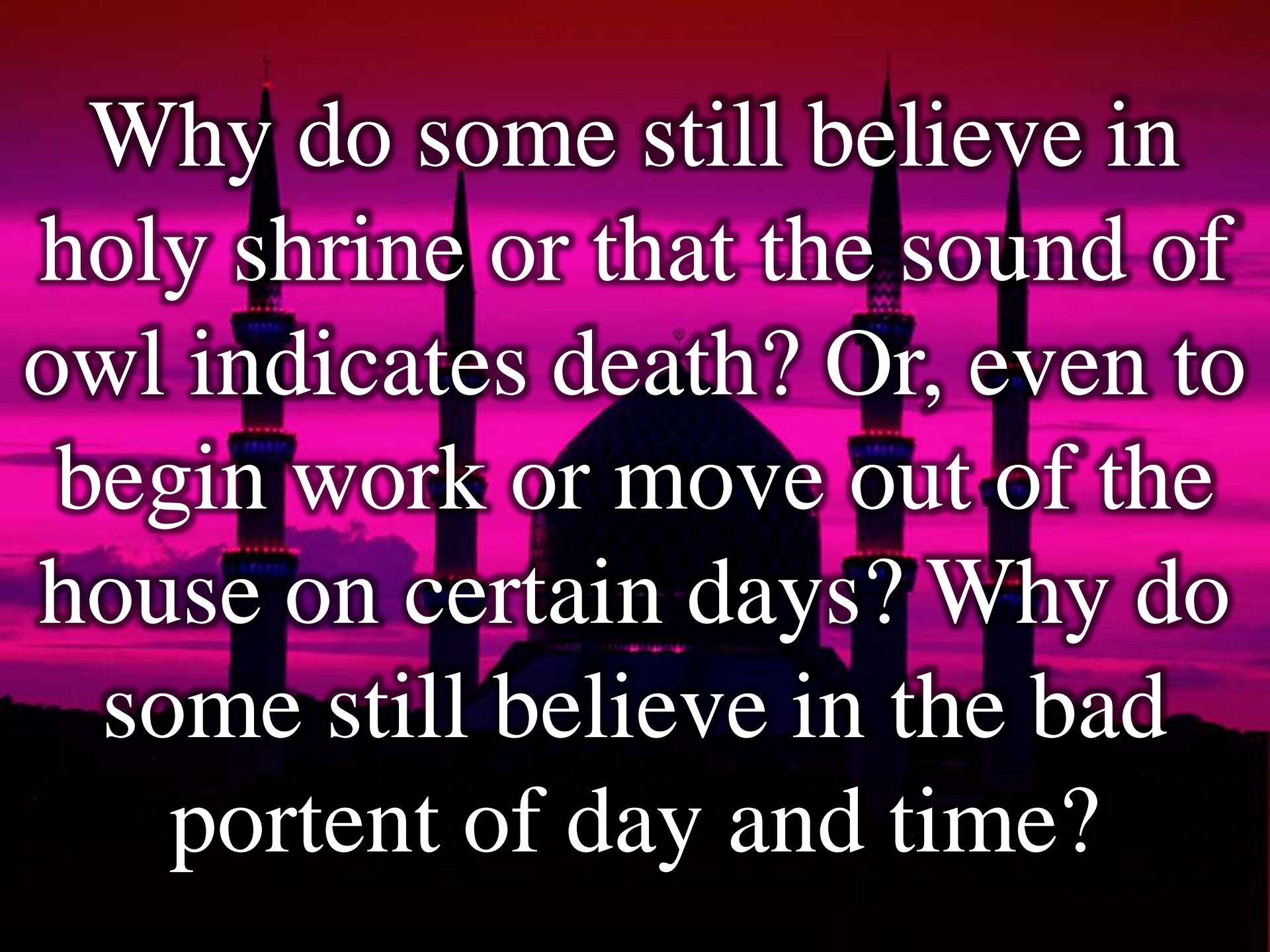


5- It has elements that are negative according to ‘*aqeedah* and *Sharee’ah*.

6- It entails forms of deification and seeking aid from the jinn through the grave, idol, tree, and others.

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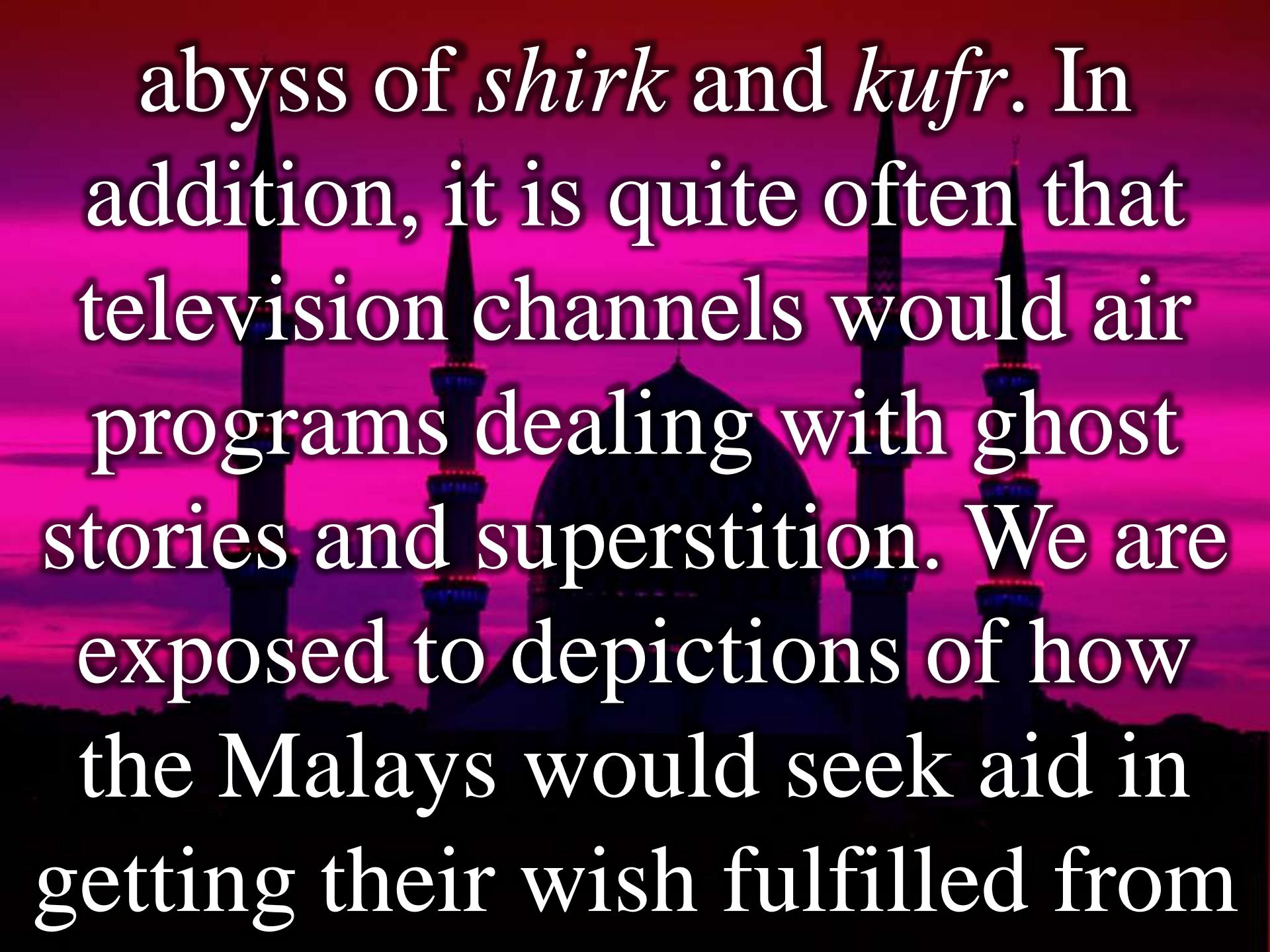
The question begs, why is it that these superstitious beliefs still prevail in today's society? Why are there Muslims that still believe in witch doctors (*bomoh*) that clearly practice *sihr*, when Islam has been in this region for centuries?



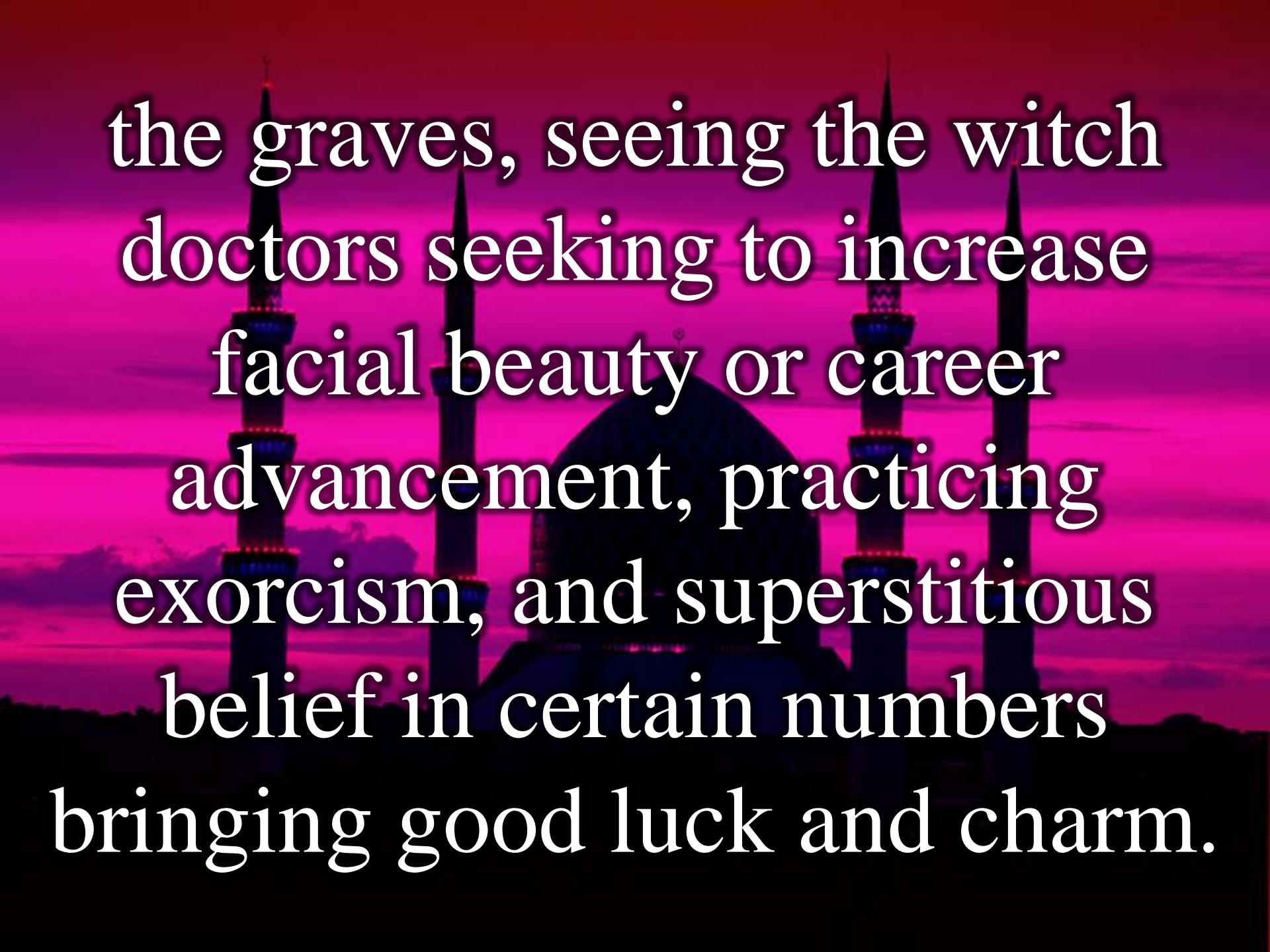
Why do some still believe in
holy shrine or that the sound of
owl indicates death? Or, even to
begin work or move out of the
house on certain days? Why do
some still believe in the bad
portent of day and time?

These all are directly intertwined with weak ‘*aqeedah* and frailed *imaan* among us. We are more interested in acquiring the knowledge of the *Sharee‘ah* such as marriage, criminal law, and *mu‘ammalat*; and become

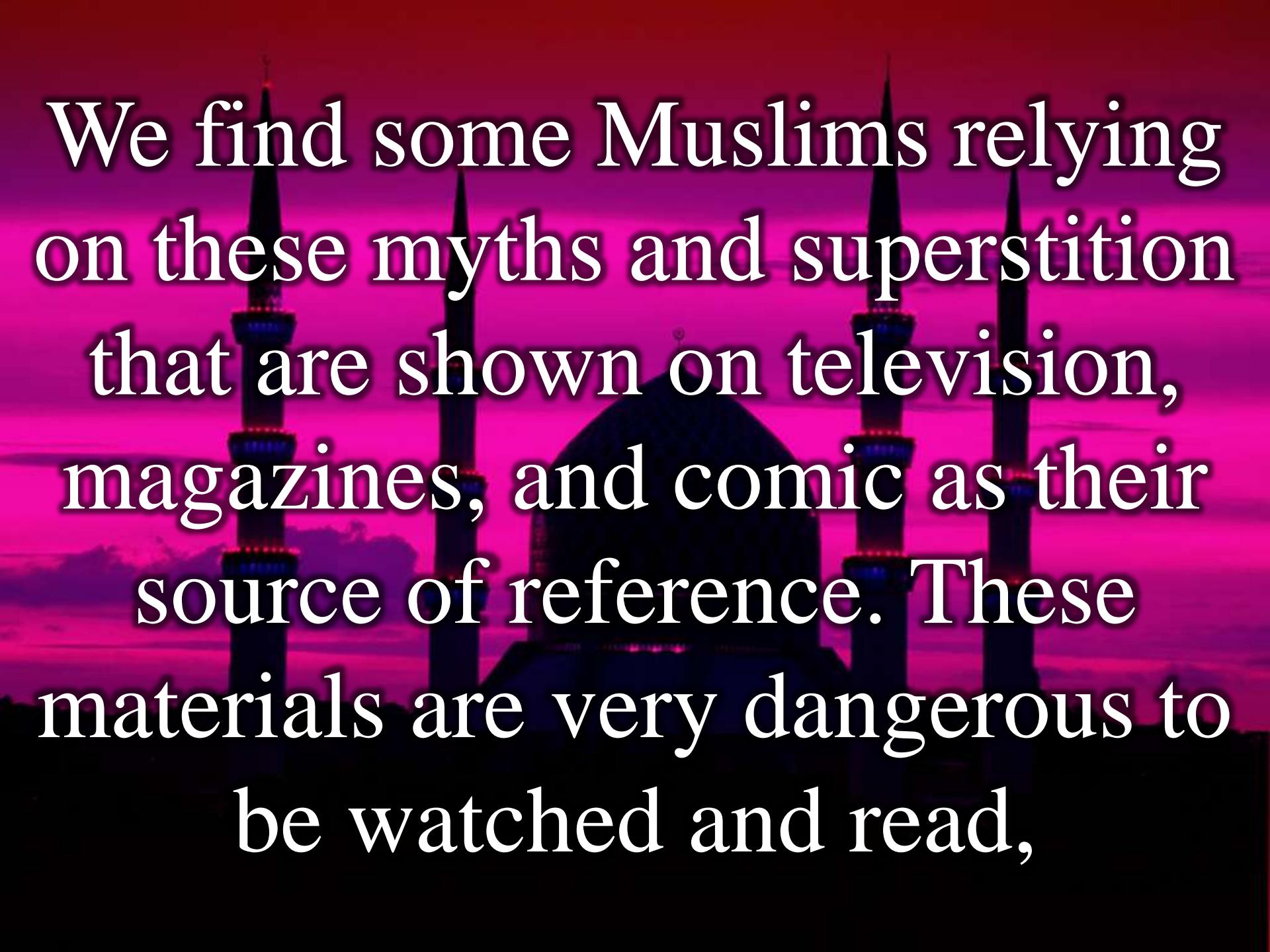
disinterested when matters of ‘*aqeedah* are taught and elaborated by the teacher. But we know of surety that ‘*aqeedah* is very pivotal in our lives, and whatever actions or utterance that contradicts the ‘*aqeedah* will only lead us to



abyss of *shirk* and *kufir*. In addition, it is quite often that television channels would air programs dealing with ghost stories and superstition. We are exposed to depictions of how the Malays would seek aid in getting their wish fulfilled from



the graves, seeing the witch doctors seeking to increase facial beauty or career advancement, practicing exorcism, and superstitious belief in certain numbers bringing good luck and charm.

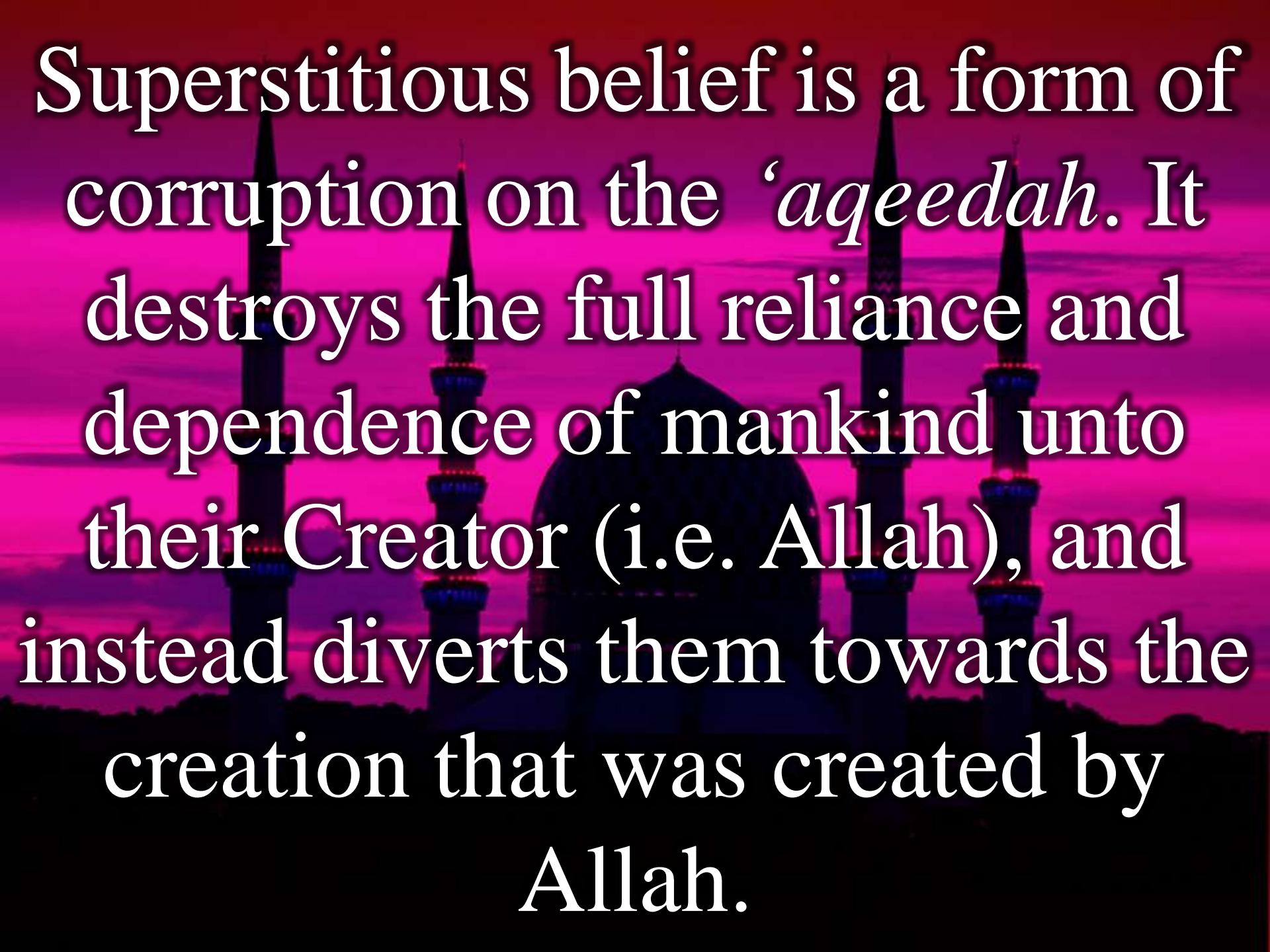


We find some Muslims relying on these myths and superstition that are shown on television, magazines, and comic as their source of reference. These materials are very dangerous to be watched and read,

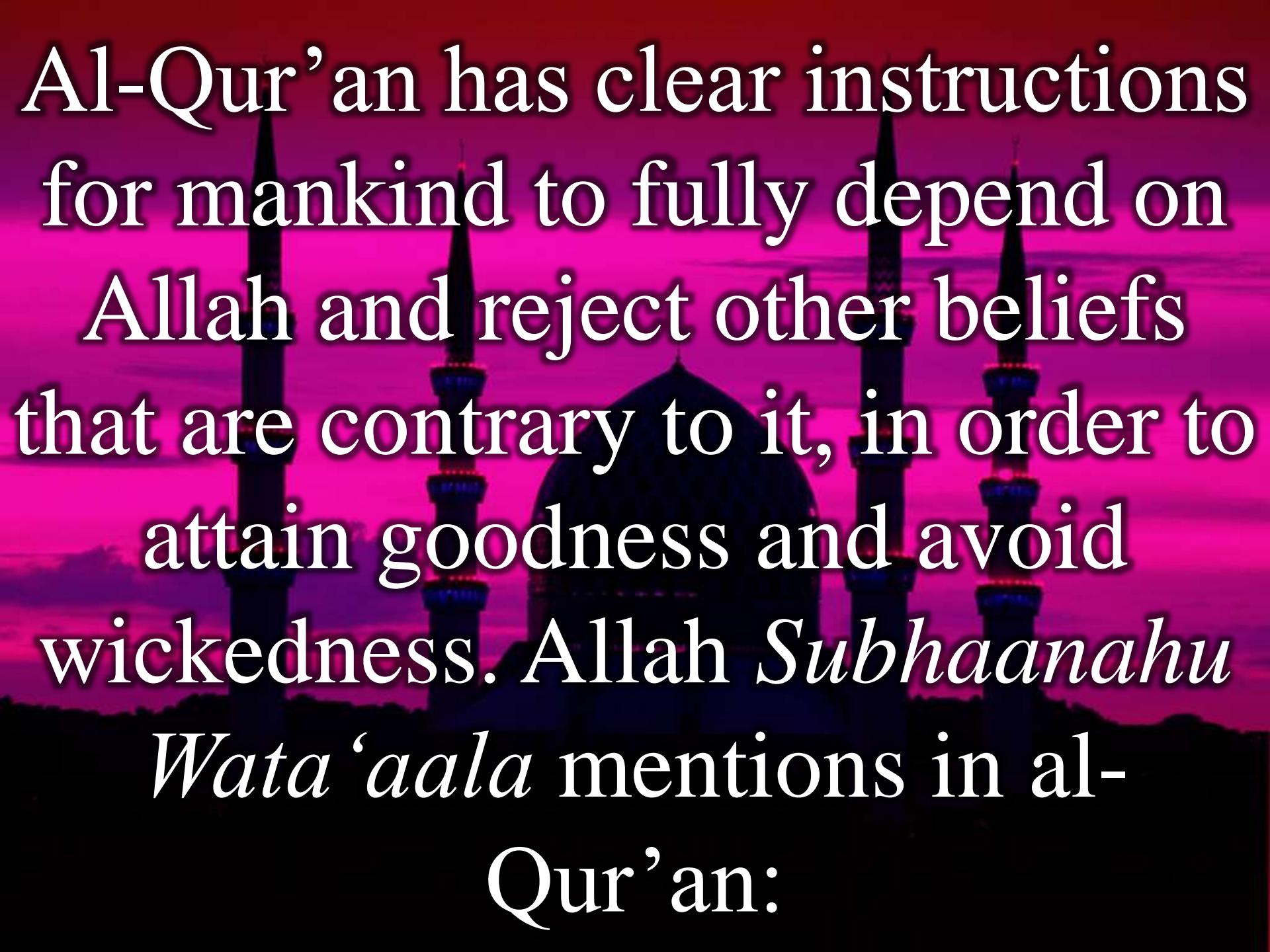


for they will only leave significant impact in the minds especially for young children.

At the same time, there are many beneficial and intellectual materials available such as religious programs on TV and Islamic magazines.

A photograph of a mosque at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors of pink, orange, and yellow. The silhouette of the mosque's central dome and four tall minarets is visible against the bright background. The foreground is dark, creating a strong contrast with the vibrant sky.

Superstitious belief is a form of corruption on the ‘*aqeedah*. It destroys the full reliance and dependence of mankind unto their Creator (i.e. Allah), and instead diverts them towards the creation that was created by Allah.

The background features a silhouette of a mosque with four prominent minarets against a vibrant sunset sky transitioning from pink to purple. The mosque's central dome is visible, and the minarets have small lights at their tops.

Al-Qur'an has clear instructions
for mankind to fully depend on
Allah and reject other beliefs
that are contrary to it, in order to
attain goodness and avoid
wickedness. Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala* mentions in al-
Qur'an:

“And if you asked them,
“Who created the heavens and
the earth?” they would surely
say, “Allah.” Say, “Then have
you considered what you
invoke besides Allah? If Allah
intended me harm, are they
removers of

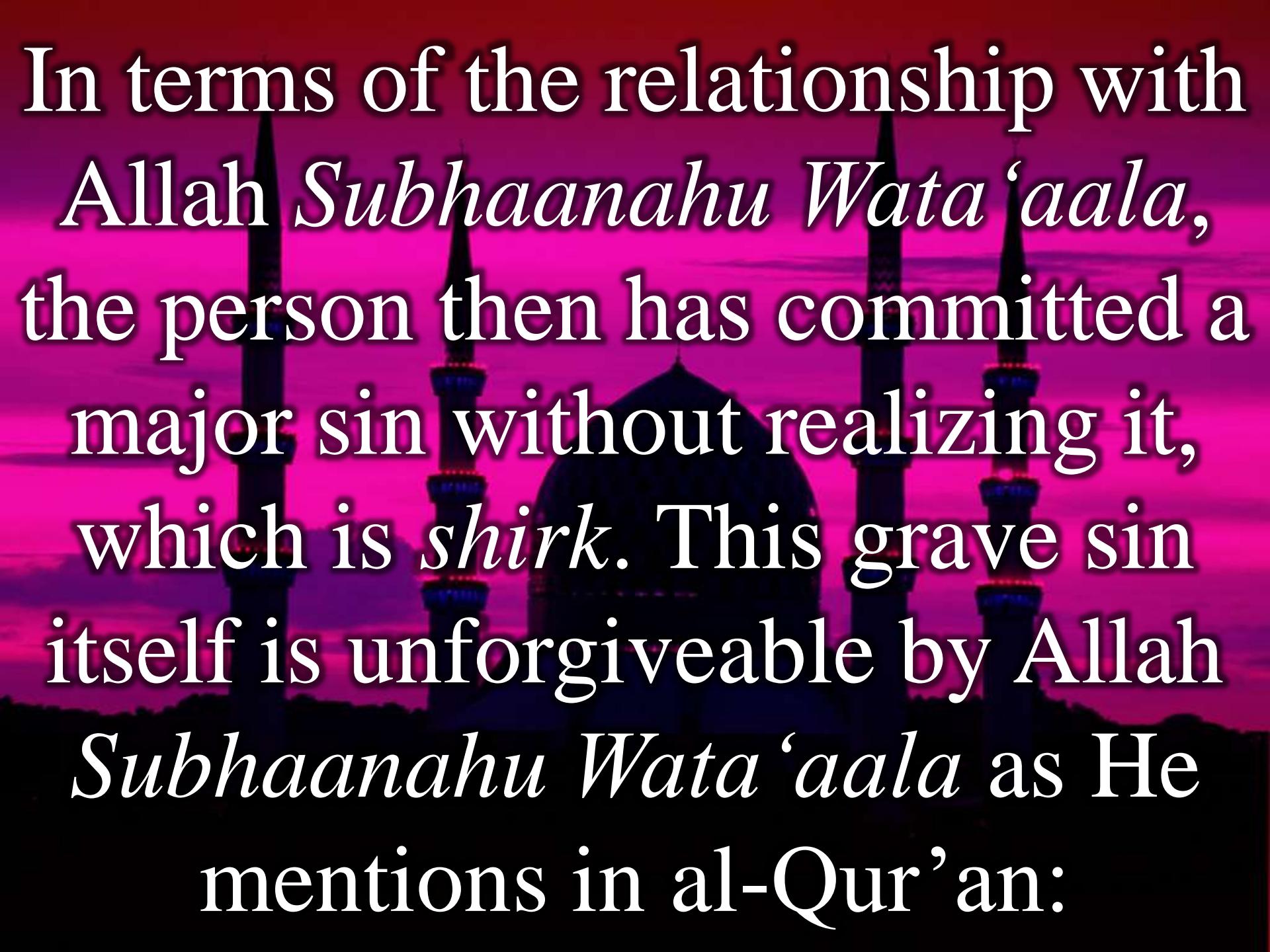
His harm; or if He intended
me mercy, are they
withholders of His mercy?”

Say, “Sufficient for me is
Allah; upon Him [alone] rely
the [wise] reliers.””

(az-Zumar 39:38)

When an action, utterance, or understanding that is firmly believed upon with certainty that it can bring about benefit or harm whilst not based upon the *Sharee'ah*, and even contradicts common sense, then it definitely can lead to *shirk*.

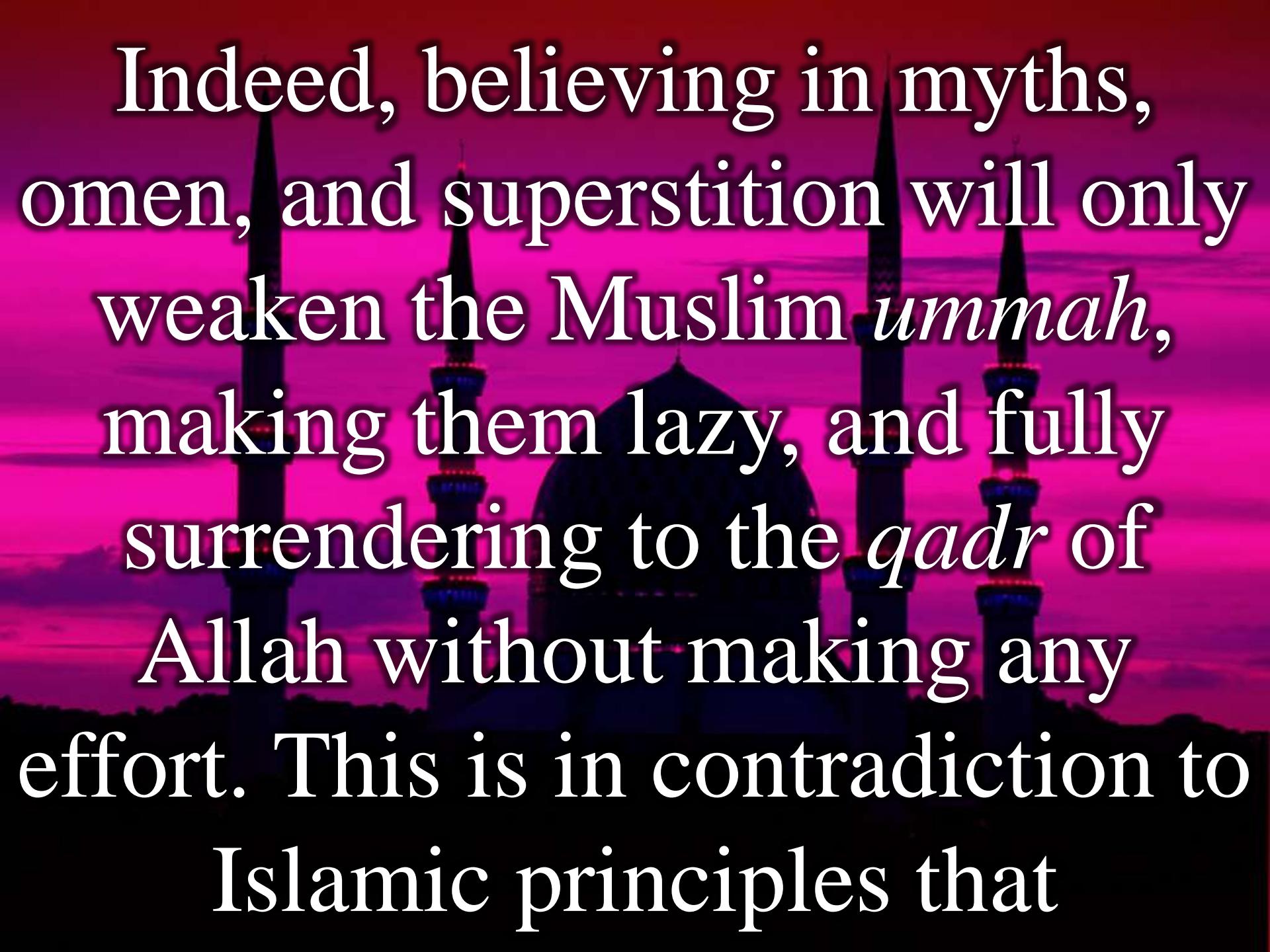
Furthermore, we will become incompetent, economically backward, and the mind becomes rigid and narrow-minded due to fallacious beliefs on superstition and myths.

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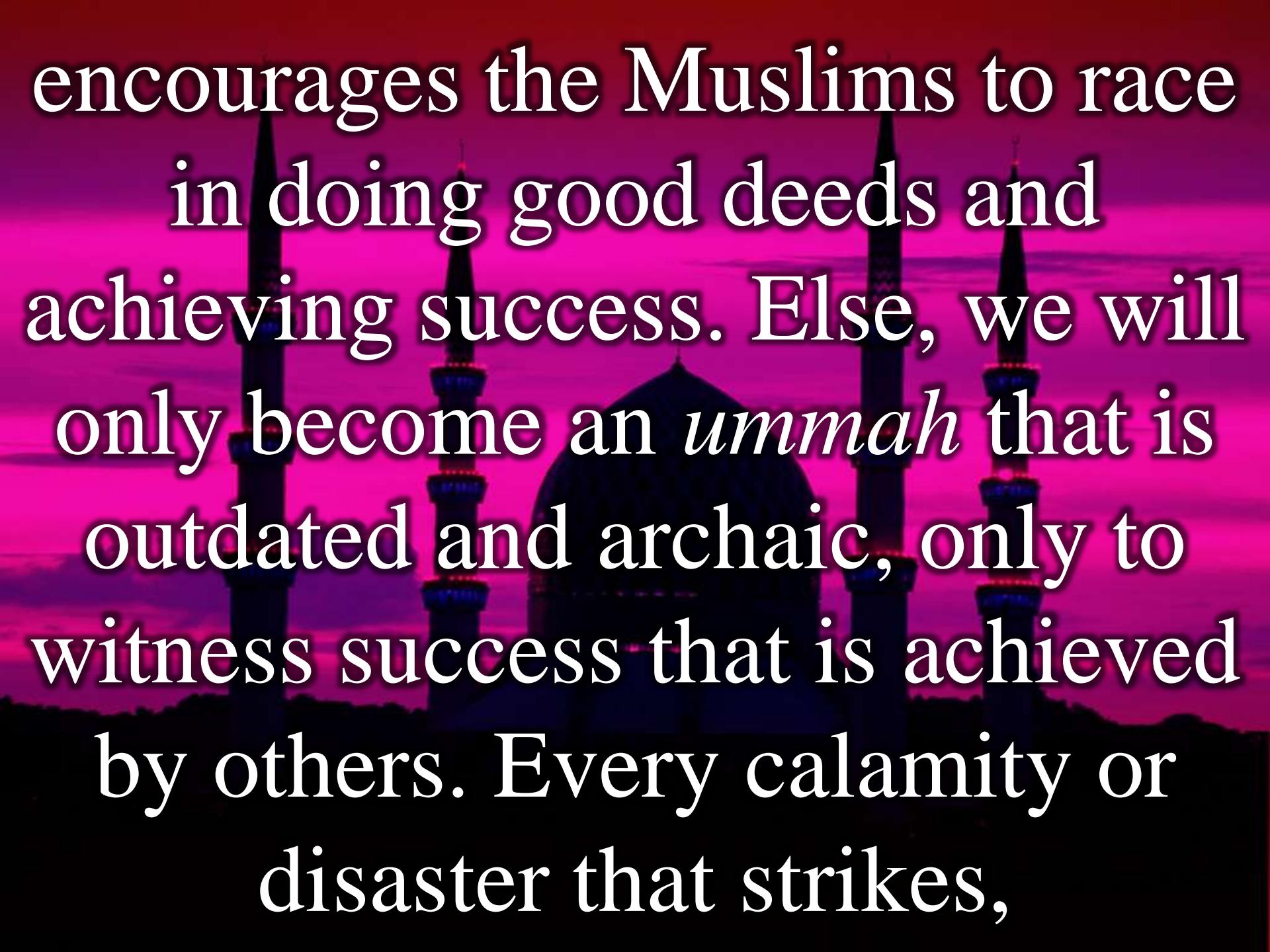
In terms of the relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*, the person then has committed a major sin without realizing it, which is *shirk*. This grave sin itself is unforgiveable by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* as He mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. And he who associates others with Allah has certainly fabricated a tremendous sin.”

(an-Nisaa’ 4:48)

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Indeed, believing in myths,
omen, and superstition will only
weaken the Muslim *ummah*,
making them lazy, and fully
surrendering to the *qadr* of
Allah without making any
effort. This is in contradiction to
Islamic principles that

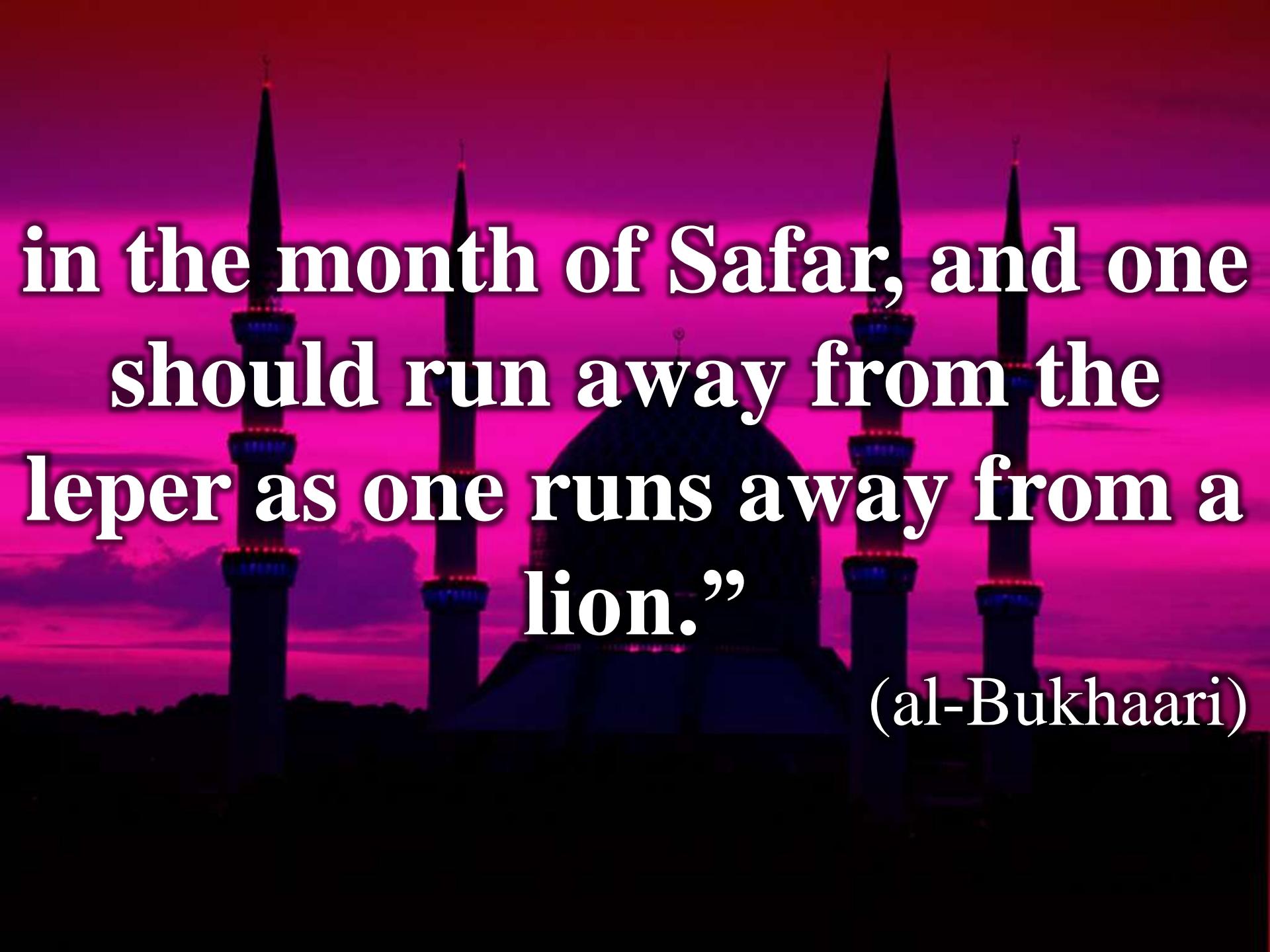
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encourages the Muslims to race
in doing good deeds and
achieving success. Else, we will
only become an *ummah* that is
outdated and archaic, only to
witness success that is achieved
by others. Every calamity or
disaster that strikes,

A silhouette of a person standing in front of three minarets against a pink and purple sunset sky.

shortcomings, insufficient and excess of provision are all by the *qadr* of Allah, as mentioned in a *hadeeth*. On the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

“(There is) no ‘adwaa (no contagious disease is conveyed without Allah's permission), nor is there any bad omen (from birds), nor is there any *haammah*, nor is there any bad omen

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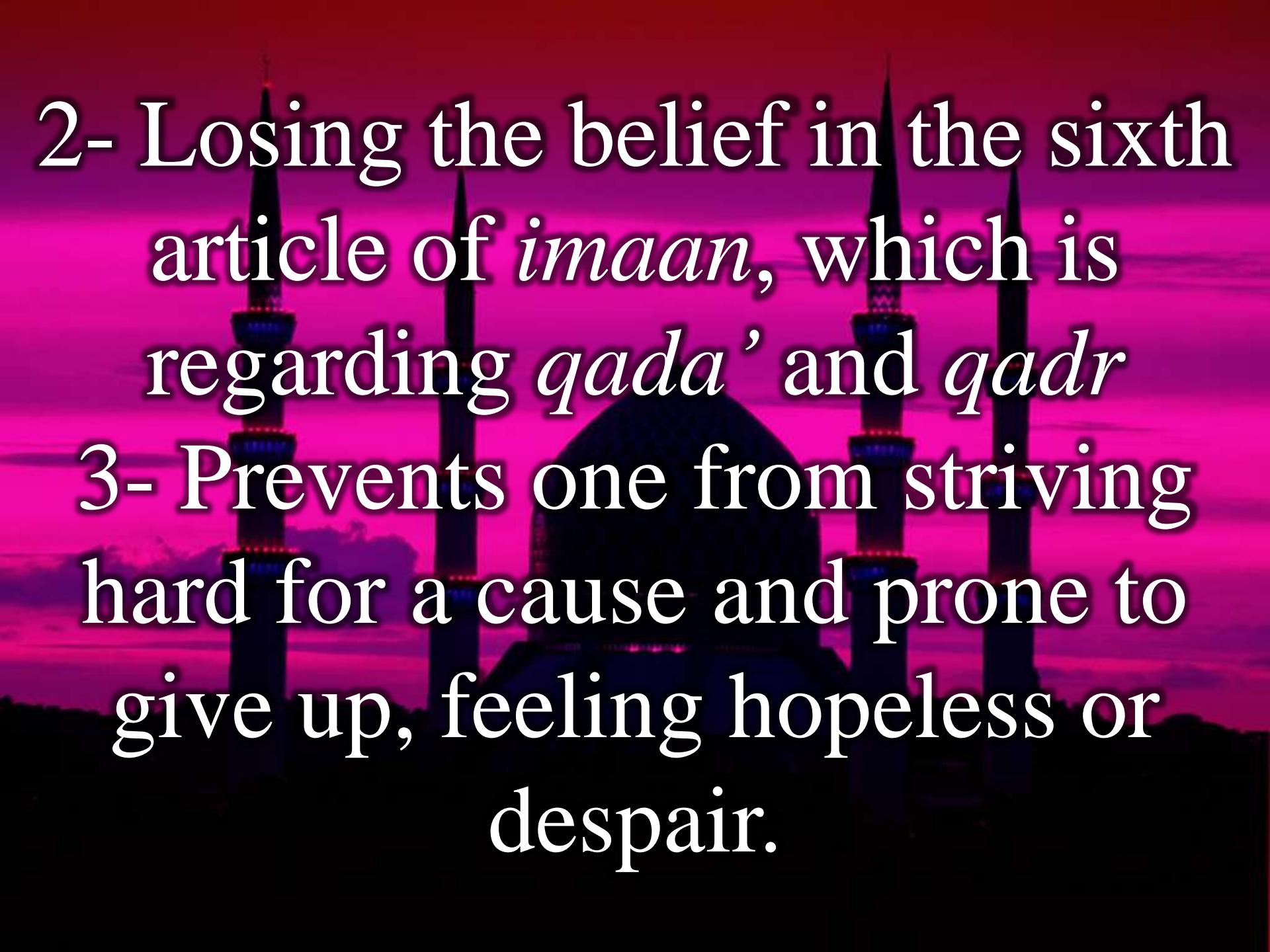
**in the month of Safar, and one
should run away from the
leper as one runs away from a
lion.”**

(al-Bukhaari)



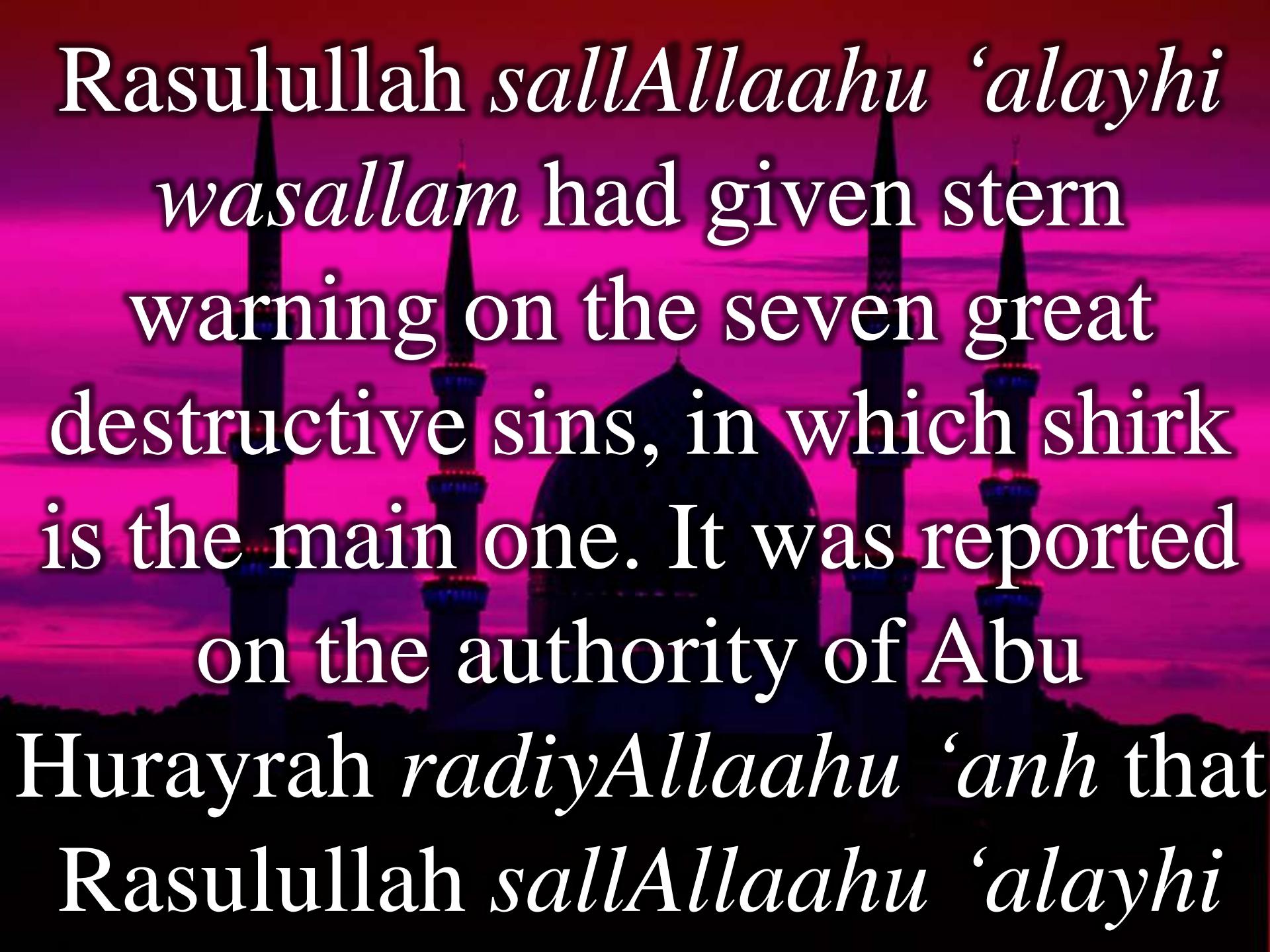
Verily, superstitious beliefs will only bring about negative consequences to the Muslim *ummah*, namely:

1- Corruption of ‘aqeedah (i.e. *shirk*)



2- Losing the belief in the sixth article of *imaan*, which is regarding *qada'* and *qadr*

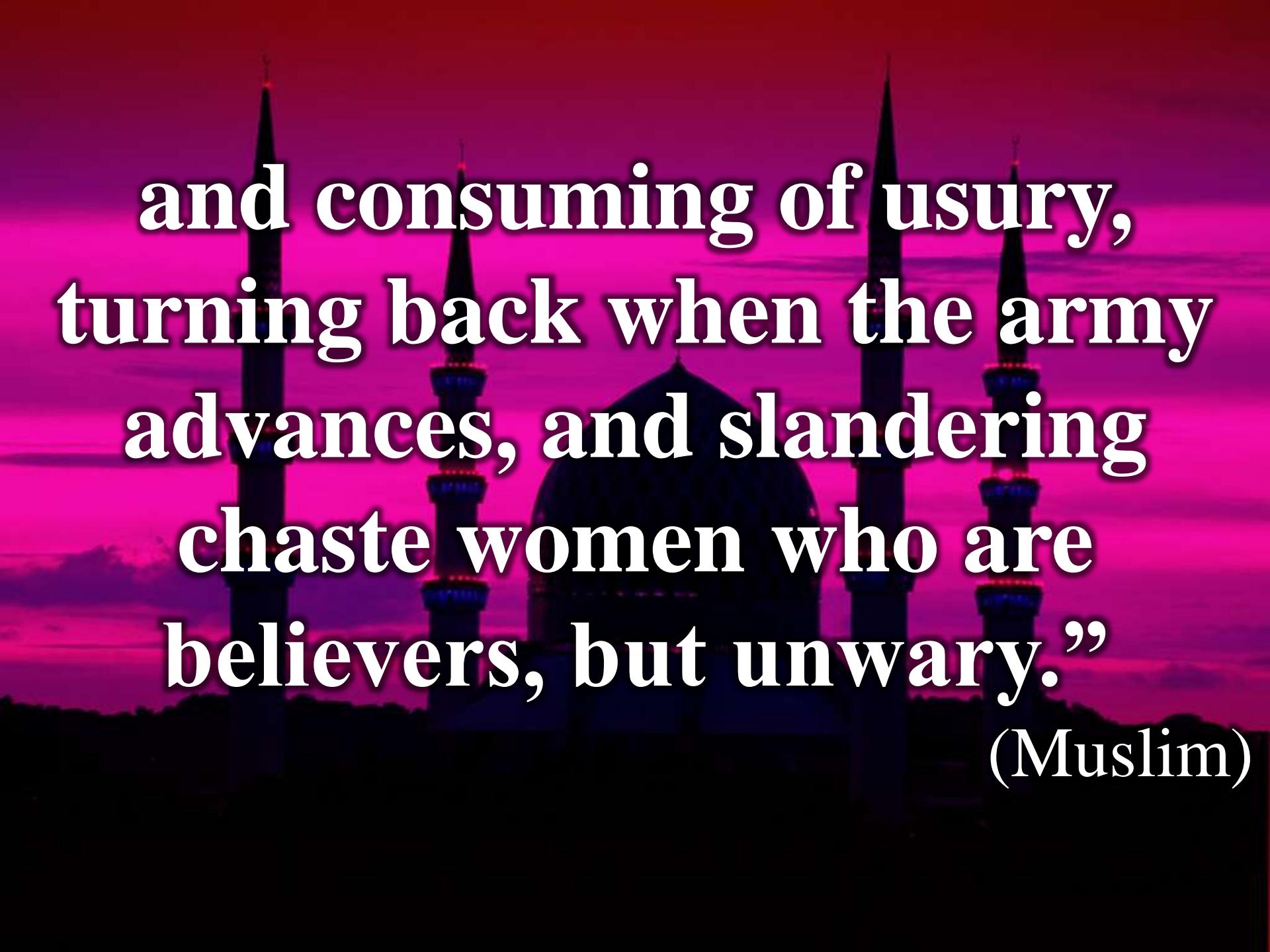
3- Prevents one from striving hard for a cause and prone to give up, feeling hopeless or despair.

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Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam* had given stern warning on the seven great destructive sins, in which shirk is the main one. It was reported on the authority of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi*

wasallam observed:
“Avoid the seven noxious things.” It was said (by the hearers): “What are they, O Messenger of Allah?” He (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) replied:

“Associating anything with Allah, magic, killing of one whom God has declared inviolate without a just cause, consuming the property of an orphan,

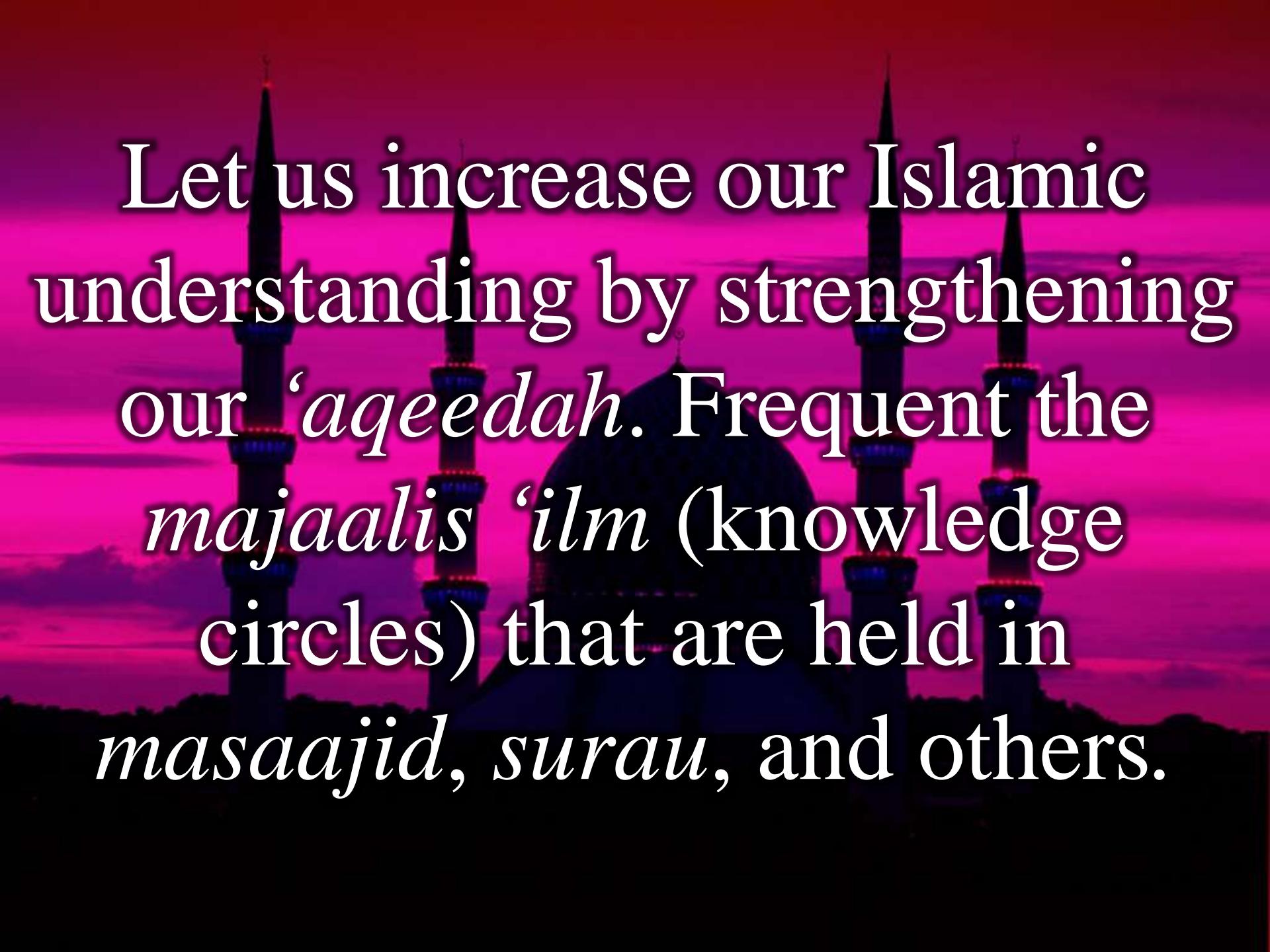
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and consuming of usury,
turning back when the army
advances, and slandering
chaste women who are
believers, but unwary.”

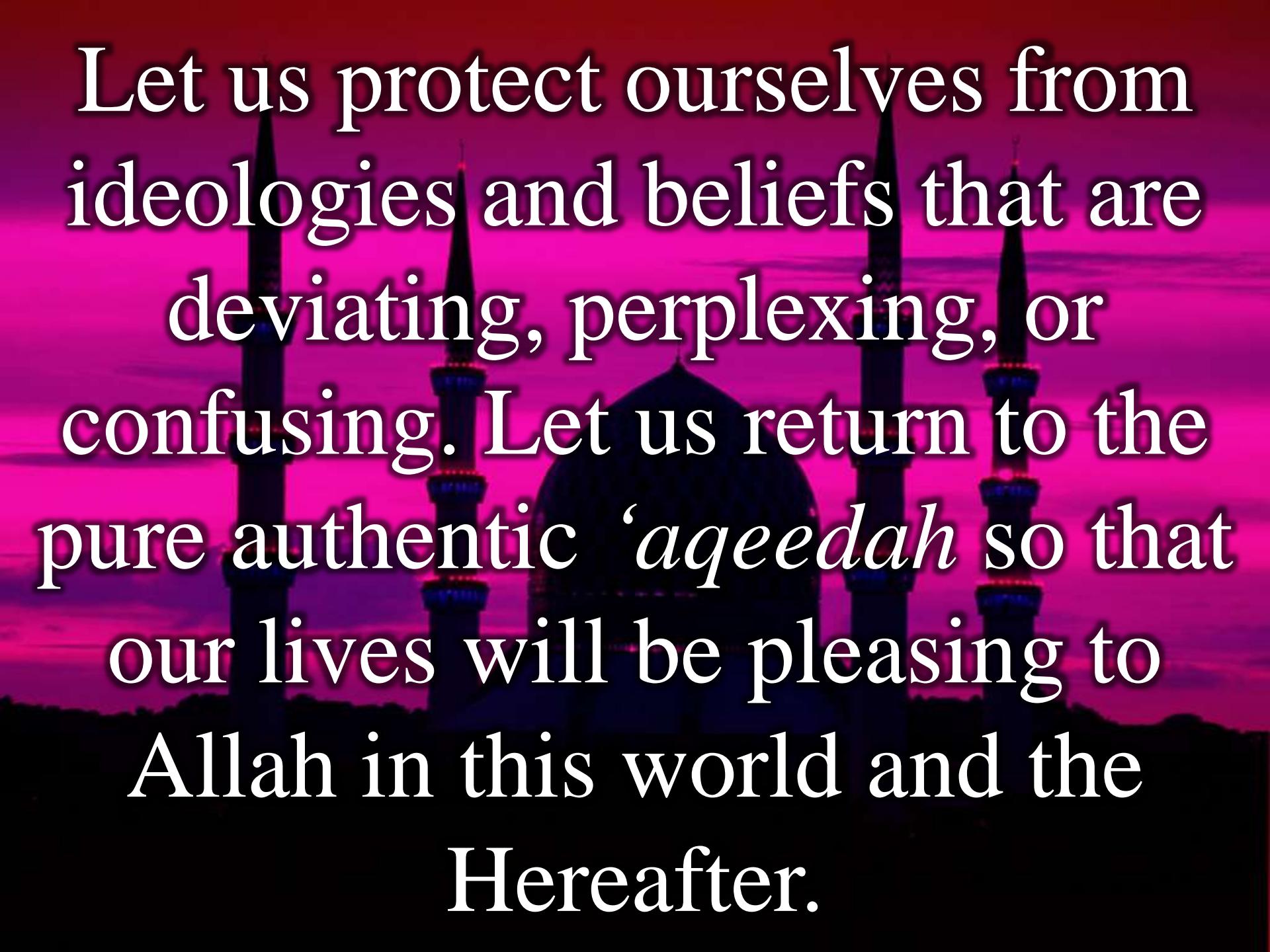
(Muslim)

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Therefore, let us purify and cleanse ourselves from any elements of belief in superstition or myths of the *Jahiliyy* ideology and understanding, which will only tarnish our ‘*aqeedah*.

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Let us increase our Islamic understanding by strengthening our ‘aqeedah. Frequent the *majaalis ‘ilm* (knowledge circles) that are held in *masaajid*, *suraus*, and others.

The background features a silhouette of a mosque with four prominent minarets. The sky is a vibrant mix of pink, purple, and orange hues, suggesting either a sunrise or sunset. The mosque's architecture is dark and silhouetted against the colorful sky.

Let us protect ourselves from ideologies and beliefs that are deviating, perplexing, or confusing. Let us return to the pure authentic ‘*aqeedah* so that our lives will be pleasing to Allah in this world and the Hereafter.

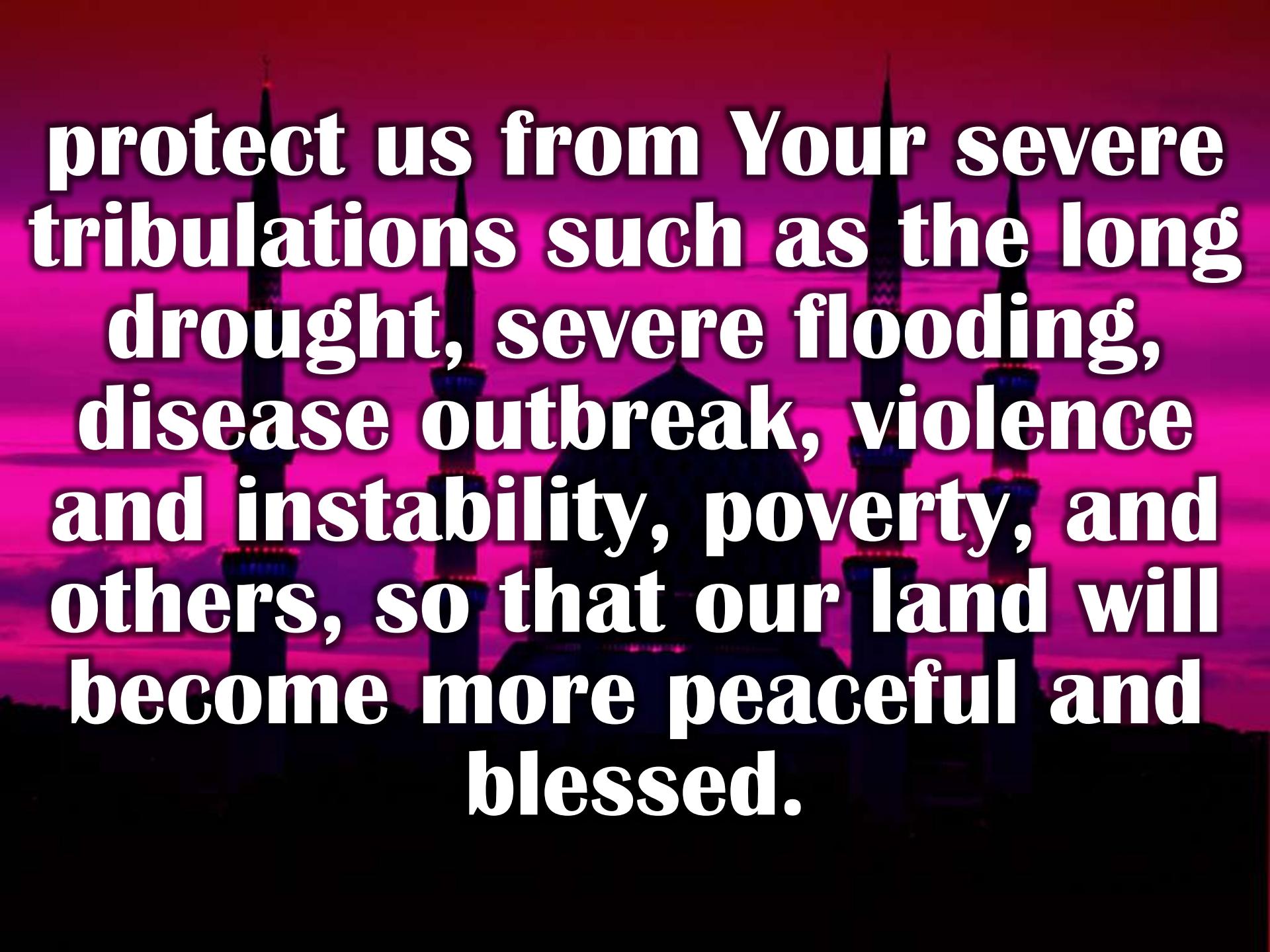
“And do not invoke besides Allah that which neither benefits you nor harms you, for if you did, then indeed you would be of the wrongdoers.”

(Yoonus 10:106)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
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قُولِيْ هَذَا وَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty
Lord, we are grateful unto You
for having bestowed upon us
Mercy and Blessings, nourishing
us to strive to continue in
strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced, progressive,
peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya
Allah, to strengthen our
imaan, increase our good
deeds, strengthen our unity,
increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul
with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide
us to the Path that is
Pleasing to You,



protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up
the hearts of the Muslim *ummah*
especially in Selangor, to fulfill
their *zakaat* obligation as You
had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless
the lives of those who have
fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation,
loving and caring for the poor
and needy.**

**Purify their wealth and soul
so that they will live
according to that which
pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty.**

Allaahumma ameen



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