

## WHY HAS GOD (ALLAH IN ARABIC) FORBIDDEN SETTING PARTNERS WITH HIM?

Why is Allah so strict against calling others with HIM or setting partners with HIM?

Why has HE declared that shirk is the greatest of sins, and HE will forgive anything else except doing Shirk? –

This Question has been raised by many people all around the world. They ask, while most other religions adjust to the worship of thousands of gods, why is it that Islam stands apart? Even the Christian version of one of the characteristics of GOD given in the BIBLE: (Exodus 34:14) says:

“YOUR GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD. HENCE DO NOT WORSHIP OTHER THAN HIM.”

However, this attribute of Jealousy does not befit Allah <sup>وتعال سبحانه</sup>, as accused by the Christians.

Allah is far above such, and is our MOST GLORIOUS AND SUPREME MASTER who provides us with all we need in this world for our benefit.

JEALOUSY IS NOT AN ATTRIBUTE OF ALLAH.

IT IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF SHAYATEEN AMONG HUMANS AND JINN.

THE CONCEPT OF JEALOUSY ARISES ONLY AMONG EQUALS.

“AND THERE IS NONE EQUAL TO ALLAH” Surah Al-Ikhlās: 112

Then, why is it that Allah warns us against calling on others with HIM?

And, why does HE declare that if one does not repent during his lifetime and dies as a Mushrik, all his good deeds will be wasted, and carry no weight on the Last Day. <sup>18:105</sup>, and he will end up in Hell? <sup>2: 217</sup>

WHY! WHY IS SHIRK CONSIDERED AN UNFORGIVEABLE SIN?

a. First, and foremost, we must realise that:

- ALLAH DOES NOT NEED OUR WORSHIP, BUT IT IS WE WHO NEED HIS GRACE AND GUIDANCE.

“O mankind, you are those in need of Allah, while Allah is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy. If HE wills, HE can do away with you, and bring forth a new creation.” <sup>Al-Quran 35: 15, 16</sup>

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ - إِنْ يَشَأْ يُذْهِبْكُمْ وَيَأْتِ بِخَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ -

-And Allah declares that HE deals with us “...with only justice and no wrong will be done to them (us)...Unquestionably, to Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. Unquestionably, the promise of Allah is true, but most of them do not know.” <sup>Surah Yunus: 10: 54, 55</sup>

وَقَضَىٰ بَيْنَهُمُ بِالْقِسْطِ ۗ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ - أَلَا إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ أَلَا إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ -

- Allah’s Majesty is so great that we cannot even imagine calling upon anyone else for help, who does not even own a Qitmir. (thin membrane of the date-stone).

“HE merges the night into the day and HE merges the day into the night. And HE has subjected the sun and the moon; each runs its course for a term appointed. Such is Allah: your LORD; HIS is the kingdom. And those whom you call upon instead of HIM do not own a Qitmir.” (Surah al-Fatir: 35: 13)

يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ  
ذَٰلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ مَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِنْ قِطْمِيرٍ -

b. “If you invoke them, they hear not your call, and even if they hear, they could not grant your request to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown you of ever having any contact with them, and NONE can inform you like the ONE Acquainted” - 35:14

إِنْ تَدْعُهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُوا دُعَاءَكُمْ وَلَوْ سَمِعُوا مَا اسْتَجَابُوا لَكُمْ ۖ وَيَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكْفُرُونَ بِشِرْكِكُمْ ۗ وَلَا يُنَبِّئُكَ مِثْلُ خَبِيرٍ -

When that is the case, how can those in the Grave hear us or help us with our needs?

c. Allah taught us how to supplicate to HIM through Surah Fatihah, and in answer to our supplications, HE sent the Qur’an for the guidance of mankind, so that WE MAY STRIVE TO BE HIS AULIYA (friend) by pleasing HIM, and simultaneously live a life of peace and tranquillity, without worry or grief, in this world. HIS aim was not to cause pain and suffering for us.

“And whatever strikes you of disaster - it is for what your hands have earned; but He pardons much.”  
Surah Shura, 42: 30

وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فَبِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ -

“Certainly, the friends of Allah will have no fear, nor will they grieve.” – Surah Yunus: 10: 62

أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

“No doubt! Verily, to Allah belongs whosoever is in the Heavens and the Earth. And those who invoke others besides Allah, they follow nothing except a conjecture, and only invent lies.”-Surah Yunus: 10: 66

أَلَا إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ وَمَا يَتَّبِعُ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ ۗ إِنَّ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ

d. Moreover, as Allah says, “All that is on the Earth and the Heavens is created by HIM, and is subservient to HIS will. None can even create a fly, even if all join together for it, nor can, if a fly takes its food, can anybody snatch it away from it. That demonstrates that nobody can go against HIS decision.” Surah Al-Hajj: 22: 73

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ ضُرِبَ مَثَلٌ فَاستَمِعُوا لَهُ ۗ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَنْ يَخْلُقُوا ذُبَابًا وَلَوْ اجْتَمَعُوا لَهُ ۗ وَإِنْ يَسْلُبْهُمُ الذُّبَابُ شَيْئًا لَا يَسْتَنْقِذُوهُ مِنْهُ ۗ ضَعُفَ الطَّالِبُ وَالْمَطْلُوبُ -

e. We see among those who worship other than Allah and take their desires as gods, resulting in;

- On the one hand, various rituals that benefit only the priests, and ‘God-men’ to fill their coffers,

and,

- On the other hand, they ignore it completely, and go beyond the limits, and live their lives as they wish, resulting in all the various diseases and turmoil we find around us.

- Each god they worship has different rituals and beliefs associated with it, which make them intolerant and result in enmity and hatred towards each other.

- They imagine having many gods who will help them with their specific needs, and create rituals, wasting time and money, which is not going to be of any use for them, either here or in the Hereafter, because only if Allah wishes, will HE redeem us from our problems, and none can intercede in HIS decision.

f. Allah gives various examples of the result of having many gods:

- "Allah presents an example: a slave owned by quarrelling partners and another belonging exclusively to one man - are they equal in comparison? Praise be to Allah! But most of them do not know. <sup>11:39: 29</sup>

This verse explains that if a man has many masters, who have opposing views and give opposing commands, what will be the condition of the slave? Whom will he obey? Will one master not punish him if he obeys the other? And his life will be intolerable.

- While a man with only ONE Master will have no such problem. All he needs to do is obey the one Master.

- Allah asks: "Is Allah not sufficient for HIS slave? And yet they threaten you with those other than HIM. And whoever Allah sends astray, for him there is no guide! Is not Allah Almighty, possessor of Retribution?" <sub>-Surah Zumer, 39: 36</sub>

أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِكَافٍ عَبْدَهُ ۖ وَيُخَوِّفُونَكَ بِالَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يُضَلِّ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ هَادٍ -

g. If there were many gods, would they not fight with each other for the throne?

✓ "Say, [O Muhammad], 'If there had been with HIM [other] gods, as they say, then they [each] would have sought to the Ownership of the Throne a way.'" <sub>Surah Isra: 17: 42</sub>

✓ "And verily, if you ask them: 'Who created the heavens and the earth?' They will say: 'Allah'.

✓ Tell me then, the things that you invoke (call upon) besides Allah— "If Allah intended some harm, could they remove HIS harm, or if HE intended some Mercy for me, could they withhold HIS Mercy? Say: 'Sufficient for me is Allah; in HIM those who trust must put their trust.' <sup>42: 38</sup>

- If there were many gods, each would try to implement their own law, and the world would be in chaos. And will they not quarrel and fight against each other to assert their right and superiority?

- From time immemorial, we find that the kings and rulers have been introducing their own laws as they fancied. They implemented draconian laws, which, if not implemented, result in severe torture and punishments.

- The Crusades and the World Wars, which were induced for power and wealth, have taken their toll of destruction and loss of human life. Even Today, we find those who have many gods, or consider themselves as gods (Atheists), trying to impose their views on others, and they cause most of the political turmoil in this world. The unnecessary bloodshed and violence are a result of people not being guided, or ignore the guidance that had been given in their scriptures, and interpolate it to suit their fancies and desires.

- Are we not facing such a situation? The Super Powers that govern us are dictating over us and prescribing laws allowing homosexuality, drugs, and other vices that are completely against our pure and true Shariah. Is this not devastating the very fabric of our existence?

- The guidance given in the Qur'an is so perfect and crystal clear. The order in matters of every aspect of life, from war to peace, is so overwhelmingly perfect that if followed sincerely, there would be no injustice or destruction. It is not interpolated in any way, and it is present in its original form, even today, for us to follow. Those who stick to this have realised the peace and contentment they experience, without any hatred or rancour towards their fellow beings.

- And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you." Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible." <sup>40: 60</sup>

Allah tells us that the true believers are those who, when reminded of HIS signs

"...fall prostrate and glorify the praises of their LORD, and they are not proud," and "their sides forsake their beds, to invoke their LORD in fear and hope, and they spend out of what WE have bestowed on them." Surah Sajdah: 32: 15, 16

- Whether in adversity or well-being, just turn to Allah, THE EVER LIVING. Understand HIS message, obey the laws given in the Qur'an, and as explained by our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

You will experience the bliss HE has promised, here and in the Hereafter. There is no doubt about it.

- At the same time, Allah acknowledges that man is not perfect and tends to falter. Hence, HE tells us to strive every moment of our life to control our senses, and seek HIS pleasure, and ask Forgiveness for any fault committed.

### **This striving is called JIHAD!**

By this constant striving and seeking help through Salaat and thikr, we are freed from the unnecessary rituals and from being misled by others. This is because we have the Book of Furqān.

(Arabic [furqān], also spelt 'Furqaan', is an Arabic Islamic masculine given to 'the Quran', which means "criterion, proof, evidence, affirmation, testament; that tells us clearly what is right and what is wrong."<sup>1</sup>)

- When we are confused about a matter, how to deal with it, all we need is to refer to the Qur'an, and seek help from Allah, through Salaat, as shown by our beloved Prophet ﷺ, and we see right! Alhamdulillah!

- "And if an evil whisper comes from Shaitan, then seek refuge with Allah. Verily, He is the ALLHEARER AND ALL-KNOWER." "Verily, those who are Al-Muttaqun, when an evil thought comes to them from Shaitan (Satan), they remember Allah, and they see (right)." - Surah Al-A'raf: 7: 200, 201

This is not the case when we choose others as gods, where man is left to decide and choose his actions as he wills and desires, leading to his ruin and destruction.

- Are these verses not clear enough for a Muslim (Mu'min- believer) to realise that all he has to do to gain the pleasure of Allah is to only obey HIM sincerely, without calling upon anybody else?

- As for calling others for help with Allah, it means asking others to intercede in Allah's decision or to intercede on their behalf.

Please ponder:

Does it not mean that you are not satisfied with Allah's decree?

Does it not mean that you think you know more than Allah, and thus, disobey HIM?

- Allah declares in many Ayat that there is none as helper with Allah, and HIS is the final decision, because He is Just in His Judgement. It is not fair to show partiality or accept recommendations from others. Therefore,

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.google.com/search?q=What+is+the+meaning+of+Furqan%3F&rlz=1C1GCEA\\_enIN1008IN1008&oq=](https://www.google.com/search?q=What+is+the+meaning+of+Furqan%3F&rlz=1C1GCEA_enIN1008IN1008&oq=)

“HE DOES NOT ALLOW ANY TO SHARE IN HIS DECISION AND HIS RULE.” – Surah Kahf, 18:26

This is because HE is JUST, AND CANNOT DO INJUSTICE to his slaves who strive to be obedient to HIM. ALONE, and seek HIS help and are rightly guided. *Is it right to treat those who do good and evil equally?*

Most of the verses of the Qur’an emphasise the fact that there is none other than Allah to seek help, and if you do, then you are the losers. Allah knows what is good for you. Everything that happens is for your benefit only. Therefore, obedience without questioning HIM is the Criterion of a true Muslim. That is why Allah informs us that if we disobey HIM in committing shirk, all our good deeds done in this world will be wasted.

#### THIS IS THE PUNISHMENT FOR NOT OBEYING HIM.

Allah commands the Prophet to:

✓ “Say, [O Muhammad], ‘Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers regarding their deeds? [They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing good deeds. Those are the ones who disbelieve in the verses of their LORD and in [their] meeting HIM, so their deeds have become worthless; and We will not assign to them on the Day of Resurrection any importance. That is their recompense (punishment)- Hell – because they took MY signs and MY Messengers in ridicule.’” – Surah Kahf, 18: 103-106

✓ “... With HIM is the knowledge of the unseen of the Heavens and the Earth. How clearly HE sees and hears everything! They have no Wali, Guardian, other than HIM, and HE makes NONE to share in HIS Decision, and HIS Rule.” – Surah Kahf: 18:26

✓ He is the All-knower of the unseen and seen, THE GRAND, THE EXALTED – Surah Ar-Raad, 13:9

✓ “...if you are a believer, you will put your full trust in HIM and HIM ALONE, if you are a Muslim.” Surah Yunus: 10: 84

✓ “Say, ‘I call upon only my LORD, and I associate none as partners along with HIM.’ ‘

✓ Say: It is not in my power to cause you harm, or bring you to the right path.’

✓ Say: ‘None can protect me from Allah’s punishment (if I disobey HIM), nor shall I find refuge except in HIM’ ... and whosoever disobeys Allah and HIS Messenger, then verily, for him is the Fire of Hell, he shall dwell there forever.” – Al-Jinn: 72: 20-23

IS IT NOT A GREAT RELIEF TO KNOW THERE IS OUR CREATOR READY TO HELP US?

THEN WHY DO WE RUN AFTER OTHERS FOR HELP, WHEN WE KNOW AND ARE SURE THAT THERE IS

NONE OTHER THAN ALLAH, WHO DECIDES WHAT IS GOOD FOR US?

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TRY TO BE HUMBLE, OBEY HIM IN ALL MATTERS, ESTABLISH SALAAT, GIVE

ZAKAAT, AND BELIEVE THAT ALL THE PROPHETS BROUGHT THE SAME MESSAGE OF TAWHEED:

‘LAA ILAAHA ILLALLAH’ AND DO GOOD DEEDS TO ATTAIN HIS PLEASURE.

MAY ALLAH GUIDE ALL OF US. AMEEN

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