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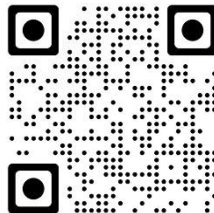
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In the Name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

I ask Allah, the Generous, Lord of The Mighty Throne: to take care of you in this world and the hereafter and to bless you wherever you are.

And to make you from those who, when given, are thankful, when tested are patient, and when sinful seek forgiveness. For certainly, these are the three signs of happiness.

Be informed - may Allah guide you to His obedience-: that the pure religion- is the religion (way) of Ibrahīm-: That you worship Allah alone making the religion sincerely for Him. And with that Allah commanded the entire humankind and created them for that purpose; as He, the Most High said:

﴿وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ﴾

{And I have not created the jinn and mankind except to worship Me.}

So, when you realized that Allah created you to worship Him: then you know that worship is not referred to as worship except with Tawheed, just as prayer is not referred to as prayer except with purification.

So, when shirk (associating partners with Allah) enters into worship it corrupts it, just as when impurity entered into purity; as Allah, the Most High said:

﴿مَا كَانَ لِلْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يَعْمُرُوا مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ شَاهِدِينَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ بِالْكُفْرِ أُولَٰئِكَ

حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ وَفِي النَّارِ هُمْ خَالِدُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

{It is not for the polytheists to maintain Allah's masjids while openly displaying their disbelief. Their deeds have become worthless, and they will abide in the Fire forever}.

So, when you realized that if shirk enters into worship, it corrupts it, and invalidates good deeds, and the person who does it becomes among the perpetual dwellers in the Fire: **then you will realize** that it is the most important issue upon you to be aware of, so that Allah may save you from this web, which is associating partners with Him.

And that is to be aware of Four Fundamental Principles mentioned by Allah, the Most High in His Book:

The first principle

To know: that the disbelievers who the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) fought, used to affirm that Allah is the Creator, the Provider, the Giver of life, the Giver and death and the Disposer of all the affairs, but that caused them not to enter into Islam; and the proof is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿قُلْ مَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَمَّنْ يَمْلِكُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَمَنْ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَمَنْ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ فَسَيَقُولُونَ اللَّهُ فَقُلْ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ﴾

{Say: Who provides for you from the sky and from the earth? Or Who owns hearing and sight? And Who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? And Who disposes all affairs? They will say: Allah. Then Say: Will you not then be afraid of Allah's punishment?}.

The second principle

Indeed they (the polytheists) say: We do not call upon them and turn towards them except to seek nearness and intercession (with Allah).

The proof of (their claim of) seeking nearness is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ مَا نَعْبُدُهُمْ إِلَّا لِيُقَرِّبُونَا إِلَى اللَّهِ زُلْفَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي مَا هُمْ فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي مَنْ هُوَ كَاذِبٌ كَفَّارٌ﴾

{And those who take guardians besides Him (say) we worship them not except that they may bring us near to Allah." Verily, Allah will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. Truly, Allah guides not him who is a liar, and a disbeliever.}

And the proof of (their claim of) intercession is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَيَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَيَقُولُونَ هَؤُلَاءِ شَفَعُونَ
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ قُلْ أَتَدْعُونَ اللَّهَ بِمَا لَا يَعْلَمُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ سُبْحَانَهُ
وَتَعَالَىٰ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ﴾

{They worship besides Allah those who can neither harm nor benefit them, saying, "These are our intercessors with Allah." Say, "Do you inform Allah of what He does not know in the heavens or on the earth? Glorified and Exalted is He far above what they associate [with Him]!"}.}

And intercession is of two types: the prohibited intercession and the affirmed intercession.

The prohibited intercession: is that which is sought from other than Allah concerning that which only Allah is able to do; and the proof is the saying of the Most High:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمٌ لَا بَيْعٌ فِيهِ وَلَا خُلَّةٌ وَلَا شَفْعَةٌ ۚ وَالْكَافِرُونَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ﴾

{O you who believe! Spend from that which We have provided for you, before a Day comes when there will be no bargaining, nor friendship, nor intercession. And it is the disbelievers who are the transgressors.}

And the affirmed intercession: is that which is sought from Allah.

And the intercessor is honored with the intercession.

And the one interceded for: is one whom Allah is pleased with his speech and actions after he gives permission; as Allah, the Most High said:

﴿مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ﴾

{Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His permission?}

The third principle

Indeed, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) encountered people differing in their worship:

Among them: were people who worship the sun and the moon.

And among them: were people who worshipped angels.

And among them: were those who worshipped the prophets and the righteous men.

And among them: were others who worshipped trees and stones.

And the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) fought them and did not differentiate between them; And the evidence is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الدِّينُ كُلُّهُ لِلَّهِ﴾

{And fight them until there is no more Fitnah (disbelief and shirk) and the Deen will be only for Allah}

And the evidence of the sun and the moon (being worshipped); is the saying of the Most High:

﴿وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ﴾

{Among His signs are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostrate to Allah Who created them, if you truly worship Him.}

And the evidence of the angels (being worshipped); is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا تَمَّ يَقُولُ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ أَهْلُؤَلَاءِ إِنَّا كَرَّمُوا يَعْبُدُونَ
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{On the Day when He (Allah) gathers them all together, then He will say to the angels, Was it you that they used to worship? They (the angels) will say, Glory be to You! You are our Protector, not they. Rather, they used to worship the jinn; most of them believed in them.}

And the evidence of the prophets (being worshipped); is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَعْيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ ءَأَنْتَ قُلْتَ لِلنَّاسِ اتَّخِذُونِي وَأُمِّي إِلَهَيْنِ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ
قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا يَكُونُ لِي أَنْ أَقُولَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِحَقِّ ۖ﴾

{When Allah will say, “O Isa, son of Mary, did you tell people, ‘Take me and my mother as gods besides Allah?’ He will say, ‘Glory be to You! It is not for me to say what I have no right.}

And the evidence of the righteous (being worshipped); is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿قُلْ أَدْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ فَلَا يَمْلِكُونَ كَشْفَ الضُّرِّ عَنْكُمْ وَلَا تَحْوِيلًا *
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وَيَخَافُونَ عَذَابَهُ ۚ إِنَّ عَذَابَ رَبِّكَ كَانَ مَحْذُورًا ۖ﴾

{Say, “Call upon those whom you claimed [to be gods] besides Him; they have no power to remove harm or avert it from you. Those whom they call upon seek means of nearness to their Lord, each trying to become closer, hoping for His Mercy and fearing His punishment. Indeed, the punishment of your Lord is fearsome.}

And the evidence of the trees and the stones (being worshipped); is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ اللَّتَّ وَالْعُزَّىٰ * وَمَنَاةَ الثَّالِثَةَ الْأُخْرَىٰ﴾

{Have you [O disbelievers] thought about [the idols of] al-Lāt and al- ‘Uzzā. And Manāt, the third one as well?}.

And the Hadith of Abū Wāqid Al Laythiy (May Allah be pleased with him) who said: “We departed with the Prophet (peace

and blessings of Allah be upon him) to Hunayn and we had recently left kufr (disbelief). The polytheists had a tree they devote themselves to and hang their weapons upon, they called it Dhāt Anwāt. So, we passed by a tree and we said: ‘O Messenger of Allah! appoint for us a Dhāt Anwāt like they have a Dhāt Anwāt.’

So, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: ‘**Allah is Most Great! Verily, what you said, are ways (of those before you), By Him in Whose Hand is my soul, verily you have said just as the Children of Isra-īl said to Mūsa:**

﴿أَجْعَلْ لَّنَا إِلَهًا كَمَا لَهُمْ آلِهَةٌ﴾

{make for us a god just as they have gods.}

The fourth principle

Indeed, the polytheists of our time are worse in their polytheism than those who came before; those who came before committed their polytheism during times of ease and made their worship purely for Allah during times of hardship. However, the polytheism of the polytheists of our time is continuous, during times of ease and hardship.

The evidence is the saying of Allah, the Most High:

﴿فَإِذَا رَكِبُوا فِي الْفُلِكِ دَعَوْا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ إِذَا هُمْ يُشْرِكُونَ﴾

{When they board a ship, they supplicate Allah, devoting their faith sincerely to Him. But as soon as He rescues them to the land, they associate partners with Him.}

And Allah knows best

Done with the praise of Allah

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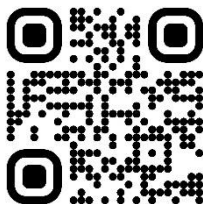
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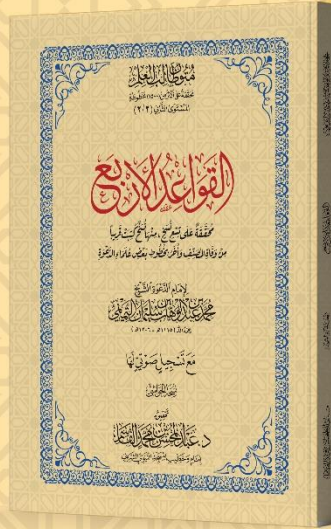
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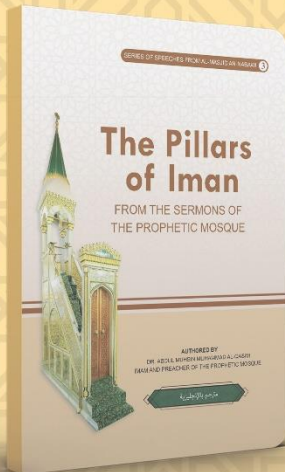
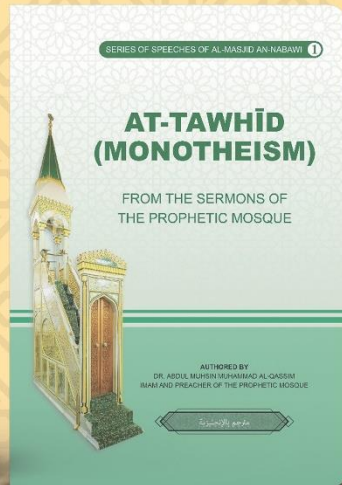
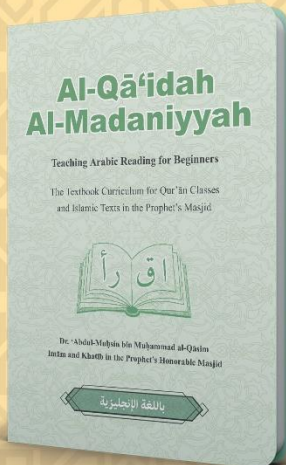


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