

The Nullifiers of Islām

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Giver of
Mercy

أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ نَوَاقِضَ الْإِسْلَامِ عَشْرَةٌ نَوَاقِضُ:

Have knowledge [of the fact] that the nullifiers of Islām
are ten nullifiers:

الأوّل: الشُّرْكُ فِي عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ، قَالَ تَعَالَى:
﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ
لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ﴾، وَقَالَ: ﴿إِنَّهُ مَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ
حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَأْوَهُ النَّارُ وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ
مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ﴾.

First: associating partners in the worship of Allah, He the Exalted said: **{Indeed Allah does not forgive that partners are associated with Him and He forgives what is less than that to whoever He wills}**, and He said: **{Indeed, whoever associates partners with Allah, He has forbidden Paradise for him and his abode will be the Fire. And there is no helper for the oppressors}**.

وَمِنْهُ: الذَّبْحُ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ، كَمَنْ يَذْبَحُ لِلْجِنِّ،
أَوْ لِلْقَبْرِ.

And from it [is]: sacrificing to other than Allah, like the one who sacrifices to the jinn or to the grave.

الثَّانِي: مَنْ جَعَلَ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَسَائِطَ،
يَدْعُوهُمْ، وَيَسْأَلُهُمُ الشَّفَاعَةَ، وَيَتَوَكَّلُ
عَلَيْهِمْ، كَفَرَ إِجْمَاعًا.

Second: whoever makes intermediaries between him and Allah, supplicating to them, asking them for intercession and depending upon them, he has disbelieved by consensus.

الثَّالِثُ: مَنْ لَمْ يُكْفِرِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ، أَوْ شَكَ
فِي كُفْرِهِمْ، أَوْ صَحَّحَ مَذْهَبَهُمْ، كَفَرَ.

Third: whoever does not declare the polytheists to be disbelievers, or doubts their disbelief, or considers their way to be correct, has disbelieved.

الرَّابِعُ: مَنْ أَعْتَقَدَ أَنَّ غَيْرَ هَدْيِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ أَكْمَلُ مِنْ هَدْيِهِ، أَوْ أَنَّ حُكْمَ غَيْرِهِ أَحْسَنُ مِنْ حُكْمِهِ، كَالَّذِينَ يُفَضِّلُونَ حُكْمَ الطَّوَاعِثِ عَلَى حُكْمِهِ، فَهُوَ كَافِرٌ.

Fourth: whoever believes that guidance, other than that of the Prophet, is more complete , or that the judgement of others is better than his judgement, like those who give preference to the judgement of al-tawaghit (those worshipped besides Allah while being pleased with it) over his judgement, then he is a disbeliever.

الخَامِسُ: مَنْ أَبْغَضَ شَيْئاً مِمَّا جَاءَ بِهِ الرَّسُولُ ﷺ - وَلَوْ عَمِلَ بِهِ -، كَفَرَ.

Fifth: whoever hates something that the Messenger came with - even if he acts in accordance with it - has disbelieved.

السَّادِسُ: مَنْ اسْتَهْزَأَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ دِينِ
 الرَّسُولِ ﷺ، أَوْ ثَوَابِ اللَّهِ، أَوْ عِقَابِهِ،
 كَفَرَ، وَالدَّلِيلُ قَوْلُهُ تَعَالَى: ﴿وَلَيْن سَأَلْتَهُمْ
 لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَخُوضُ وَنَلْعَبُ قُلْ أَبِاللَّهِ
 وَءَايَاتِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾ لَا تَعْذِرُوا
 قَدْ كَفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ إِن نَعَفُ عَنْ طَائِفَةٍ مِّنكُمْ
 نُعَذِّبْ طَائِفَةً بِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

Sixth: whoever mocks something of the religion of the Messenger, or a reward of Allah, or His punishment, has disbelieved.

The evidence is His saying the Exalted: {Say, "Is it Allah and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking? Make no excuse; you have disbelieved after your belief. If We pardon one faction of you - We will punish another faction because they were criminals}.

السَّابِعُ: السُّحْرُ - وَمِنْهُ: الصَّرْفُ
وَالعَطْفُ - ، فَمَنْ فَعَلَهُ أَوْ رَضِيَ بِهِ ، كَفَرَ ،
وَالدَّلِيلُ قَوْلُهُ: ﴿وَمَا يُعَلِّمَانِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولَا
إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ فِتْنَةٌ فَلَا تَكْفُرْ﴾ .

Seventh: witchcraft - and from it [is]: Averting (al-Sarf) and Inclination (al-'Atf) - so whoever does it or is pleased with it has disbelieved.

The evidence is His saying: {...**Yet these two never taught anyone without first warning him, "We are sent only to tempt- do not disbelieve."**}.

الثَّامِنُ : مُظَاهَرَةُ الْمُشْرِكِينَ وَمُعَاوَنَتُهُمْ
عَلَى الْمُسْلِمِينَ ، وَالذَّلِيلُ قَوْلُهُ تَعَالَى : ﴿ وَمَنْ
يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ
الظَّالِمِينَ ﴾ .

Eighth: Supporting the polytheists and assisting them against Muslims.

The evidence is His saying the Exalted: {**And whoever is an ally to them among you - then indeed, he is [one] of them. Indeed, Allah guides not the wrongdoing people**}.

التَّاسِعُ: مَنْ أَعْتَقَدَ أَنَّ بَعْضَ النَّاسِ يَسَعُهُ
الْخُرُوجُ عَنِ شَرِيعَةِ مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ، كَمَا وَسِعَ
الْخَضِرُ الْخُرُوجَ عَنِ شَرِيعَةِ مُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ، فَهُوَ
كَافِرٌ.

Ninth: Whoever believes that some people are exempt from the Shari'ah of Muhammad, just as al-Khadir was exempt from the Shari'ah of Musa, then he is a disbeliever.

العَاشِرُ: الإِعْرَاضُ عَن دِينِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى لَا
يَتَعَلَّمُهُ وَلَا يَعْمَلُ بِهِ، وَالذَّلِيلُ قَوْلُهُ تَعَالَى:
﴿وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّن ذُكِّرَ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ ثُمَّ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهَا
إِنَّا مِنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ مُنْقِمُونَ﴾.

Tenth: shunning the religion of Allah the Exalted by not learning it nor acting in accordance with it.

The evidence is His saying the Exalted: **{And who does more wrong than he who is reminded of the verses of his Lord; then he turns away from them? Indeed We, will take retribution, from the criminals}**.

وَلَا فَرْقَ فِي جَمِيعِ هَذِهِ النَّوَاقِصِ بَيْنَ
الْهَازِلِ وَالْجَادِّ وَالْخَائِفِ، إِلَّا الْمُكْرَهَ.

There is no difference in all of these nullifiers between the one who is joking, the serious and the fearful, except for the coerced.

وَكُلُّهَا مِنْ أَعْظَمِ مَا يَكُونُ خَطَرًا، وَمِنْ
أَكْثَرِ مَا يَكُونُ وَقُوعًا، فَيَنْبَغِي لِلْمُسْلِمِ أَنْ
يَحْذَرَهَا وَيَخَافَ مِنْهَا عَلَى نَفْسِهِ.

All of them are from the gravest forms of danger and from those which are most commonly perpetrated. Thus it is necessary for the Muslim to be wary of them and fear them for himself.

نَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ مُوجِبَاتِ غَضَبِهِ، وَأَلِيمِ
عِقَابِهِ.

We seek refuge in Allah from the causes of His anger and His grievous punishment.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى خَيْرِ خَلْقِهِ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

May the praise and security of Allah be upon the best of His creation, Muhammad, and upon his family and his companions.