

The Beneficial Statement Concerning the Evidence for Tawheed

[*al-Qawlul-Mufeed fee Adillatit-Tawheed*]

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Said the Imaam of Yemen, the Destroyer of Innovation, Aboo 'Abdur-Rahmaan Muqbil Ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (d.1422H) – *rahimahullaah*, “So indeed I reviewed the treatise of our noble brother, Abee Ibraaheem Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul-Wahhaab al-Wassaabee called, *al-Qawlul-Mufeed fee Adillatit-Tawheed*. And after reviewing it, I praised Allaah the Glorified for finding someone from amongst our Yemeni Scholars, one who would carry out what Allaah had obligated upon him with respect to spreading *Tawheed* in our Yemeni society...” *al-Qawlul-Mufeed* (p. 13). And Shaykh Muqbil said about the author of this book, “As for Aboo Ibraaheem, then he is Shaykh Muhammad Ibn 'Abdul-Wahhaab al-Wassaabee al-'Abdilee. He has established learning (*ta'leem*) and the call to Allaah and writing.” *Al-Qawlul-Mufeed* (p. 14).

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THREE LEVELS OF RELIGION:

They are *Islaam*, *eemaan*, and *Ihsaan*. And this order is related by Muslim (no. 8), from 'Umar. So every *muhsin* (one possessing *ihsaan*) is a *mu'min*, and not vice versa. And every *mu'min* is a Muslim, but not vice versa. So *ihsaan* is more specific than *eemaan* and *eemaan* is more specific than *Islaam*. Refer to *Tafseer Ibn Katheer*, Sooratul-Hujuraat and adh-Dhaariyaat, and refer to *Jaami'ul-'Uloom wal-Hikam* (p. 35), in explanation of the second *hadeeth*.

INTRODUCTION TO ISLAAM:

Islaam is *istislaam* (submission) to Allaah with *Tawheed* and *al-Inqiyaad* (surrender) to Him with obedience and sincerity and remaining free from *Shirk* and its people. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, the Religion with Allaah is Islaam...” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:19]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And I have chosen Islaam as your Religion...” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:3]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And turn in repentance and obedience to Him before the punishment comes to you. Then you will not be supported.” [Sooratur-Zumar 39:54]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“So do not die, except that you are Muslims.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:102]

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And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Do they seek other than the Religion of Allaah, whilst those in the heavens and the earth have already submitted to Him, willingly or unwillingly. And to Him they shall all be returned.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:83]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whomsoever seeks other than Islaam as a Religion, then it will never be accepted from him, and he will be from amongst the losers in the Hereafter.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:85]

THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAAM:

From 'Abdullaah Ibn 'Umar (*radiyallaahu 'anhumaa*) who said, 'The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, 'Islaam is built upon five: the testimony that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allaah, and to establish the Prayer, and to pay the *Zakaat*, and Pilgrimage to the House, and fasting in *Ramadaan*."¹

Note, giving pilgrimage precedence over fasting is agreed upon by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim. As for placing fasting before pilgrimage, then it is contained in one of the narrations of Muslim.

¹ Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 8) and Muslim (no. 16)

TEN INVALIDATORS OF ISLAAM:

THE FIRST INVALIDATOR – SHIRK WITH ALLAAH: That is when one places intermediaries between himself and Allaah. He supplicates to them and asks them for intercession, or he asks others besides Allaah to bring about some benefit. So he has indeed disbelieved. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, Allaah does not forgive that others be associated along with Him. However, He forgives whatever is below that for whomsoever He wishes.” [Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:48, 116]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, whosoever worships others along with Allaah, then Allaah has prohibited Paradise for him, and His abode shall be the Fire. And the transgressors shall have no helpers.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:82]

THE SECOND INVALIDATOR: This is apostasy from Islaam by choosing Judaism, Christianity, Magianism, Communism, Secularism, Orientalism, Freemasonry or other than that from that which is disbelief when one believes in it. Allaah the Exalted said,

“And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your Religion if they can. And whosoever of you turns back from his Religion and dies as a disbeliever, then his deeds will be lost in this life and in the Hereafter, and they will be the dwellers of the Fire. They will abide therein forever.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:217]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his Religion, Allaah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allaah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allaah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allaah is All-Sufficient for His creatures’ needs, the All-Knower.” [Sooratul-Maa’idah 5:54]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, those who have turned back as disbelievers after the guidance had been manifested to them, Shaytaan has beautified for them their false hopes, and Allaah prolonged their term. This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down, “We will obey you in part of the matter,” but Allaah knows their secrets. Then how will it be when the angels will take their souls at death, smiting their faces and their backs? That is because they followed that which angered Allaah, and hated that which pleased Him. So He made their deeds fruitless. Or do those in whose hearts is a disease

of hypocrisy, think that Allaah will not bring to light all their hidden ill-wills? Had We willed, We could have shown them to you, and you should have known them by their marks, but surely, you will know them by the tone of their speech! And Allaah knows all your deeds." [Soorah Muhammad 47:25-30]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And whosoever disbelieves after having eemaan, then his actions shall be nullified and he will be from amongst the losers in the Hereafter." [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:5]

From Ibn 'Abbaas (*radiyallaahu 'anhuma*) who said, 'The Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*), 'Whoever changes his Religion, then kill him.'²

From 'Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood (*radiyallaahu 'anhu*) who said, 'The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, 'The blood of a Muslim is not lawful who testifies that there is no deity worthy of worship besides Allaah and that I am the Messenger of Allaah, except by one of three things: an unmarried woman who commits fornication, a life for a life and one who leaves his Religion and separates from the *Jamaa'ah* (main body of Muslims).'³

THE THIRD INVALIDATOR: Whoever does not perform *takfeer* of a disbeliever, whether he is a Jew or a Christian, or a Magian, or a polytheist, or a heretic, or other than that from the various disbelieving groups, or one who doubts in their disbelief, or views their *madhhab* (way) as being correct, then he himself has disbelieved. Allaah the Exalted said,

"Verily, those who have disbelieved from amongst the People of the Book and the polytheists shall abide in the Fire of Hell, abiding therein forever. These are the worst of creation." [Sooratul-Bayyinah 98:6]

And the People of the Book (*Ahlul-Kitaab*) are the Jews, Christians and polytheists. They those who worship something else along with Allaah. Allaah the Exalted said,

"Indeed, those who say that Allaah is the Messiah, son of Maryam." [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:18, 82]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"Indeed, those who say that Allaah is one of a trinity have disbelieved." [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:73]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

² Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 2854)

³ Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 6484) and Muslim (no. 1676)

“Verily, those who have disbelieved in Allaah and His Messenger and wish to divide between Allaah and His Messenger, and they say, ‘We believe in some of it and disbelieve in some of it,’ and they wish to take a path in between all of that, these are the true disbelievers. And We have prepared for them a humiliating punishment.”
[Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:150-151]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, Allaah shall gather the hypocrites and the disbelievers in Hell altogether.”
[Sooratun-Nisaa’ 4:140]

THE FOURTH INVALIDATOR: Whosoever believes that the guidance of other than the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) is more complete than his guidance, or that the judgement of other than him is better than his judgement, such as those who view the judgement of the *tawaagheet* (false deities) as being better than his judgement. And entering into this is the one who believes that the system and laws which the people view as being better than the *Sharee'ah* of Islaam, or those that believe the rules and regulations of Islaam do not bring about benefit when applied in this era, or that Islaam is a reason for division amongst the Muslims.

Also entering into this are those that believe Islaam restricts a persons connection to His Lord without entering into the other affairs related to the world. And entering into this invalidator is the one who is of the view that carrying out the judgement of Allaah, such as cutting off the hand of the thief, or stoning the adulterer is not appropriate for this era.

Also entering into that is the one who believes that it is permissible to rule by other than the *Sharee'ah* in dealings, prescribed punishments or other than them, even if he does not believe that this is better than the rule of Allaah, because he has already declared permissible what Allaah has declared unlawful by consensus. And whosoever declared lawful what Allaah and His Messenger have prohibited, from that which is known in the Religion by necessity, such as *zinaa* (adultery, fornication), *khamr* (intoxicants), ruling by other than the *Sharee'ah* of Allaah and other than that, then he is a disbeliever by consensus of the Muslims. Allaah the Exalted said,

“So is the rule of jaahiliyyah (pre-Islaamic times of ignorance) that they seek? And who is better in judgement than Allaah for a people who are certain?” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:44]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever does not rule by what Allaah has revealed, then these are the disbelievers.” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:44]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever does not rule by what Allaah has revealed, then these are the transgressors.” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:45]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever does not rule by what Allaah has revealed, then these are the disobedient sinners.” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:47]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, the Religion with Allaah is Islaam.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:19]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever seeks other than Islaam as a Religion, then it will never be accepted from him. And in the Hereafter he will be from amongst the losers.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:75]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Those who disbelieved in Our aayaat We shall burn them in Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for other skins that they may taste the punishment. Truly, Allaah is Ever Most Powerful, All-Wise.” [Sooratun-Nisaa' 4:56]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“But no, by your Lord, they can have no faith, until they make you judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept (them) with full submission.” [Sooratun-Nisaa' 4:65]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“So no, by your Lord, they have not truly believed until they make you the judge in whatever disputes they have amongst them, then they must not find in themselves any hesitation towards that which you have decreed. And they must submit to it with a full submission.” [Sooratun-Nisaa' 4:65]

THE FIFTH INVALIDATOR: Whoever hates anything that the Messenger (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) came with, even if he acts upon it, then he has disbelieved. Allaah the Exalted said,

“And those who disbelieve, for them is destruction, and Allaah will make their deeds vain. That is because they hate that which Allaah has sent down, so He has made their deeds fruitless.” [Soorah Muhammad 47:8-9]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, those who have turned back as disbelievers after the guidance had been manifested to them, Shaytaan has beautified for them their false hopes, and Allaah prolonged their term. This is because they said to those who hate what Allah has sent down, “We will obey you in part of the matter,” but Allaah knows their secrets. Then how will it be when the angels will take their souls at death, smiting their faces and their backs? That is because they followed that which angered Allaah, and hated that which pleased Him. So He made their deeds fruitless.” [Soorah Muhammad 47:25-27]

THE SIXTH INVALIDATOR: Whosoever mocks Allaah, or the Messenger, or the *Qur'aan*, or the Religion, or the Angels or the Scholar due to their knowledge, or he mocks any of the distinguishing signs of Islaam such as the Prayer, or the *zakaat* (obligatory alms), fasting, *Hajj* (pilgrimage), the *Ka'bah*, or stopping at mount 'Arafah, or the mosques, of the *adhaan* (call to Prayer), or the beard, the Prophetic *Sunnah* or other than that from the distinguishing signs of Islaam and the things that Islaam holds sacred, then he is a disbeliever. Allaah the Exalted said,

“Say, ‘Is it Allaah and His aayaat and His Messenger that you were mocking? Make no excuse, for you have disbelieved after having believed.’ If We pardon some of you, then We will punish other from amongst you because they were criminals.” [Sooratut-Tawbah 9:65-66]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, those who committed crimes used to laugh at those who believed. And whenever they passed by them, used to wink one to another (in mockery). And when they returned to their own people, they would return jesting; And when they saw them, they said, “Verily, these have indeed gone astray!” But they (disbelievers, sinners) had not been sent as watchers over them (the believers). But this Day those who believe will laugh at the disbelievers, watching from Thrones. Are not the disbelievers paid fully for what they used to do?” [Sooratul-Mutaffifeen 83:29-36]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And when you see those who engage in a false conversation about Our aayaat by mocking at them, stay away from them till they turn to another topic. And if Shaytaan causes you to forget, then after the remembrance sit not you in the company of those transgressors.” [Sooratul-An'aam 6:68]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And it has already been revealed to you in the Book that when you hear the aayaat of Allaah being denied and mocked at, then sit not with them, until they engage in a talk other than that; but if you stayed with them, certainly in that case you would be like them. Indeed, Allaah will collect the hypocrites and disbelievers all together in Hell.”
[Sooratun-Nisaa' 4:140]

And Allaah the Glorified and Exalted said,

“And whosoever honours the sacred things of Allaah, then that is better for him according to His Lord.” [Sooratul-Hajj 22:30]

And Allaah the Blessed and Exalted,

“And whosoever honours the distinguishing signs of Allaah, then it is from the taqwa (fear, reverence) of the hearts.” [Sooratul-Hajj 22:32]

THE SEVENTH INVALIDATOR: Magic, and from that is *as-sarf* and *al-'atf*. So as for *as-sarf*, then it is a magical action by which it is intended to avert a man from that which he desires, such as changing a man's love for his wife into hatred for her. As for *al-'atf*, then it is a magical action also by which it is intended to make a man love that which he does not usually desire, such as making him love the paths of *Shaytaan*. Allaah the Exalted said,

“And they did not teach anyone until they had said: We are a fitnah (trial, tribulation), so do not disbelieve.” [Sooratul-Baqarah 2:102]

From 'Abdullaah Ibn Mas'ood (*radiyallaahu 'anhu*) who said, ‘The Messenger of Allaah (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, ‘Verily, the incantations, amulets and charms are *Shirk*.’⁴

THE EIGHTH INVALIDATOR: Aiding the disbelievers and co-operating with them against the Muslims. Allaah the Exalted,

“And if anyone from amongst you makes allegiance with them, then Allaah does not guide a transgressing people.” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:51]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“O you who believe! If you obey a group of those who were given the Scripture, they would render you disbelievers after you have believed! And how would you disbelieve, while unto you are recited the aayaat of Allaah, and among you is His Messenger? And

⁴ **Saheeh:** Related by Aboo Daawood (no. 3883). Shaykh Muqbil declared it *hasan* in *Saheehul-Musnad* (2/17-18) and he was preceded in that by al-Haakim (4/217) only. And al-Albaanee declared it *saheeh* in *Saheehul-Jaami'* (no. 1632) and in *Silsilatul-Ahaadeethis-Saheehah* (no. 331), as did al-Haakim (4/217) and adh-Dhahabee agreed. And the *hadeeth* is also related by Ibn Maajah (no. 3531), Ahmad (1/381), at-Tabaraanee in *al-Kabeer* (10/262), Ibn Hibbaan (13/456) and al-Bayhaqee (9/350).

whoever holds firmly to Allaah, then he is indeed guided to a Right Path." [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:100-101]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies as friends, showing affection towards them, while they have disbelieved in what has come to you of the truth, and have driven out the Messenger and yourselves because you believe in Allaah your Lord! If you have come forth to strive in My Cause and to seek My Good Pleasure, You show friendship to them in secret, while I am All-Aware of what you conceal and what you reveal. And whosoever of you (Muslims) does that, then indeed he has gone far astray, (away) from the Straight Path. Should they gain the upper hand over you, they would behave to you as enemies, and stretch forth their hands and their tongues against you with evil, and they desire that you should disbelieve." [Sooratul-Mumtahinah 60:1-2]

And Allaah the Sublime and Exalted said,

"O you who believe! Take not as friends the people who incurred the wrath of Allaah. Indeed, they have been in despair to receive any good in the Hereafter, just as the disbelievers have been in despair about those buried in graves." [Sooratul-Mumtahinah 60:13]

THE NINTH INVALIDATOR: Whosoever believes that some of the people have been given the choice to leave off the *Sharee'ah* of Muhammad (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*), just as al-Khidr was given the choice to go outside the jurisdiction of the *Sharee'ah* of Moosaa (*'alayhissalaam*), then he has disbelieved. That is because every Prophet was sent specifically to his own people, so it is not obligatory for all the people to follow them. As for our Prophet, Muhammad (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*), then he was sent for all peoples, so it is not lawful for anyone to oppose him, not to leave off his *Sharee'ah*. Allaah the Exalted,

"Say: O people, I am the Messenger of Allaah to you all." [Sooratul-A'raaf 7:158]

And Allaah the Glorified and Exalted said,

"Blessed is He who sent down the Furqaan (criterion) upon His servant so that he may become a warner for the people." [Sooratul-Furqaan 25:1]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

"And We have not sent you, except as a bringer of glad tidings and a warner for the people, yet the majority of the people do not know." [Soorah Saba' 34:28]

From Jaabir Ibn 'Abdullaah al-Ansaaree (*radiyallaahu 'anhumaa*), that the Prophet (*sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, "I was given five things that no one before me was given:

[i] I was aided by causing intimidation for a months time; [ii] the entire earth was made a *masjid* (place of prostration) and pure for me, so regardless of where a man from my *Ummah* is, whenever the Prayer reaches him, he may pray; and the spoils of war have been made lawful for me and they were not made lawful for anyone before me; and I have been given the intercession (*shafaa'ah*); and every Prophet was sent specifically to his people and I have been sent to all of mankind.”⁵

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Verily, the Religion with Allaah is Islaam.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:19]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“And whosoever seeks other than Islaam as a Religion, then it shall never be accepted from him. And he will be from amongst the loser in the Hereafter.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:75]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Today I have perfected for you your Religion and I have completed My favour upon you and I have chosen Islaam as your Religion.” [Sooratul-Maa'idah 5:3]

And Allaah the Glorified and Exalted said,

“Is it other than the Religion of Allaah that they seek, whilst to Him submits whatever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they shall return.” [Soorah Aali-'Imraan 3:83]

And there occurs in a *hadeeth*, “By Allaah, if Moosaa was living, he would have no choice but to follow me.”⁶

THE TENTH INVALIDATOR: Displaying aversion to the Religion of Allaah the Exalted, not learning it, nor acting upon it. And the intended meaning of aversion (*i'raad*) which becomes an invalidator from amongst the invalidators of Islaam is aversion from learning the *asl* (basic foundation) of the Religion by which a person becomes a Muslim even if he is ignorant of the details of the Religion, because knowledge of the details of the Religion is not possessed by anyone except for the Scholars and students of knowledge. And Allaah the Blessed and Exalted said,

⁵ Related by al-Bukhaaree (no. 328) and Muslim (no. 521)

⁶ **Da'eef:** It had been declared *hasan* by al-Albaanee in *al-Irwa'aa'* (no. 1589) and it is mentioned through eight paths and Ibn Katheer mentioned it in his Tafseer (2/78) in explanation of Soorah Aali-'Imraan [3:81-82]. However, Shaykh Muqbil has declared it *da'eef* in this place.

“And who is more oppressive than the one to whom our aayaat are mentioned, yet he turns away from them in aversion. Verily, We shall exact revenge from the criminals.”
[Sooratus-Sajdah 32:22]

And Allaah the Sublime and Exalted said,

“And whosoever turns away in aversion from My Reminder, then he shall have a life of hardship and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Judgement.” [Soorah Taa Haa 20:124]

And Allaah the Exalted said,

“Indeed, We have given you from Us a Reminder. Whosoever displays aversion to it shall bear a heavy burden on the Day of Judgement. They will abide therein, and what an evil load it will be for them on the Day of Judgement.” [Soorah Taa Haa 20:99-101]

THE RULING CONCERNING THE JOKER, THE LIBERAL ONE, THE FEARFUL ONE AND THE ONE WHO IS FORCED WITH REGARDS TO THESE INVALIDATORS:

So there is no difference concerning these invalidators between the joker, the liberal one, or the one who fears for his wealth and status, but there is a separate case for the one who is forced. All of these are in the greatest of danger and many of them may fall into it. So it is befitting that the Muslim is aware of these invalidators and that he fears for himself in regards to them. The evidence for that is the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

“Say: Is it Allaah and His aayaat and His Messenger that you were mocking? Make no excuse, for you have disbelieved after having believed.” [Sooratut-Tawbah 9:65-66]

And the evidence for the one who is forced is found in the statement of Allaah the Exalted,

“Whoever disbelieved in Allaah after his belief, except him who is forced thereto and whose heart is at rest with faith but such as open their breasts to disbelief, upon them is wrath from Allaah, and theirs will be a great torment.” [Sooratun-Nahl 16:106]

For more information concerning the invalidators of Islaam, refer to the book *at-Tibyaan Sharh Nawaaqidul-Islaam* by Shaykh Sulaymaan Ibn Naasir al-'Alwaan. And refer to *Nawaaqidul-Islaam* by the Noble Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez Ibn Baaz (*rahimahullaahu ta'aalaa*).