

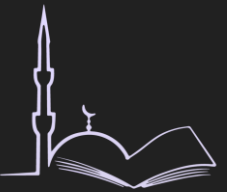
## Surah Luqman - Do not do Shirk:

وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَانُ لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَا بُنَيَّ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

[31:13] And when Luqman said to his son while he advised him: O my son! do not associate aught with Allah; most surely polytheism is a severe injustice

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Notice how before Luqman gives advice to his son he begins very lovingly:

‘ يَا بُنَيَّ ’ – my beloved son, my dear son, using a term of endearment by the father to the son, it is important to show love before advising. Luqman makes sure that his son understands that he loves him and that the advice is coming from a place of love.

The first piece of advice Luqman gives to his son is not to do Shirk; this shows us how important Tawhid is and how easy it is to do shirk (Surah Yusuf):

وَمَا يُؤْمِنُ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بِاللَّهِ إِلَّا وَهُمْ مُشْرِكُونَ

**[12:106]** And most of them do not believe in Allah without associating others (with Him).

The hadith of the Holy Prophet (S): Shirk is like a black ant crawling on a black rock in the middle of a black night. i.e. very difficult to detect.

Hence the Shahadah, first rejects/negates all gods then comes to the belief in one God which is Tawhid.

**Tawhid** does NOT mean the belief in God. It means the belief in no god but Allah by the process of rejecting Shirk.

We need to be careful as Shirk is a grave sin – one which Allah does not forgive - Surah Nisa:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا

**[4:48]** Surely Allah does not forgive that anything should be associated with Him, and forgives what is besides that to whomsoever He pleases; and whoever associates anything with Allah, he indeed devises a great sin

As God is so Merciful/Loving - Shirk is a forgivable sin if one repents sincerely while alive AND turns back, but, anyone who dies upon this sin will not be forgiven.

Shirk is translated as polytheism, but specifically covers a range of acts, including: worshipping other than Allah (eg. Quraysh – worshipped daughters of Allah), associating partners with Him (e.g. Jesus-son of God), attributing His qualities to others beside Him (eg. angels/Prophets/Imams), not believing in His qualities, in fact putting anything above or at the same level, whether they are external (money/family...) or internal (desire)

## Practical steps:

- Am I doing Shirk?
- Do I listen to others, rather than Allah?
- Imam Sadiq (A): "Whoever obeys a person in sinning Allah; he has worshipped him."
- Do I care more about what others think, rather than Allah?
- Do I trust/rely on others, rather than Allah e.g. ill: health from Allah/help from Dr
- Do I do things for others, rather than Allah i.e. is my niyyah ONLY for the pleasure of Allah AND to do it in the way Allah wants.

I need to reflect on the above questions for myself and pose these questions to my children

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