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### *The Meaning Of Rejecting The Taghut*

**Linguistic meaning:**

**The Arabic word Taghut means to “cross the limits, overstep boundaries,” or “to rebel.”**

**Islamic meaning:**

**In Islamic terminology, the word refers to idolatry or to worship anything except**



**Allah (Glory be to Him) . Taghut also denotes one who exceed their limits. The first stage of error is fisq (I.e. disobeying Allah without denying that one should obey Him), the second is kufr, (i.e. rejection of the very idea that one should obey Allah). The last stage would be to rebel against Allah (Glory be to Him) but also impose their rebellious will of Allah upon others, those who reach this stage are taghut.**

### **General meaning:**

**The word Taaghoot is general. So everything that is worshipped besides Allah (Glory be to Him) , while being pleased with this worship – whether it is something worshipped, someone followed, or someone obeyed in the absence of obedience to Allah (Glory be**



to Him) and His Messenger, then that is considered Taaghoot. The Tawaagheet (pl. of Taaghoot) are many, but their heads are five:

### *The First:*

The Devil who calls the people to worship other than Allah (Glory be to Him). The proof for this is Allah (Glory be to Him) 's saying:

**“Did I not command you O children of Aadam, that you should not worship the Devil. Verily, he is a plain enemy to you.”**

**[Yaaseen:60]**

### *The Second:*

The tyrannical and oppressive ruler who changes Allah (Glory be to Him)'s rulings. The proof for this is Allah (Glory be to Him)'s saying:



**“Have you not seen those (hypocrites) who claim to have faith in that which has been revealed to you, and that which was revealed before you, and they wish to go for judgement (in their disputes) to the Taaghoot, when they have been ordered to reject them? But the Devil wishes to lead them far astray.”**

**[Nisaa: 4:60]**

*The Third:*

**The one who judges by other than what Allah has revealed, and the proof for this is Allah’s saying:**

**“And whoever does not judge by what Allah (Glory be to Him) has revealed, then they are the disbelievers.”**



[Maa'idah:44]

*The Fourth:*

**The one who claims to have knowledge of the Unseen, apart from Allah (Glory be to Him) . The proof for this is Allah's saying:**

**“He alone is the All-Knower of the Unseen, and He does not disclose His Unseen matters to anyone. Except to a messenger whom He has chosen, and then He makes a band of watching guards (angels) to march before him and behind him.”**

[Jinn: 26-27]

**And He says:**

**“And with Him lie the keys to the Unseen, no one knows them but He. And He knows whatever there is in the land**



**and in the sea; not a leaf falls except that He knows about it. There is not a grain in the darkness of the earth, nor anything fresh or dry, but that it is written in a Clear Record.”**

**[Ana'aam:59]**

### *The Fifth:*

**The one who is worshipped apart from Allah (Glory be to Him) , while being pleased with being worshipped. The proof for this is Allah (Glory be to Him) 's saying:**

**“And whoever amongst them says: ‘Verily, I am a Allah besides Him (Allah)’, then this person’s recompense will be the Hellfire. That is the way We recompense the wrongdoers.”**



**[Anbiyaa:29]**

**“Do you not see how those given a share of the Scripture, [evidently] now believe in idols and evil powers? (Taghut) They say of the disbelievers, ‘They are more rightly guided than the believers.’”**

**[Surah Nisa:51]**

**“Do you [Prophet] not see those who claim to believe in what has been sent down to you, and in what was sent down before you, yet still want to turn to unjust tyrants for judgement, although they have been ordered to reject them? Satan wants to lead them far astray.”**

**[Surah Nisa:60]**

**“The believers fight for Allah (Glory be to Him) ‘s cause, while those who reject faith fight for an unjust cause Fight the**



**allies of Satan: Satan's strategies are truly weak."**

**[Surah Nisa:76]**

**"There is no compulsion in religion: true guidance has become distinct from error, so whoever rejects (taghut) false Allah (Glory be to Him) s and believes in Allah (Glory be to Him) has grasped the firmest hand-hold, one that will never break. Allah is all hearing, all knowing."**

**[Surah Nisa:256]**

**Disbelieving in the Taaghoot is a Condition for the Correctness of Faith**

**And know that man will never become a believer in Allah (Glory be to Him) unless he rejects and disbelieves in the**





**Taaghoot. The proof for this is Allah (Glory be to Him) 's saying:**

**“There is no compulsion in the Religion. Verily, the right path has become distinct from the wrong path. So whoever disbelieves in the Taaghoot and believes in Allah (Glory be to Him), then he has taken hold of the firmest handhold that will never break. And Allah (Glory be to Him) is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.”**

**[Baqarah: 2:256]**

**The “right path” here refers to the Religion of Muhammad (may the peace and blessings of Allah (Glory be to Him) , while the “wrong path” refers to the Religion of Abu Jahl. The “firmest handhold” refers to the testimony that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah (Glory be to Him) {Laa**



**Ilaaha IllAllah (Glory be to Him) )). This testimony consists of a negation and an affirmation. It negates all types of worship from those worshipped besides Allah (Glory be to Him), while affirming all types of worship done for Allah (Glory be to Him) alone, free from any partner.**

### *Basic message of Prophets:*

**The basic message brought by all the Prophets. Allah (Glory be to Him) says (interpretation of the meaning):**

**“And verily, We have sent among every Ummah (community, nation) a Messenger (proclaiming): ‘Worship Allah (Glory be to Him) (Alone), and avoid (or keep away from) Taghoot (all false deities, i.e. do not worship Taghoot**



**besides Allah (Glory be to Him)).’ Then of them were some whom Allah (Glory be to Him) guided and of them were some upon whom the straying was justified. So travel through the land and see what was the end of those who denied (the truth)”**

**[al-Nahl 16:36]**

**“And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad) but We revealed to him (saying): Laa ilaaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I Allah (Glory be to Him)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)”**

**[al-Anbiya’ 21:25]**



*The Fundamentals of Islam are three, and they are as follows*

- Knowledge of Allaah.
- Knowledge of the Islamic religion.
- Knowledge of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

Now, why do we need knowledge of these three Fundamentals? Why? Because they are the first questions that the person is asked after death, in the Grave:

**Who is your Lord** ؟ مه ربك ؟

**What is your religion** ؟ ما ديك ؟



**What did you used to say about the man named Muhammad?**

**ماذا كنت تقول في محمد؟**

**If the believer, in his first life believed, and followed, then he will be able to answer these questions. And if the person, disbelieved, rejected, or believed but didn't follow, then he will not be able to answer any of these three questions.**

**If he answers the three questions, then he has passed the test, and is admitted into Heaven, and if he fails to answer these questions, then he is of the losers and whoever fails the test will be admitted into Hell fire for eternity.**

**Allaah, the All-Powerful says in the Glorious Quran:**



حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ ﴿٩٩﴾  
لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحًا فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ كَلَّا إِنَّهَا كَلِمَةٌ هُوَ  
قَائِلُهَا وَمِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ بَرْزَخٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

**Until, when death comes to one of them (those who join partners with Allah), he says: “My Lord! Send me back, “So that I may do good in that which I have left behind!” No! (Allaah’s reply) It is but a word that he speaks, and behind them is Barzakh (a barrier) until the Day when they will be resurrected.**

**[Al- Muminoon, V. 99-100]**

**The Jannah that the believer is admitted to, isn’t the final Jannah that he will live in for eternity, and the Hell-fire that the**



**disbeliever is admitted to isn't the final Hell-fire that he will live in for eternity either, after death the soul lives in a Barrier between the final life and the first life, and if the person is admitted into Heaven while in the barrier, then he will be admitted into a greater Heaven when the Day of Resurrection comes, as for the disbeliever, when he enters the Hell-fire in the barrier, on the Day of Resurrection, the Hell-fire that he will live in for eternity will be much greater, and the punishment will be more painful.**



مَثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ ۖ فِيهَا أَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ مَّاءٍ غَيْرِ  
أَسِينٍ ۖ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ لَّبَنٍ لَّمْ يَتَغَيَّرْ طَعْمُهُ ۖ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ  
خَمْرٍ لَّذَّةٍ لِلشَّارِبِينَ ۖ وَأَنْهَارٌ مِّنْ عَسَلٍ مُّصَفًّى ۖ وَ  
لَهُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ وَ مَغْفِرَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ ۖ كَمَنْ هُوَ  
خَالِدٌ فِي النَّارِ وَسُقُوا مَاءً حَمِيمًا فَقَطَّعَ أَمْعَاءُهُمْ ﴿١٥﴾

[Muhammad, V.15]

*1st Fundamental: Knowledge of the  
Sustainer & Cherisher*

**Knowing that, your Lord is your Sustainer  
and Cherisher who has nourished you  
and fostered you with his bounties.**

Knowing that, he is the only one who  
deserves to be worshipped, without  
ascribing partners to him.

– Acknowledging him from his signs and  
the rest of his creation. Some of his signs  
are:





- The day, the night, the sun, and the moon. Some of his creations are:
- The seven skies, the Earth, and everything in between.

## *2ND Fundamental: Knowledge of the Islamic religion*

The only religion that is accepted from Allaah. Islam is, Submission of one's will to Allaah alone, worshipping him, and negation of all false deities.

The levels of the religion are three:



## *3rd Fundamental: Knowledge of the Prophet Muhammad*

### **His name and background:**

He is Muhammad son of Abdullah son of Abdulmuttalib son of Hashim, and Hashim is from Quraysh, Quraysh are of the Arabs, the Arabs are of the descendants of Ismael the son of Ibrahim peace be upon them both.

He was 63 years old, forty years before prophet hood, and twenty three years as a Messenger and Prophet.

He was Prophesized with (Iqraa'), and was sent with (Al-Muddatthir), and both are revelations which you will find in the Quran.



**His Country:** Makkah.

**His Migration:** Madinah.

**His invitation:**

Allaah sent him as a warner for the polytheists and a caller to Tawheed.

Hence, this leaves us with a few issues that need to be understood:

### *1) What happens with Mankind after Death?*

The human's soul will remain in the Barzakh "The Barrier" until the Day of Resurrection, and when the trumpet is blown by Allaah's Angel "Israfil" every living thing will die, and it will be blown



once again, and everything that died will resurrect.

## *2) Why is it called The Day of Resurrection?*

It is called Day of Resurrection because every human being and living thing that died will be resurrected on that Day.

## *3) Then why is it called The Day of Judgment?*

It is also called The Day of Judgment because everything that resurrects on that Day will be Judged by The Creator, and if the living person has lived according to the Creator's laws, then he will be on the safe side, but if the resurrected person



has lived his first life according to any other law and disregarded the Creator's law, then his Judgment will result in punishment.

#### *4) What are a few clear signs that prove that the world will end?*

- Each day is 24 hours, and after the 24 hours are over the Day Ends.
- There are four seasons, each season lasts about 3 months, then as the new season comes in the previous one is put to an end.
- Humans are born, they grow, they become mature, and they get old, and die; some die young, and others die old but at the end all lives come to an end.



## 5) What happens if I turn away from Allaah's religion?

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْ ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ  
يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ أَعْمَى ﴿١٢٤﴾  
قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا ﴿١٢٥﴾  
قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيتَهَا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَى  
﴿١٢٦﴾

**[20: 124-126]** “But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Quran nor acts on Its orders, etc.) Verily, for him is a life of hardship, and we shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection. “He will say:” O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before).” (Allah) will say: “Like



this, Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, Came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allahs Mercy).”

Overall, if knowing general things is just a great way to live life, imagine how great it is to know things regarding your religion, your Deen, which is your whole way of life, imagine that.

There is nothing greater than seeking knowledge of Islam and knowing its fundamentals, and if you realize that you are one of those who are truly seeking knowledge, then know that you are a lucky man, who is close to Allaah, because



you kept balance between both, dunya and Akhira.

However, the Kuffar only know things of this dunya, if you ask him about Akhira he knows nothing.

Allaah says:

يَعْلَمُونَ ظَاهِرًا مِّنَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ عَنِ  
الْآخِرَةِ هُمْ غَفْلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

They know only the outside appearance of the life of the world (i.e. the matters of their livelihood) and they are heedless of the Hereafter.





[Surah Room:30: 07]

## *KUFR [INFIDELITY]*

**Kafir** “Male infidel”, **Kafira** “Female infidel”, **Kuffar/ Kafiireen/ Kafiroon** “Plural Infidels”

The All-mighty Allaah says in the glorious Quran:

**The Day when man will see that (the deeds) which his hands have sent forth, and the infidel will say: “Woe to me! Would that were dust!” – An-naba’, v.29**



## Note

All creatures will resurrect on the Day of Recompense, Mankind, Jinn, animals, and even insects, and then Allaah commands the animals to turn into dust, and when the infidels see this they will say: **Woe to me, i wish that I were dust.**

*What is Kufr “infidelity”? And how many types of Kufr exist?*

## Kufr “Infidelity”

**Linguistically** : To cover up.

**Religiously** : Anything that is against Islam.



## *Types of Kufr:*

**Major Kufr**

**Minor Kufr**

### **MAJOR KUFR:**

**It is the Disbelief in Allaah and his messengers either with or without denying.**

### *The Ruling of Major Kufr:*

**It expels the person from Islam.**



## *Sections of Major Kufr:*

### *i. The Kufr of Denial.*

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْكَافِرِينَ

**And who does more wrong than he who invents a lie against Allaah or denies the truth (Muhammad and his doctrine of Islamic Monotheism and this Quran), when it comes to him? Is there not a dwelling in Hell for disbelievers (in the Oneness of Allaah and in His Messenger Muhammad)? Al-Ankabut, V.68**



## *ii. The Kufr of Arrogance.*

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَى  
وَاسْتَكْبَرَ\* وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ

**And (remember) when we said to the angels: “Prostrate your selves before Adam.” And they prostrated except Iblis (Satan), he refused and was proud and was one of the disbelievers (disobedient to Allaah). Al-Baqara, V.34**

## *iii. The Kufr of Doubt.*



وَدَخَلَ جَنَّتَهُ وَهُوَ ظَالِمٌ لِّنَفْسِهِ ۖ قَالَ  
مَا أَظُنُّ أَن تَبِيدَ هَذِهِ ۖ أَبَدًا ﴿٣٥﴾  
وَمَا أَظُنُّ السَّاعَةَ قَائِمَةً ۖ وَلَئِن رُّدِّتُ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي لَأَجِدَنَّ  
خَيْرًا مِّنْهَا مُنْقَلَبًا ﴿٣٦﴾  
قَالَ لَهُ صَاحِبُهُ وَهُوَ يُحَاوِرُهُ أَكَفَرْتَ بِالَّذِي خَلَقَكَ مِنْ  
تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُّطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ سَوَّكَ رَجُلًا ﴿٣٧﴾  
لَكِنَّا هُوَ اللَّهُ رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِرَبِّي أَحَدًا ﴿٣٨﴾

**And he went into his garden while in a state (of pride and disbelief) unjust to himself. He said: “I think not that this will ever perish. “And I think not the Hour will ever come, and if indeed I am brought back to my Lord, (on the Day of Resurrection), I surely shall find better than this when I return to Him.”.**

**Al-Kahf, V.35-38**



#### *iv. The Kufr of Aversion. (Noah's Story)*

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَمَّا أُنذِرُوا مُعْرِضُونَ

**But those who disbelieve turn away from  
that whereof they are warned.**

*Al-Ahqaf, V.3*

#### *v. The Kufr of Hypocrisy.*

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ آمَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا فَطُبِعَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ

**That is because they believed, then  
disbelieved, therefore their hearts are  
sealed, so they understand not.**



## Al-Munafiqoon, V.3

### MINOR KUFR:

**It is the disobedient act that was identified as Kufr in the Quran and in The Sunnah, and hasn't been mentioned as Major Kufr.**

#### *The Ruling of Minor Kufr:*

It is haram “unlawful”, and it is of the major sins, but does not expel the person from Islam.

### Examples of Minor Kufr:





### *i. The Kufr of Grace.*

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا قَرْيَةً كَانَتْ آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً يَأْتِيهَا رِزْقُهَا  
رَغَدًا مِّنْ كُلِّ مَكَانٍ فَكَفَرَتْ بِأَنْعُمِ اللَّهِ فَأَذَاقَهَا اللَّهُ لِبَاسَ  
الْجُوعِ وَالْخَوْفِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿١١٢﴾

**And Allaah puts forward the example of a township (Makkah), that dwelt secure and well content; its provision coming to it in abundance from every place, but it (its people) denied the Favours of Allaah (with ungratefulness). So Allaah made it taste the extreme of hunger (famine) and fear, because of that (evil, i.e. denying Prophet Muhammad) which they (its people) used to do- An-nahl, V.112**

**Note:**

**When mankind is graced with Allaah's bounties, and denies that Allaah is the**



**one who bestowed that grace upon them, Allaah doesn't let that grace last long, he punishes them with hunger and fear for what they have denied, and takes that grace away from them due to their disbelief.**

*ii. A Muslim killing another Muslim.*

سباب المسلم فسوقٌ وَقَتْلُهُ كُفْرٌ

**‘Abdullah narrated that: The Prophet Muhammad (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa sallam said, “Abusing a Muslim is Fusuq (an evil doing) and killing him is Kufr (disbelief).”**



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### *iii. Attacking someone's lineage.*

**Abu Hurayrah reported that the Messenger of Allaah (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa sallam) said,**

**“Two things people do have disbelief in them: attacking lineage of others...”  
(Muslim)**

### *iv. Wailing over the dead.*

**Abu Hurayrah reported that the Messenger of Allaah (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa sallam) said,**



**“Two things people do have disbelief in them: ..... and wailing over the head”**  
[Muslim]

### *Nifaq “hypocrisy”*

#### **Terminology:**

**Munafiq** “hypocrite”, **Munafiqah** “Female hypocrite” **Munafiqoon/Munafiqeen** “Male Hypocrites”, **Munafiqat** “Female hypocrites”.

The All-mighty Allaah says in the glorious Quran:



الْمُنْفِقُونَ وَالْمُنْفِقَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ مِّنْ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ  
بِالْمُنْكَرِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَقْبِضُونَ أَيْدِيَهُمْ ۚ نَسُوا  
اللَّهَ فَنَسِيَهُمْ ۚ إِنَّ الْمُنْفِقِينَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُنْفِقَاتِ وَالْكُفَّارَ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ  
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ بئى حَسْبُهُمْ ۚ وَلَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ ۚ وَلَهُمْ  
عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٦٨﴾

[SURAH TAWBA:09:67-68]

The hypocrites, men and women, are from one another, they enjoin (on the people) Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief and polytheism of all kinds and all that Islam has forbidden), and forbid (people) from Al-Marooof (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do), and they close their hands (from giving (spending in Allaah's Cause) They have forgotten Allaah, so He has forgotten them. Verily, the hypocrites are the Fasiqoon (rebellious, disobedient to Allaah). Allaah has promised the hypocrites; men and



women, and the disbelievers, the Fire of Hell, therein shall they abide. It will suffice them. Allah has cursed them and for them is the lasting torment.

### Note:

A hypocrite is characterized by enjoining evil on people and forbidding good, which is the opposite of what a Muslim does, hypocrites are the biggest enemies of Islam, and for them will be nothing but Hell fire for eternity.

*What is Nifaq “hypocrisy”? And how many types of Nifaq exist?*

**Nifaq “hypocrisy”**

**Linguistically:** Hiding something and keeping it mysterious



**Religiously** : Showing others that one is a Muslim while hiding his disbelief.

### *Sections of Nifaq*

**Doctrinal Major Nifaq**

**Practical Minor Nifaq**

- **Doctrinal Major Nifaq:**

**It is the Major Nifaq where the one who upholds it displays Islam and conceals infidelity or Polytheism.**

### **The Ruling of Major Nifaq:**

**This type constitutes absolute apostasy, and condemns those who uphold it to the lowest level of Hell-Fire.**



## Types of Doctrinal Major Nifaq:

1. **Denying the Prophet Muhammad (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa sallam).**
2. **Denying some of the Prophet's teachings.**
3. **Hating the Messenger (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa Sallam).**
4. **Hating some of what the Messenger (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa Sallam) was sent with.**
5. **Rejoicing over the decline of the Deen of the Messenger (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa Sallam). (Being happy that Islam is falling).**
6. **Resenting the prevalence of the Deen of the Messenger (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa Sallam). (Hating that Islam is defeating other religions).**





### *. Practical Minor Nifaq:*

**That is one who possess a trait of the hypocrites while retaining faith in the heart.**

### *The Ruling of Minor Nifaq:*

**This doesn't constitute apostasy, but it is considered as a means to it. A person who upholds it combines both, faith and hypocrisy. When the latter prevails, he becomes a sheer hypocrite.**

### *Examples of Practical Minor Nifaq:*

- 1. Telling lies.**
- 2. Breaking promises.**
- 3. Betraying entrustments.**
- 4. Behaving treacherously in a treaty.**



5. **Behaving immorally when disputing.**
6. **Being lazy to attend congregational prayer in the Masjid.**
7. **Showing off his good deeds.**

**The Messenger of Allaah (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wa Sallam) said: “Four traits, whoever possesses them is a sheer hypocrite. And whoever possesses one of them would possess a trait of hypocrisy until he relinquishes it. When he is entrusted, he betrays trust, and when he speaks, he lies, when he enters into a treaty, he behaves treacherously, and when he disputes with others, he behaves immorally.” [Agreed upon]**

**A person, who combines these traits, has indeed combined all evil and all the traits of hypocrisy. But he who has one of**



**them, he possesses a trait of hypocrisy. A person may possess traits of both goodness and evil, as well as Eemaan, Kufr and hypocrisy, he would deserve rewards and punishment in accordance with the traits which necessitates wither of them, such as being lazy to attend congregational prayer in the Masjid, for this is a hypocrite's behavior. Hypocrisy is evil and very dangerous of which the Companions were scared. Ibn Abi Malikah said: "I have met thirty of the Companions of the Messenger (Sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam), all of whom were afraid of falling into hypocrisy."**

**The All-mighty Allaah says in the glorious Quran:**



فَلَا تُعْجِبْكَ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ ۖ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ  
اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ بِهَا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَتَزْيِقَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَهُمْ  
كَافِرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

وَيَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُمْ لَمِنْكُمْ ۖ وَمَا هُمْ  
مِنْكُمْ وَلَكِنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ يَفْرَقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

**So let not their wealth or their children amaze you (O Muhammad); in reality Allaah's Plan is to punish them with these things in the life of the this world, and that their souls shall depart (die) while they are disbelievers. They swear by Allaah that they are truly of you while they are not of you, but they are a people (hypocrites) who are afraid (that you may kill them).**

*Al-Wala' & Al-Bara'*

**The Love & Hate for Allaah's sake:**



**Al Wala' Wal Bara' is an Arabic phrase.** Within the context of Islam, the phrase means, on one hand, drawing near to what is pleasing to Allaah and His Messenger and, on the other hand, withdrawing from what is displeasing to Allaah and His Messenger (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wasallam).

*What does this love and enmity exactly mean?*

### **1. Al-Wala':**

**Loving for the sake of Allaah means to love Allaah and to show loyalty to Him by following His Sharia. It means to love all that is good and permissible in the Quran and Sunnah.**

**– This type of love requires one to defend Allâh's Deen and to preserve it. It is to**



**love those who are obedient to Allaah and to defend and assist them.**

## **2. Al-Bara':**

**Enmity for the sake of Allaah signifies showing anger towards those who oppose Allaah, His Messenger (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam), His Deen, and the believers.**

**– It is to struggle and fight against them in order to uphold and spread the way of Allaah and His Messenger (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam). There is a brilliant example of this in Ibrahim (alaihi-salaam), as narrated by Allaah in the Quran:**

**Allaah Al-mighty says in the Glorious Quran:**



قَدْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ  
إِذْ قَالُوا لِقَوْمِهِمْ إِنَّا بُرَءُؤُا مِنْكُمْ وَمِمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ ۚ كَفَرْنَا بِكُمْ وَبَدَا بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ الْعَدَاوَةُ وَالْبَغْضَاءُ  
أَبَدًا حَتَّى تُوْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ  
وَحَدَّثَهُ إِلَّا قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لِأَبِيهِ لَأَسْتَغْفِرَنَّ لَكَ وَ  
مَا أَمْلِكُ لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ۚ رَبَّنَا عَلَّيْكَ تَوَكَّلْنَا وَ  
إِلَيْكَ أَنَبْنَا وَ إِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤﴾

**There is a good example for you in Ibrahim and those with him when they told their people: Surely, we disassociate ourselves from you and all that you worship beside Allaah. We have done with you. And there has arisen between us and you enmity and hate forever until you believe in Allah Alone.**

**(Al-Mumtahinah V.4)**

### **The Importance of Wala' & Bara':**

**1. It is considered an Islamic Fundamental.**



**2. It is the tightest bond of faith.**

**3. It is from Millat Ibrahim and Millat Muhammad peace be upon them both.**

### **The Sections of Wala':**

**There are two sections of Wala':**

**1. Tawalli. 2. Muwalaa.**

#### **1. Tawalli:**

**Tawalli means loving Shirk (polytheism) and the Polytheists, loving Kufr (Infidelity) and the Kuffar, defeating the Muslims and being on the side of the enemies.**

#### **The Ruling of Tawalli:**

**It is considered Major Kufr and its person is an apostate.**

**The Proof to that is Allaah's saying:**





وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِّنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ

**And if any amongst you takes them as Auliya, then surely he is one of them.**

Al-Maeda, V.51

## **2. Muwalaa:**

**Muwalaa means loving the Kuffar and the Mushrikeen for worldly benefits, and without defeating the Muslims and being on the side of the enemies.**

### **The Ruling of Muwalaa :**

**It is lawful, and is of the great sins.**

**The Proof to that is Allaah's saying:**



يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوِّي وَعَدُوَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ تُلْقُونَ إِلَيْهِم بِالْمَوَدَّةِ وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِمَا جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ الْحَقِّ يُخْرِجُونَ الرَّسُولَ وَإِيَّاكُمْ أَنْ تُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ رَبِّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ خَرَجْتُمْ جِهَادًا فِي سَبِيلِي وَابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِي \* تُسِرُّونَ إِلَيْهِم بِالْمَوَدَّةِ \* وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ بِمَا أَخْفَيْتُمْ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُمْ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْهُ مِنْكُمْ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ﴿١﴾

**O you who believe! Take not my enemies and your enemies (i.e. disbelievers and polytheists, etc.) as friends, showing affection towards them.**

**(Al-Mumtahinah, V.1)**

### **Signs of Muwalaa of al-Kuffar:**

- 1) Dressing like them, and speaking as they speak.**
- 2) Travelling to their countries for pleasure.**



**3) Living in their countries while you can live in an Islamic country.**

**4) Being involved in their holidays, or helping them celebrating it.**

**5) Naming one's self or children a non-Muslim name.**

### **Types of people and their right as to amity and hate**

**People in Al-Wala' and Al-Bara' are of three kinds:**

1. Those who should be loved completely without any hate. They are the genuine, faithful believers such as the prophets, the siddiqun (those followers of the prophets who were first and foremost to believe in them like Abu Bakr as-sideeq), the martyrs and the righteous starting first with



Prophet Muhammad (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wasallam) whose love is obligatory more than loving one's self, sons, parents and the rest of mankind. Second, loving the wives of the prophet (Salla Allaahu Alayhi wasallam) "the mothers of believers", and his companions.

2. Those who should be hated completely without any love at all. Those who are the non-believers, the hypocrites and the polytheists.

3. Those who should be loved in one way and hated in another way. Those which love and hate are joined amongst them, they are the ones who are Muslims but they committed major sins. So, they should be loved for their faith and hated for the sins they committed. Loving them



requires advising them to be righteous and directing them to the right path. But they committed a sin, we should advise them to quit and repent to Allaah. Also it is forbidden to see them commit a sin without telling them to stop it but we should not hate them completely without any love because they committed a major sin.

### *Definition Of Islam*

**The word ISLAM has a two-fold meaning: peace, and submission to God. This submission requires a fully conscious and willing effort to submit to the one Almighty God. One must consciously and conscientiously give oneself to the**



**service of Allah. This means to act on what Allah enjoins all of us to do (in the Qur'an) and what His beloved Prophet, Muhammad (pbuh) encouraged us to do in his Sunnah (his lifestyle and sayings personifying the Qur'an).**

**Once we humble ourselves, rid ourselves of our egoism and submit totally to Allah, and to Him exclusively, in faith and in action, we will surely feel peace in our hearts. Establishing peace in our hearts will bring about peace in our external conduct as well.**

**Islam is careful to remind us that it not a religion to be paid mere lip service; rather it is an all-encompassing way of life that must be practiced continuously**



**for it to be Islam. The Muslim must practice the five pillars of the religion:**

- 1. The declaration of faith in the oneness of Allah and the prophet hood of Muhammad (pbuh)**
- 2. Prayer**
- 3. Fasting the month of Ramadan**
- 4. Aims-tax**
- 5. The pilgrimage to Makkah**

*And believe in the six articles of faith:*

- 1. Belief in God**
- 2. The Holy Books**
- 3. The prophets**
- 4. The angels**
- 5. The Day of Judgment**
- 6. God's decree, whether for good or ill.**

**There are other injunctions and commandments which concern virtually**



**all facets of one's personal, family and civic life. These include such matters as diet, clothing, personal hygiene, interpersonal relations, business ethics, responsibilities towards parents, spouse and children, marriage, divorce and inheritance, civil and criminal law, fighting in defense of Islam, relations with non-Muslims, and so much more.**  
**[1]**

**Praise be to Allah.**

**If you refer to Arabic language dictionaries you will find out that the meaning of the word Islam is: submission, humbling oneself, and obeying commands and heeding prohibitions without objection, sincerely worshipping Allaah alone, believing what He tells us and having faith in Him. The**





**word Islam has become the name of the religion which was brought by Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).**

**Why is this religion called Islam? For all the religions on earth are called by various names, either the name of a specific man or a specific nation. So Christianity takes its name from Christ; Buddhism takes its name from its founder, the Buddha; the Zoroastrians became well known by this name because their founder and standard-bearer was Zoroaster. Similarly, Judaism took its name from a tribe known as Yehudah (Judah), so it became known as Judaism. And so on. Except for Islam, for it is not attributed to any specific man or to any specific nation, rather its name**



**refers to the meaning of the word Islam. What this name indicates is that the establishment and founding of this religion was not the work of one particular man and that it is not only for one particular nation to the exclusion of all others. Rather its aim is give the attribute implied by the word Islam to all the peoples of the earth. So everyone who acquires this attribute, whether he is from the past or the present, is a Muslim, and everyone who acquires this attribute in the future will also be a Muslim. [2]**