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TYPES OF SHIRK

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SHIRK OF THE PAGANS

1. WORSHIPPING ANGELS BESIDES ALLAH

وَجَعَلُوا الْمَلَائِكَةَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ إِنثًا (19)

And they make into females angels who themselves serve Allah... [AZ-ZUKHRUF: 43: 19.]

2. WORSHIPPED JINNS BESIDES ALLAH

وَجَعَلُوا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجَنَّةِ نَسَبًا (158) الصافات.

And they have invented a blood-relationship between Him and the Jinns... [AS-SAFFAT: 37: 158.]

وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ الْجِنَّ وَخَلَقَهُمْ وَخَرَقُوا لَهُ بَنِينَ وَبَنَاتٍ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ سُبْحَانَهِ وَتَعَالَى عَمَّا يُصِفُونَ (100) الأنعام.

Yet they make the Jinns equals with Allah, though Allah did create the Jinns; and they falsely, having no knowledge, attribute to Him sons and daughters. Praise and glory be to Him! (For He is) above what they attribute to Him! [AL-AN'AAM: 6: 100.]

3. WORSHIPPED HEAVENLY BODIES

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ (37) فصلت.

Among His Signs are the Night and the Day, and the Sun and the Moon. Adore not the sun and the moon, but adore Allah, Who created them, if it is Him ye wish to serve. [FUSSILAT: 41: 37]

4. WORSHIPPED THEIR OWN WRONG DESIRES (THEIR OWN SELVES).

أَرَأَيْتَ مَنْ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ أَفَأَنْتَ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِ وَكَيْلًا (43) الفرقان.

Seest thou such a one as taketh for his god his own passion (or impulse)? Couldst thou be a disposer of affairs for him? [AL-FURQAN: 25: 43]

5. DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD FOR THEIR FALSE GODS

1: ((وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ مِمَّا ذَرَأَ مِنَ الْحَرْثِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ نَصِيبًا فَقَالُوا هَذَا لِلَّهِ بِزَعْمِهِمْ وَهَذَا لِشُرَكَائِنَا فَمَا كَانَ لِشُرَكَائِهِمْ فَلَا يَصِلُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَمَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ فَهُوَ يَصِلُ إِلَى شُرَكَائِهِمْ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ (136))) الأنعام: 6: 136.

Out of what Allah hath produced in abundance in tilth and in cattle, they assigned Him a share: they say, according to their fancies: "This is for Allah, and this is for our 'partners'! But the share of their "partners" reacheth not Allah, whilst the share of Allah reacheth their "partners!" Evil (and unjust) is their assignment! [AL-AN'AAM: 6: 136.]

2: ((وَقَالُوا هَذِهِ أَنْعَامٌ وَحَرْثٌ حَجْرٌ لَا يَطْعُمُهَا إِلَّا مَنْ نَشَاءُ بِزَعْمِهِمْ وَأَنْعَامٌ حُرِّمَتْ ظُهُورُهَا وَأَنْعَامٌ لَا يَذْكُرُونَ اسْمَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهَا افْتِرَاءً عَلَيْهِ سَيَجْزِيهِمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْتُرُونَ (138))) وَقَالُوا مَا فِي بُطُونِ هَذِهِ الْأَنْعَامِ خَالِصَةٌ لِدُكُورِنَا وَمُحَرَّمٌ عَلَى أَزْوَاجِنَا وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مَيْتَةً فَهُمْ فِيهِ شُرَكَاءُ سَيَجْزِيهِمْ وَصَفَهُمْ إِنَّهُ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ (139))) الأنعام: 6: 138 - 139.

And they say that such and such cattle and crops are taboo, and none should eat of them except those whom - so they say - we wish; further, there are cattle forbidden to yoke or burden, and cattle on which, (at slaughter)

the name of Allah is not pronounced, inventions against Allah's name: soon will He requite them for their inventions. They say: "What is in the wombs of such and such cattle is specially reserved (for food) for our men, and forbidden to our women; but if it is stillborn, then all have shares therein. For their (false) attribution (of superstitions to Allah), He will soon punish them: for He is full of wisdom and knowledge. [AL-AN'AAM: 6: 138-9.]

6. KILLING OF THE CHILDREN FOR FALSE GODS

((وَكَذَلِكَ زَيْنَ لِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ قَتَلُوا أَوْلَادَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُهُمْ لِيُرْذُوهُمْ وَلِيَلْبِسُوا عَلَيْهِمْ دِينَهُمْ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا فَعَلُوهُ فَذَرْهُمْ وَمَا يَفْتَرُونَ (137)) الأنعام: 6:

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Even so, in the eyes of most of the Pagans, their "partners" made alluring the slaughter of their children, in order to lead them to their own destruction, and cause confusion in their religion. If Allah had willed, they would not have done so: but leave alone them and their inventions. [AL-AN'AAM: 6: 137.]

((قَدْ خَسِرَ الَّذِينَ قَتَلُوا أَوْلَادَهُمْ سَفَهًا بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَحَرَّمُوا مَا رَزَقَهُمُ اللَّهُ افْتِرَاءً عَلَى اللَّهِ قَدْ ضَلُّوا وَمَا كَانُوا مُهْتَدِينَ (140)) الأنعام: 6: 140

Lost are those who slay their children, from folly, without knowledge, and forbid food which Allah hath provided for them, inventing (lies) against Allah. They have indeed gone astray and heeded no guidance. [AL-AN'AAM: 6: 140.]

SHIRK OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SCRIPTURES.

1. THEY WORSHIPPED CALF.

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ أِنَّكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِئِكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِنْدَ بَارِئِكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ (54) البقرة: 2: 54.

And (remember) when Mûsa (Moses) said to his people: "O my people! Verily, you have wronged yourselves by worshipping the calf. So turn in repentance to your Creator and kill yourselves (the innocent kill the wrongdoers among you), that will be better for you with your Creator." Then He accepted your repentance. Truly, He is the One Who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful. [Al-Baqarah: 2: 54]

2. THEY MADE 'ESAA THE SON OF MARYAM AS GOD AND 'UZAYR AS SON OF GOD

وَقَالَتِ الْيَهُودُ عُزَيْرٌ ابْنُ اللَّهِ وَقَالَتِ النَّصَارَى الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ ذَلِكَ قَوْلُهُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ يُضَاهِئُونَ قَوْلَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ قَاتَلَهُمُ اللَّهُ أَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ (30) التوبة

And the Jews say: 'Uzair (Ezra) is the son of Allâh, and the Christians say: Messiah is the son of Allâh. That is their saying with their mouths, resembling the saying of the those who disbelieved aforetime. Allâh's Curse be on them, how they are deluded away from the truth! [At-Taubah:9: (30)]

3. ALLAH IS OF THREE IN A TRINITY

لَقَدْ كَفَرَ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ ثَلَاثُ ثَلَاثَةٍ وَمَا مِنْ إِلَهٍ إِلَّا إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَنْتَهُوا عَمَّا يَقُولُونَ لَيَمَسَّنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ (73) المائدة: 5: 73.

Surely, disbelievers are those who said: "Allâh is the third of the three (in a Trinity)." But there is no llâh (god) (none who has the right to be worshipped) but One Ilâh (God -Allâh). And if they cease not from what

they say, verily, a painful torment will befall on the disbelievers among them [Al-Maidah: 5: (73)]

4. THEY WORSHIPPED THEIR SCHOLARS AND PIOUS PEOPLE

اتَّخَذُوا أَحْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهَبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسِيحَ ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ سُبْحَانَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ (31) التوبة.

They (Jews and Christians) took their rabbis and their monks to be their lords besides Allâh (by obeying them in things which they made lawful or unlawful according to their own desires without being ordered by Allâh), and (they also took as their Lord) Messiah, son of Maryam (Mary), while they (Jews and Christians) were commanded [in the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)) to worship none but One Ilâh (God - Allâh) Lâ ilâha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He)[]. Praise and glory is to Him, (far above is He) from having the partners they associate (with Him)."
[At-Taubah: 9: (31)]

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَى كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَّا نَعْبُدَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَلَا نُشْرِكَ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُولُوا اشْهَدُوا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ (64) آل عمران.

Say (O Muhammad SAW): "O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians): Come to a word that is just between us and you, that we worship none but Allâh (Alone), and that we associate no partners with Him, and that none of us shall take others as lords besides Allâh[]. Then, if they turn away, say: "Bear witness that we are Muslims." [Ale 'Emran: 3: (64)]

1.PRACTICING INCANTATION IN THE PRE-ISLAMIC DAYS.

عَنْ عَوْفِ بْنِ مَالِكِ الْأَشْجَعِيِّ قَالَ كُنَّا نَزُقِي فِي الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ فَقُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ كَيْفَ تَرَى فِي ذَلِكَ فَقَالَ: ((اعْرِضُوا عَلَيَّ رُقَاكُمْ لَا بَأْسَ بِالرُّقَى مَا لَمْ يَكُنْ فِيهِ شِرْكٌ)) .

'Auf b. Malik Ashja'i reported: We practised incantation in the pre-Islamic days and we said: Allah's Messenger, what is your opinion about it? He said: **Let me know your incantation and said: There is no harm in the incantation which does not smack of polytheism.** [Muslim: Book 26: Hadith 5457: The Book on Salutations and Greetings (Kitab As-Salam). Sunan Abu Dawud.]

2.SWEARING UPON OTHER THAN ALLAH IS SHIRK

عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ سَمِعَ رَجُلًا يَقُولُ لَا وَالْكَعْبَةَ فَقَالَ ابْنُ عُمَرَ لَا يُحْلَفُ بِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ فَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: ((مَنْ حَلَفَ بِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ كَفَرَ أَوْ أَشْرَكَ)) .

Narrated Abdullah ibn Umar: Sa'id ibn Ubaydah said: Ibn Umar heard a man swearing: No, I swear by the Ka'bah. Ibn Umar said to him: I heard the Apostle of Allah (peace be upon him) say: **He who swears by anyone but Allah is polytheist.** [Sunan Abu Dawud: 1436.]

Narrated Abdullah ibn Umar: Ibn Umar heard a man say: No, by the Ka'bah, and admonished him: Do not swear by anything beside Allah, for I have heard the Prophet say: **He who swears by anything beside Allah is guilty of an act of disbelief (or of associating something with Allah).** [AT-TIRMITHEE -2/99/1241.]

3.OFFERING THE PRAYRES TO SHOW OTHERS

4204 عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ قَالَ خَرَجَ عَلَيْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَنَحْنُ نَتَذَاكُرُ الْمَسِيحَ الدَّجَالَ فَقَالَ: ((أَلَا أُخْبِرُكُمْ بِمَا هُوَ أَخَوْفُ عَلَيْكُمْ عِنْدِي مَنْ

المسيح الدجال))، قَالَ قُلْنَا بَلَى فَقَالَ: ((الشِّرْكَ الْخَفِيُّ أَنْ يَقُومَ الرَّجُلُ يُصَلِّيَ
فَيُزَيِّنُ صَلَاتَهُ لِمَا يَرَى مِنْ نَظَرِ رَجُلٍ)).

Abu Sa'id said that once the Messenger of Allah turned up while we were discussing about Anti-Christ and he said: "*Should I not inform you something for you which is more scary matter than the Anti-Christ.*" We said: 'Indeed, inform us.' He said: "*It is 'THE HIDDEN SHIRK', i.e. the man is beautifying his prayer to attract the attention of other person.*"

[SUNAN IBN-I-MAJAH: 5/464/ 4204. SAHEEH: IBN MAAJAH: 2/410/3389.]

عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ لَبِيدٍ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: ((إِنَّ أَخَوْفَ مَا أَخَافُ
عَلَيْكُمْ الشِّرْكَ الْأَصْغَرَ))، قَالُوا وَمَا الشِّرْكَ الْأَصْغَرُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ: ((الرِّيَاءُ يَقُولُ
اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِذَا جُزِيَ النَّاسُ بِأَعْمَالِهِمْ أَذْهَبُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ تُرَاءُونَ
فِي الدُّنْيَا فَاَنْظُرُوا هَلْ تَجِدُونَ عِنْدَهُمْ جَزَاءً)).

Mahmoud Ibn Labeed reported that the Messenge of Allah said: *Indeed the matter that scares me the most regarding you is 'THE MINOR SHIRK'*. We asked, 'what is *the minor shirk*, O Messenger of Allah? He said: "*Ar-Riyaa*: i.e. good deeds done to show off. Allah (azza wa jalla) will say on the Day of Judgement to the people while rewarding them for their deeds: '*Go to those people for your reward for whom you were doing your deeds in the Dunya. See if you can get your reward with them.*'" [Musnad Ahmad: 5/428-9. Sharhus Sunnah: no. 4135. Saleem al-Hilaalee has authenticated it.(Hidden shirk: p. 25, fn. 34)]

4.CONBINING ALLAH'S WILL WITH THE WILL OF OTHERS

عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: لَا تَقُولُوا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَشَاءَ فُلَانٌ
وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ ثُمَّ شَاءَ فُلَانٌ*

Narrated Hudhayfah: The Prophet (peace_be_upon_him) said: ***Do not say: "What Allah wills and so and so wills," but say: "What Allah wills and afterwards so and so wills.*** [Abu Dawud: Book 41: General Behavior (Kitab Al-Adab): 3/1386/4962. Saheehul Jaam'e: 7406. And 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas reported the same in SUNAN IBN-I-MAJAH: 3\275\2117. Sahih Sunan Ibn Majah: 1\362\1720].

عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ بْنِ الْيَمَانِ أَنَّ رَجُلًا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ رَأَى فِي النَّوْمِ أَنَّهُ لَقِيَ رَجُلًا مِنْ أَهْلِ
الْكِتَابِ فَقَالَ نِعَمَ الْقَوْمِ أَنْتُمْ لَوْلَا أَنْكُمْ تُشْرِكُونَ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَشَاءَ مُحَمَّدٌ
وَذَكَرَ ذَلِكَ لِلنَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ ((:أَمَا وَاللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُ لَأَعْرِفُهَا لَكُمْ
قُولُوا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ ثُمَّ شَاءَ مُحَمَّدٌ)) .

Huzaifah Ibn Al-Yaman reported that a man amongst Muslims saw in the dream that he met a man from the people of the Book, i.e. (*Ahlul Kitab*) who said that, 'You are excellent people only if you do not commit SHIRK by saying 'What Allah willed and Muhammad willed'. He mentioned this dream to the Prophet. The Prophet said: ***“Indeed By Allah, I knew this about you before. You should say: What Allah willed then afterwards Muhammad willed”***. [SUNAN IBN-I-MAJAH: 3\275\2117. Sahih Sunan Ibn Majah: 1\362\1720].

5. HANGING OR TYING AMULET ON THE NECK IS SHIRK

Narrated Abdullah ibn Mas'ud: Zaynab, the wife of Abdullah ibn Mas'ud, told that Abdullah said: I heard the Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) saying: **spells, charms and love-potions are SHIRK i.e. polytheism.** I asked: Why do you say this? I swear by Allah, when my eye was discharging I used to go to so-and-so, the Jew, who applied a spell to me. When he applied the spell to me, it calmed down. Abdullah said: That was just the work of the Devil who was picking it with his hand, and when he uttered the spell on it, he desisted. All you need to do is to say as the Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) used to say: **Remove the harm, O Lord of men, and heal. Only Your are the Healer. There is no remedy but Your which leaves no disease behind.** [Abu Dawud: Book 28: Medicine (Kitab Al-Tibb): Hadith 3874]

Narrated Ruwayfi' ibn Thabit: The Apostle of Allah (peace_be_upon_him) said: ***You may live for a long time after I am gone, Ruwayfi', so, tell people that if anyone ties his beard or wears round his neck a string to ward off the evil eye, or cleanses himself with animal dung or bone, Muhammad has nothing to do with him.*** [Abu Dawud: Book 1: Purification (Kitab Al-Taharah): Hadith 36]

'Isa ibn Hamza said: "I went to see 'Abdullah ibn Hakim and his face was red due to high fever. I said to him: 'Why don't you use an amulet?' He said: 'We seek refuge with Allah from it. The Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, said: "Whoever wears anything as an amulet will be entrusted to it".'" (Sahih Sunan AT-Tirmizi: 2\208\1691).

Narrated Abdullah ibn Umar: Ibn Umar heard a man say: No, by the Ka'bah, and admonished him: Do not swear by anything beside Allah, for I have heard the Prophet say: ***He who swears by anything beside Allah is guilty of an act of disbelief (or of associating something with Allah).*** [AT-TIRMITHEE -2/99/1241.]

It is reported from Ibn Mas'ud that "once, when he entered his home, he noticed his wife wearing a knotted object round her neck. He took it away and broke it. Then he remarked: 'The family of 'Abdullah has become so arrogant that they now associate with Allah those for whom He has sent down no authority.' Then, he added: 'I have heard the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, saying: ***Verily, incantations, amulets, and love charms are acts of shirk (associating false gods with Allah).***' The people said: 'O Abu Abdullah! We are familiar with incantations and amulets, but what is a love charm (altawlah)?' He replied: 'It is a sort of magical formula by which women sought to gain their husbands' love.'" (Related by Al-Hakim and Ibn Hibban, and both consider it a sahih hadith)



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