

APOSTATE:**Assalaamu Alaikum:**

I am compelled to write this for the benefit of my children. However, those who oppose my views should realise that they are going against the injunctions of the Quran and Sunnah of our Prophet ﷺ. He ﷺ forbade us to have any interactions with those who leave Islam. This is because of the danger it may cause when they, in turn, try to influence our relatives and children towards their way of life; towards the wrath of Allah, towards the eternal Fire: Hell.

One of my relatives was the most beloved of my children. I loved her for her patience and loving nature. I still love her. It pains me to see her rushing towards ruin. She was the sweetest child and had brought up her children well. However, when she began following her husband's whims and fancies and left Islam, I was really shocked. I tried my best to bring her back. I pleaded with her.

But, instead of repenting, she began sending me books and articles justifying her decision. And, I found that she was trying to influence others, too, towards the great sin she had committed. There was no remorse in her for her wrong deed. It pained me to see that her children, too, had changed. Naturally, they were delighted with their newfound freedom. We must realize that she has not only ruined her relationship with Allah, but also has taken her progeny towards Hell, which Allah has promised for those who do not accept HIS commandments. Al-Quran, Surah Baqarah, 2: 257

Allah says HE has sent this Quran: "to warn those who say, 'Allah has taken a son." "They have no knowledge of it, nor had their fathers. HATEFUL IS THE WORD that comes out of their mouths; they speak not except a lie." Al-Quran, 18: 4,5

'They say: Allah has begotten a son---Narrated Abbas: In a Hadith Qudsi, Prophet ﷺ said that Allah says: "The son of Adam tells lies against ME, and he abuses ME though he has no right to do so.' '...and he abuses ME when he says that I have a son. No! Glorified be ME! I am far above taking a wife or a son.' Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 4212

The following words from the Footnotes from the Holy Quran explain the gravity of the sin they have committed:

- 1. How can we show love to those whom Allah hates and curses?**
- 2. If we entertain them with love and friendship, will they ever repent?**
- 3. Are we not sinning by encouraging them in their Kufr?**
- 4. Are we not exposing our children too towards their ways, which leads to Hell?**
- 5. Are we not telling our children that it is okay to choose whatever religion they like?**
- 6. Is it not our duty to train our progeny to live for the Pleasure of Allah?**

In today's world, our children can easily go astray. This makes it incumbent on their parents to explain these matters from childhood. When they reach the age of understanding, we should not hide the fact that our relative has apostatized. We should make them aware of

the great sin of shirk and Kufr they have committed, which will take them to the Eternal Fire of Hell. We must warn them to beware of such relationships. When they grow up, this will help them recognise and differentiate good from evil. They will learn to HATE DISBELIEF and try to lead a disciplined life for the pleasure of Allah: A life ordained by Allah and shown by our Prophet ﷺ.

THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM THE SITE:

< <https://islamqa.info/en/answers/169985/how-to-deal-with-a-relative-who-is-an-apostate> >

When there is a difference of opinion, a Muslim should not incline more towards one scholarly opinion over another. He should not choose any fatwa that matches his whims and desires. Rather, he has to accept the ruling based on evidence from the Quran and the Sunnah.

The Shari`ah should take priority before all else. If it is proven for certain that a relative or friend is an apostate, then he is to be treated in the following manner:

1. *It is obligatory to disavow whatever he believes in of kufr and apostasy.*
2. ***It is Haraam to regard him as a Friend and love Him.***
3. *It is obligatory to advise him and call him back to Allah, may HE be exalted.*
4. *For the one qualified to do so, it is permissible to visit him, talk to him, and sit with him, seeking to guide him and call him to Islam.*
5. If there is a chance of bringing him back, by encouraging him to repent and follow true guidance, it is permissible to uphold ties with him by giving gifts, etc.
6. He should be shunned and cut off ***if he refuses to revert and persists in his misguidance***, so that our children and other relatives will not be encouraged to follow him.
7. The Prophet ﷺ said: "A Muslim cannot be the heir of a disbeliever, nor can a disbeliever be the heir of a Muslim." Sahih al-Bukhari 6764

An Apostate is despised by Allah. By apostatising, he has lost all the sanctities and rights that he had over the Muslims.

Among the greatest of good deeds and the most beautiful of characteristics is to call people to Allah Subhanat'alah, and be eager to guide people towards the way of our Prophet ﷺ.'

Hence, interactions with an apostate must be based on these three principles:

- a. ***HATING THE DISBELIEF IN HIM, AND TRYING TO SAVE HIM FROM HIS KUFR.***
- b. *If he refuses to repent and revert to Islam, they should be shunned and left alone.*
- c. Our children and relatives should be forewarned of such elements, where there is a danger of their interaction and being influenced by such great sinners.

May Allah guide all our children and save them from choosing the wrong path and falling prey to Satan. Ameen.

The following is an excerpt I compiled from the site:

islamqa.info/en/answers/14231/punishment-for-apostasy-in-Islam

WHAT IS APOSTASY?

RIDDAH (apostasy) in Islam refers to a Muslim who becomes a disbeliever by saying a clear statement to that effect, or by uttering words which imply disbelief, or by declaring his leaving Islam.

Not everyone who falls into kufr is regarded as an apostate. A Muslim, who may neglect his duties can be excused and not deemed to be a kaafir, if he does it due to ignorance, misinterpretation, compulsion, and error. But those who willingly and knowingly turn away from Islam cannot be excused. Among them are those who *revile Allah, or revile His Messenger (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him), or clearly express heresy and try to influence others towards their disbelief*. Such cannot be forgiven nor befriended.

“Whoever disbelieves in Allah after his belief...**those who [willingly] open their breasts to disbelief; upon them is wrath from Allah, and for them is a great punishment.**” AL-Quran, 16: 106

“Verily, those who disbelieve after believing, then increase in their disbelief, their repentance shall never be accepted. These are indeed the ones gone astray.” AL-Quran,3:90

“...**NEVER WILL ALLAH FORGIVE THEM, NOR WILL HE GUIDE THEM TO A WAY.**” AL-Quran, 4: 137

“O you who have believed, whoever of you should revert from his religion - Allah will bring forth [in place of them] a people He will love and who will love Him [who are] humble toward the believers, powerful against the disbelievers; they strive in the cause of Allah and do not fear the blame of a critic. That is the favour of Allah; He bestows it upon whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and All-Knowing.” AL-Quran, 5: 54

Allah says: “There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion. The right course has become clear from the wrong. So, whoever disbelieves in Taghut and believes in Allah has grasped the most trustworthy handhold which does not break. And Allah is Hearing and Knowing. Allah is the ally of those who believe. He brings them out from darkness into the light.” And HE warns in the next verse: Those who disbelieve - their allies are Taghut. They take them out of the light into the darkness. THOSE ARE THE COMPANIONS OF THE FIRE; THEY WILL ABIDE ETERNALLY THEREIN.” Al-Quran: Surah Baqarah, 2: 256,257

Although Allah allows a Muslim man to marry a Jewish or Christian free woman, as it is permissible for a Muslim man to marry any of them, HE forbids any Muslim man or woman to remain married to a non-Muslim if he/she does not surrender to Islam as their way of life.

“...And hold not to marriage bonds with disbelieving women (or men) ...” Al-Quran: Al-Mumtahinah: 10

And as per Sheriah, an apostate cannot inherit from their parents:

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