

INTRODUCTION TO TAWHEED

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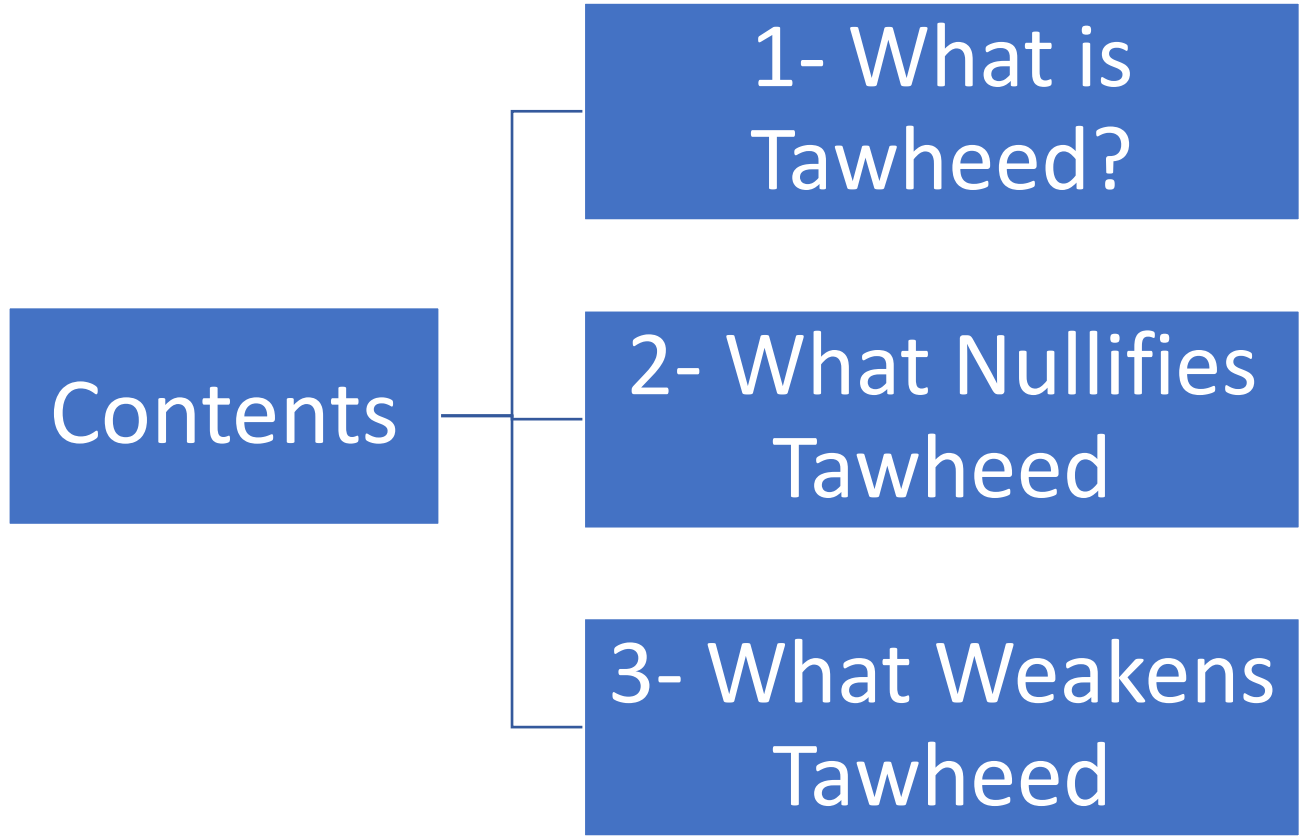
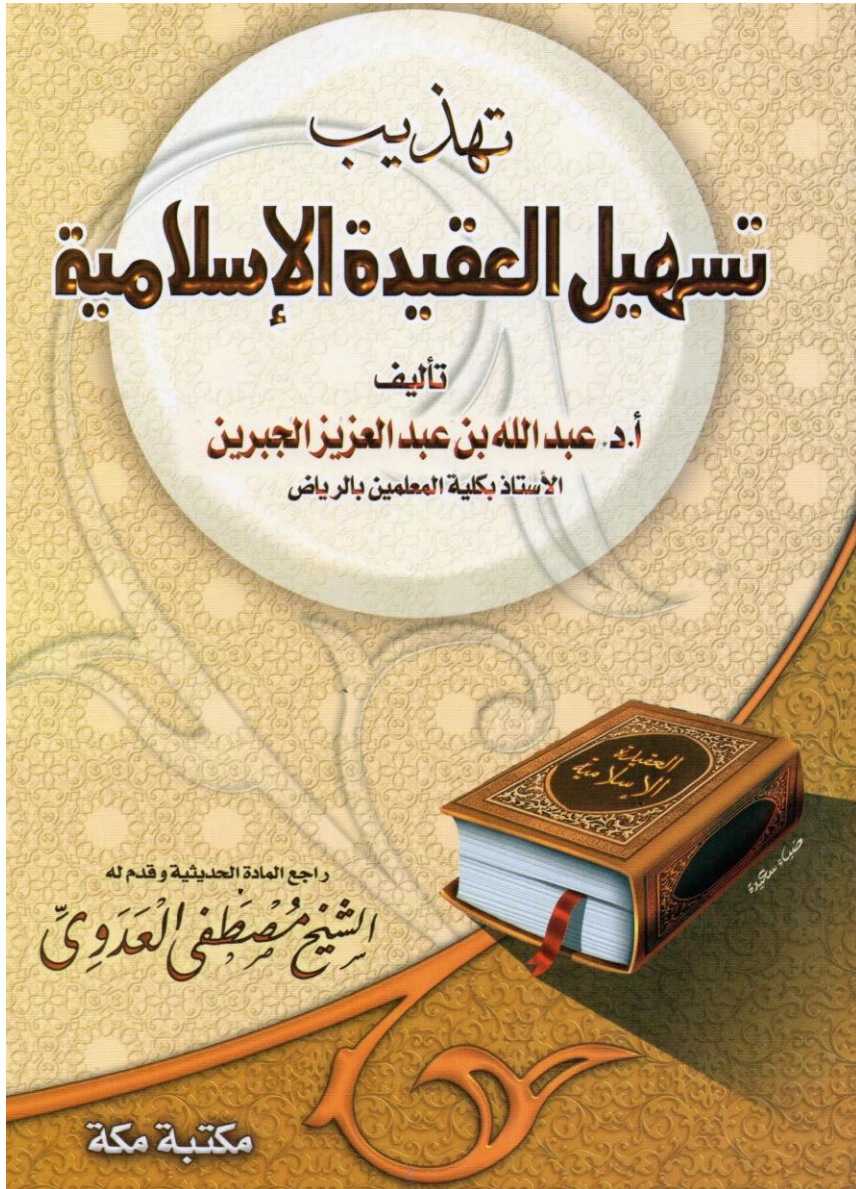
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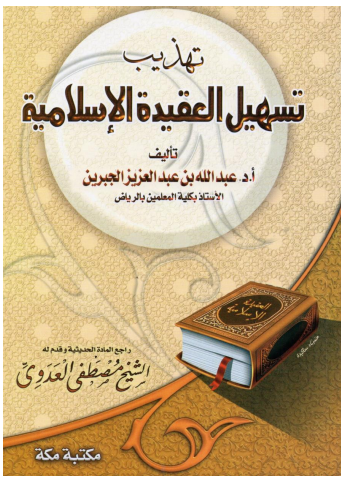
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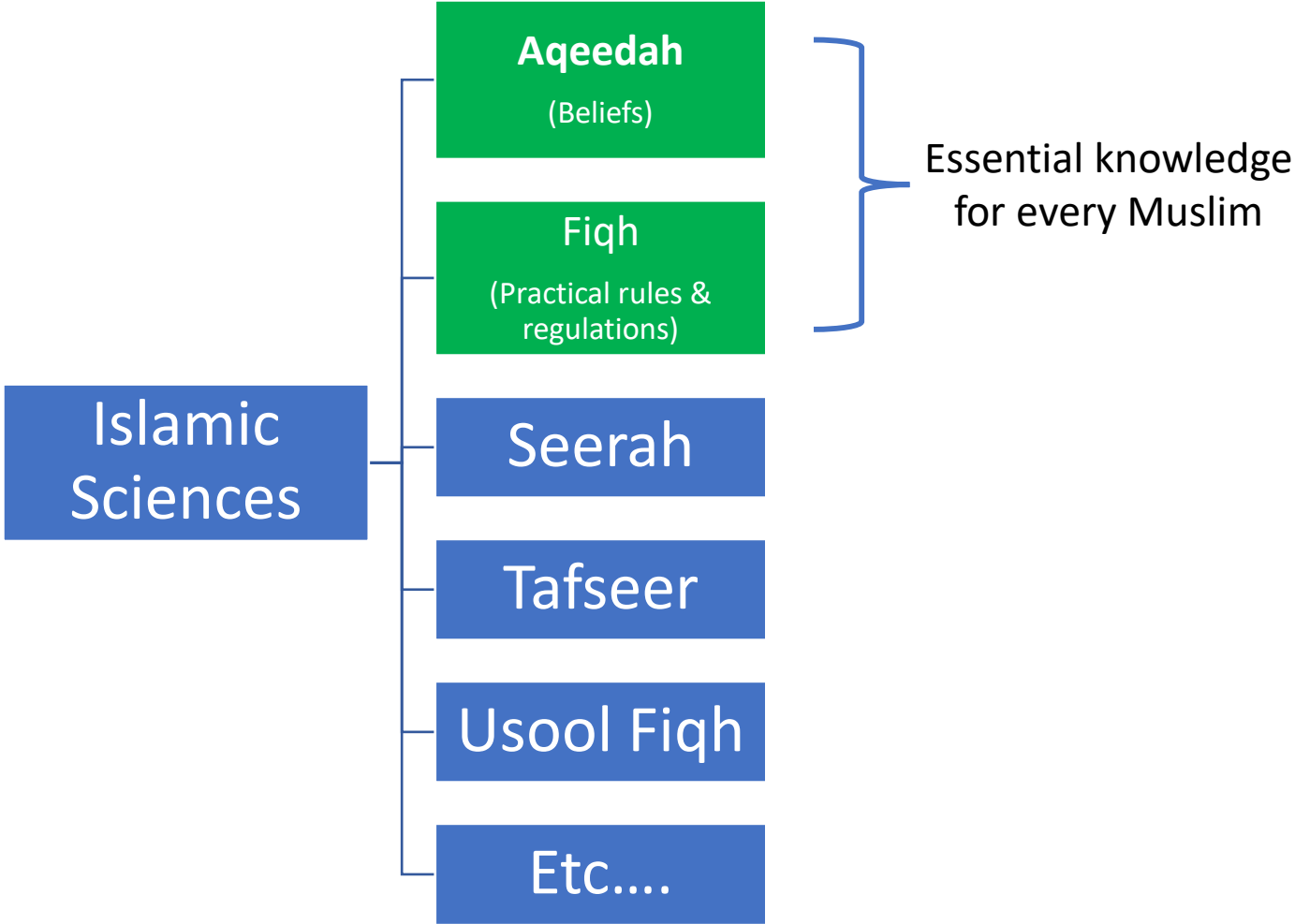
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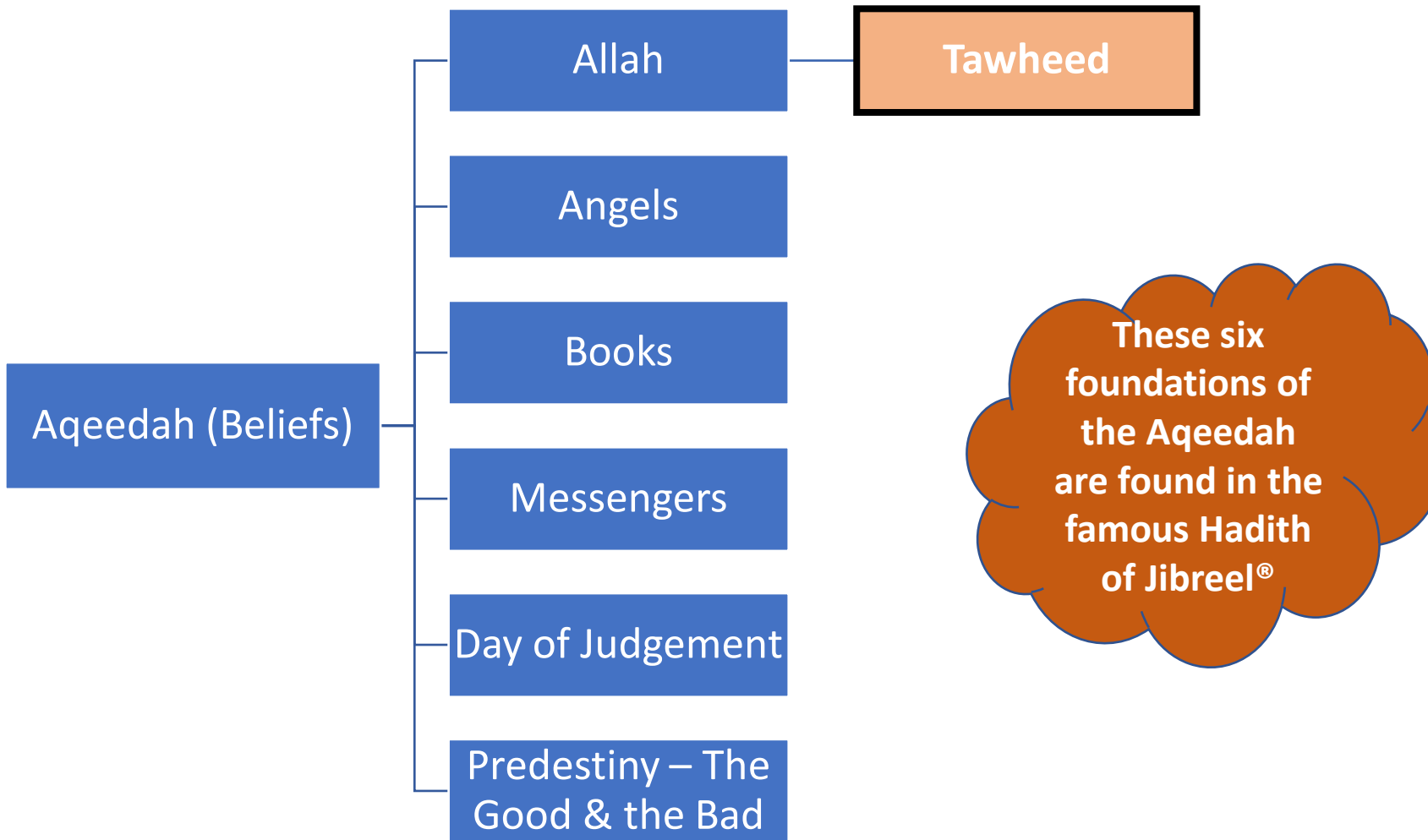
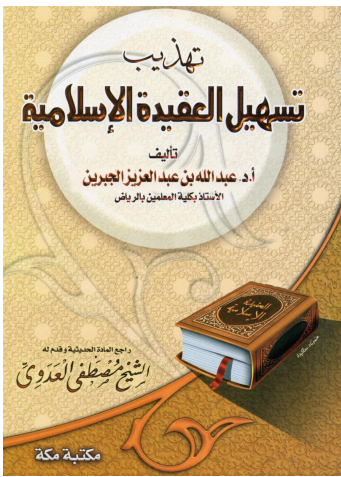


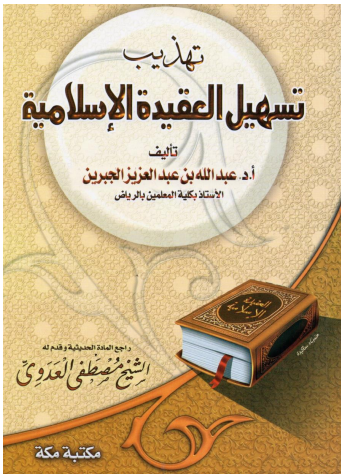


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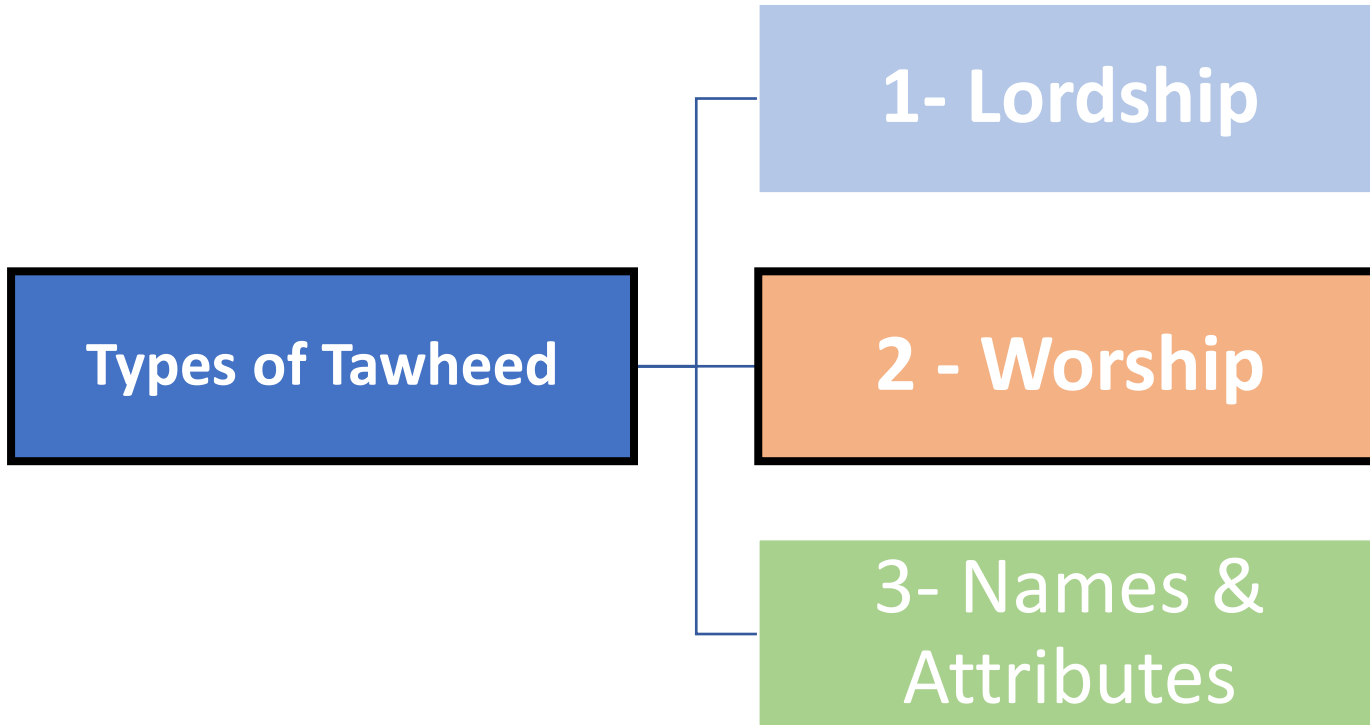
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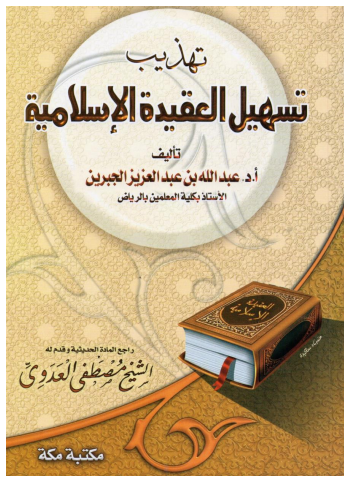


WHAT IS TAWHEED?

“To have certain belief in the existence of Allah and to single him out in his Lordship and Worship and to have certain belief in all His Names and Attributes”



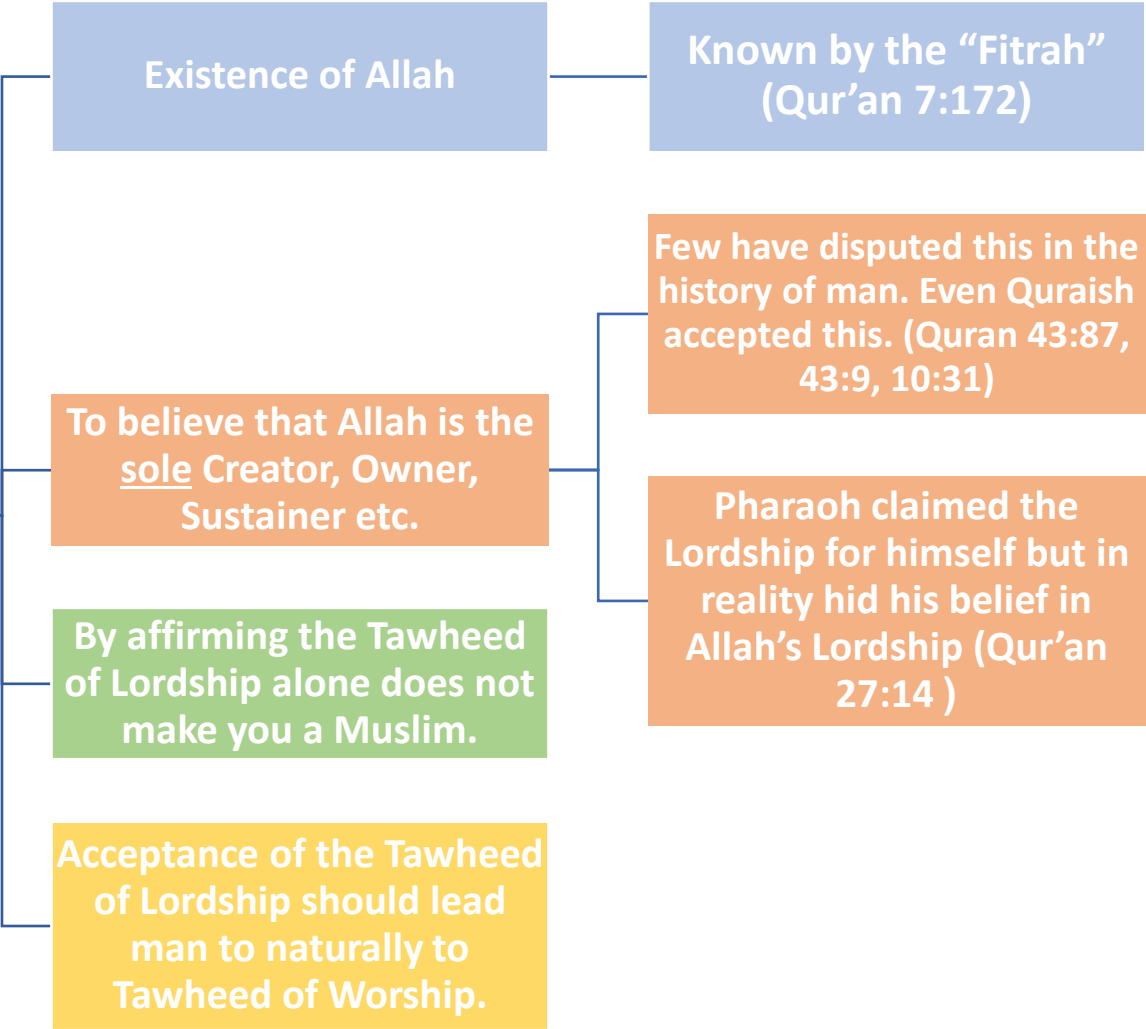
Evidence for the three types of Tawheed are found in Surah Fatihah!

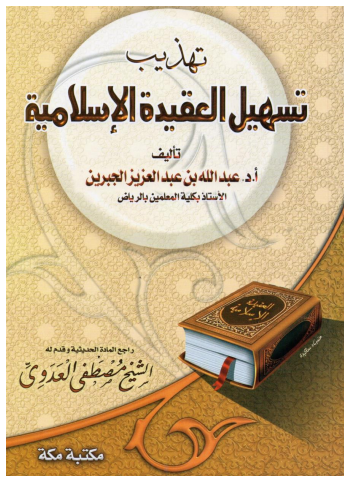


1-TAWHEED OF LORDSHIP

1-Tawheed of Lordship

Reflecting on the creation of Allah strengthens our faith in Allah's Lordship (Qur'an 2:164)





2-TAWHEED OF WORSHIP

2-Tawheed of Worship

Allah created man and Jinn for His worship (Qur'an 51:56)

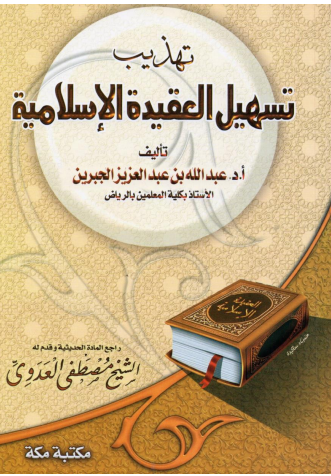
Allah sent the Prophets/Messengers and revealed the Books to make clear the Tawheed of Worship (Quran 21:25, 16:36)

The meaning of the Shahadah is the Tawheed of Worship.

All forms of worship must be directed to Allah alone.

Worship in Islam is very comprehensive and includes worship with the heart, tongue, body and wealth

There is none worthy of worship except Allah



3-TAWHEED OF NAMES & ATTRIBUTES

3-Tawheed of Names & Attributes

Ayatul Kursi is the greatest verse of the Qur'an (2:255) because it details the Names & Attributes of Allah.

We affirm and negate that which Allah and His Messenger(s) have informed us of regarding His Names & Attributes. (Qur'an 7:11)

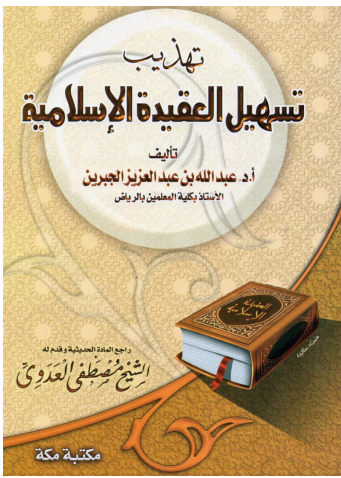
We do not deny, compare with something, take away from the true, real apparent meaning, or ask "How?" when it comes to the names and attributes of Allah

Ibn Abdul Barr (d.463H) cited a consensus amongst the early Muslim scholars on this methodology in understanding the Names & Attributes of Allah

The greatest benefit in knowing the Names & Attributes of Allah is to describe Allah in the way he loves to be described.

Al Jaad bin Dirham (d.124H) was the first to deny the names and attributes of Allah in Islam

His student was Jahm bin Safwaan (d.128H) who the Jahmiyah sect is named after.



WHAT NULLIFIES TAWHEED?

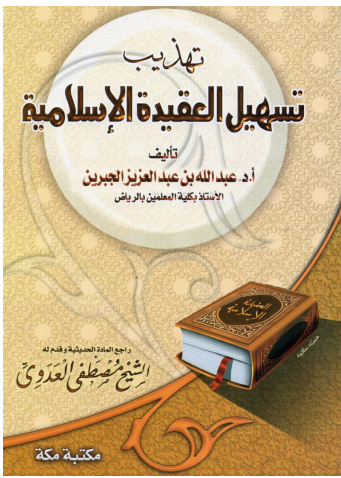
Nullifiers of Tawheed

Major Shirk

Major Kufr

Major Hypocrisy
(in Belief)

There is a difference between what nullifies Tawheed and what weakens it.



WARNING ABOUT TAKFEER

(DECLARING SOMEONE TO HAVE LEFT THE FOLD OF ISLAM)

Takfeer is a matter of scholarly judgement to be undertaken by scholars only.

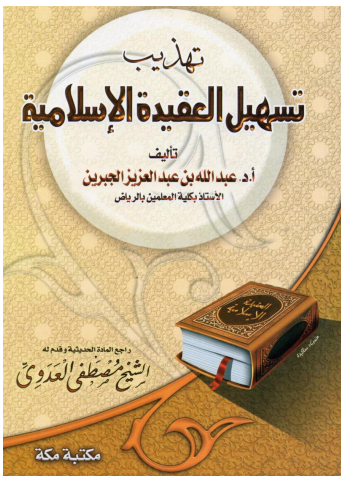
It is impermissible for general Muslims to make Takfeer on groups or individuals

The scholars are required to look at both the action and any mitigating circumstances before pronouncing Takfeer e.g. Ignorance, misinterpretation etc.

Ibn Taymiyyah did not make Takfeer of the Jahmiyyah when debating them despite them negating the Names & Attributes of Allah due to their "ignorance"

The hadith in Bukhari where a man ordered his sons to burn his dead body and scatter the ashes so that Allah could not punish him shows that not every mistake in belief is necessarily fatal.

SHIRK IS THE OPPOSITE OF TAWHEED



Entry into Paradise is forbidden for a polytheist (Qur'an 5:72)

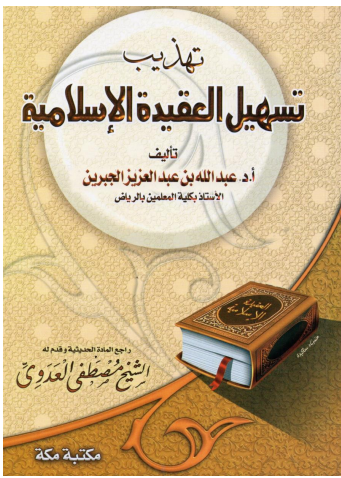
Allah will not forgive the one who died upon Shirk (Qur'an 4:48)

Greatest Oppression (Qur'an 31:13)

A polytheist cannot marry a Muslim woman (Qur'an 2:221)

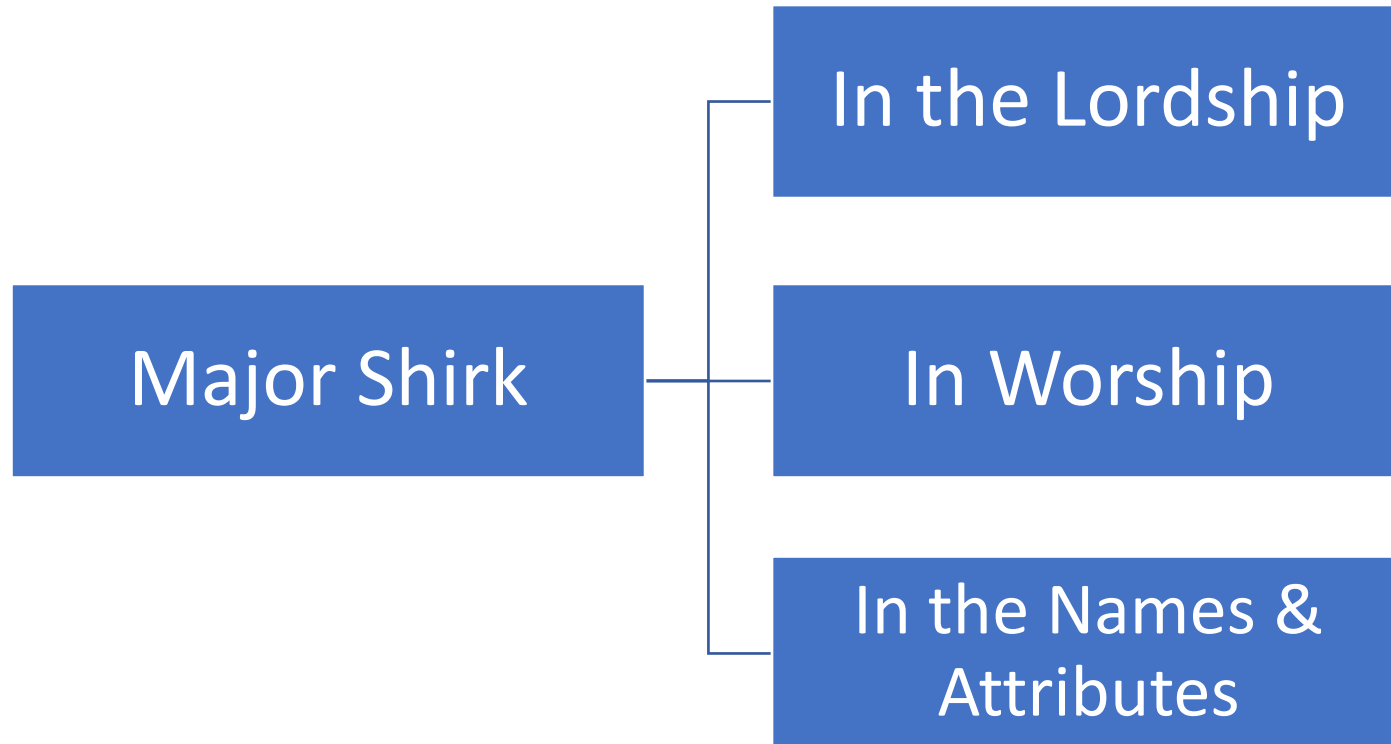
Muslim burial rituals do not apply to a polytheist.

Eternal abode in the Hell Fire (Qur'an 5:72)



TYPES OF SHIRK

**To take a partner alongside Allah in the Lordship,
Names and Attributes or Worship**



EXAMPLES OF SHIRK IN THE LORDSHIP

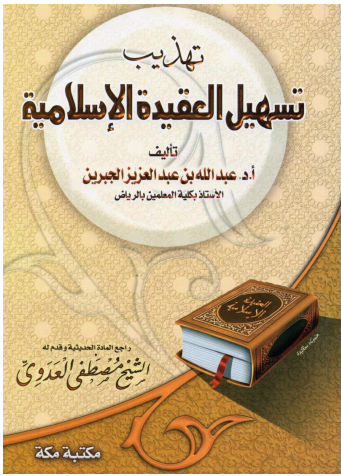
To make for other than Allah a share in the ownership, creation, sustaining, providing etc.

The Qadariyah
(Man is the creator of his actions)

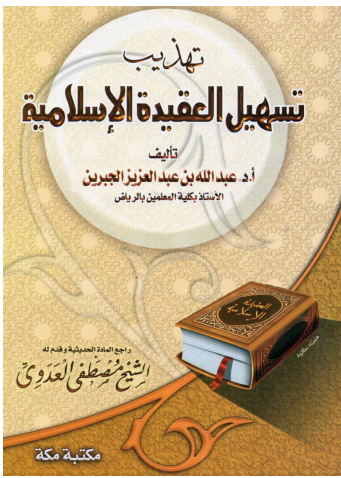
The Christian belief in the Trinity

The Majoos
(the god of light and the god of darkness)

Grave Worshippers
(The souls of the dead control the universe)



EXAMPLES OF SHIRK IN THE NAMES & ATTRIBUTES

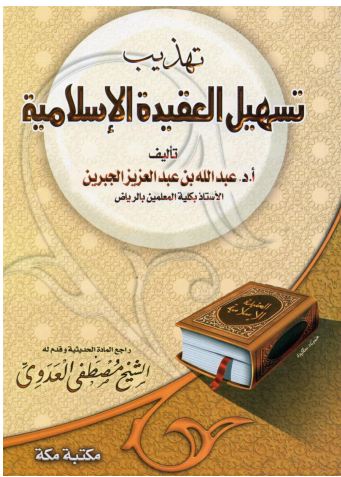


To assign the names and attributes of Allah to the creation or to assign the attributes of the creation to Allah.

Claiming Knowledge of the Unseen Qur'an (10:20)

Fortune tellers, star signs etc. is an act of Shirk.

Some religions like Christianity and Hinduism often depict god as a human being



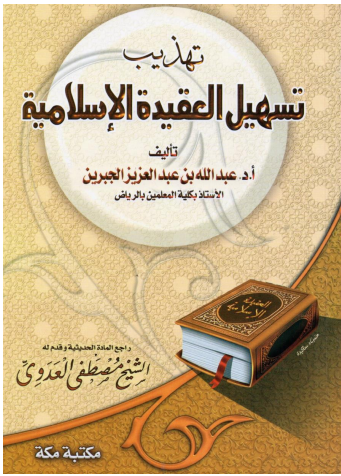
EXAMPLES OF SHIRK IN WORSHIP

To believe that other than Allah has the right to be worshipped or directing a form of worship to other than Allah

From Shirk in Worship is Ruling by the Law of other than Allah.
(Qur'an 9:31)

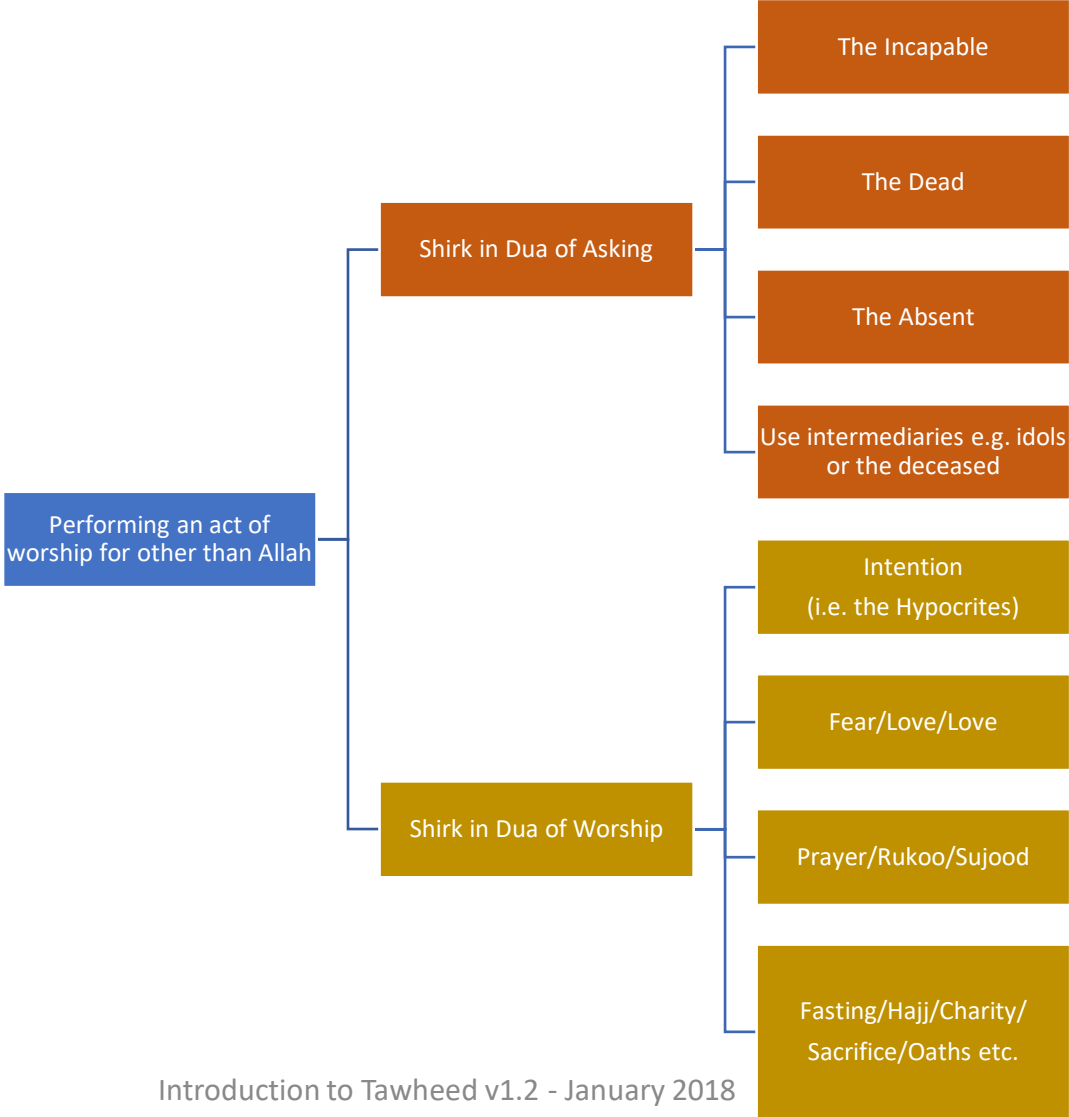
The Shirk of Quraish was making "dua" to the idols as intermediaries to get them closer to Allah.
(Qur'an 39:3)

In our time, many ill-informed Muslims make "dua" to the pious from the dead (the Awliyah) or seek their intercession with Allah – all of which is Major Shirk

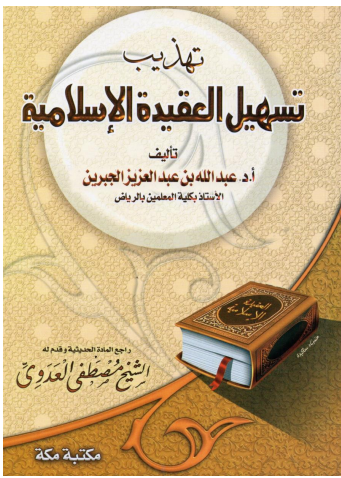


MAJOR SHIRK IN WORSHIP

The Prophet(s) said, "Dua is worship." (Abu Dawud)



TYPES OF MAJOR KUFR (DISBELIEF)



Types of Major Kufr

1-Denying that which is known from the religion by necessity.

2-Doubt – (Qur'an 18:35-38)

3-Pride – (Qur'an 17:61)

4-Mocking – (Qur'an 65-66)

5-Hate – (Qur'an 47:9)

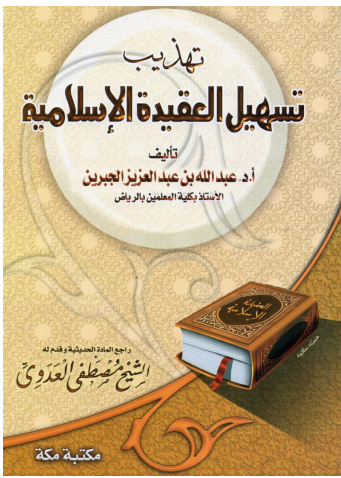
6-Turning away – (Qur'an 3:32)

7- Hypocrisy – (Qur'an 4:145)

8-Allegiance – (Qur'an 60:4)

Kufr – Is every belief, statement action which contradicts the Muslim Belief.

Major Kufr and Major Shirk have the same outcome and take one out of the fold of Islam.



WHAT WEAKENS TAWHEED?

What Weakens Tawheed?

1-Whatever leads to Major Shirk

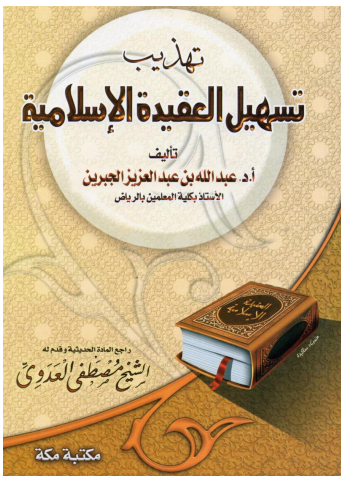
2-Minor Shirk

3-Minor Kufr

4-Minor Hypocrisy

5-Bidah (Innovation)

WEAKENER 1 - WHAT LEADS TO MAJOR SHIRK



What Leads to Major Shirk

Exaggeration in Praising the Pious

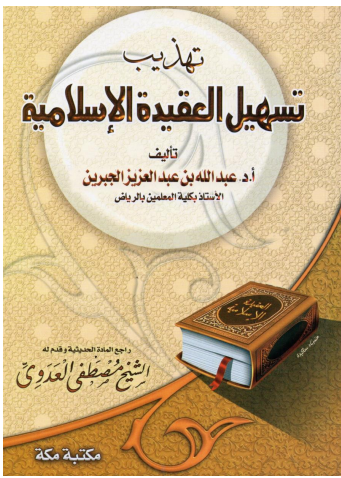
Innovated means of seeking blessings

Building on graves

Shirk started in the people of Prophet Noah(s) due to exaggeration in praising the pious. Qur'an 71:23

Umar[®] said when kissing the black stone: "I know you are just a stone that cannot benefit or harm. If I hadn't seen the Prophet(s) kiss you, I would not have kissed you." (Bukhari)

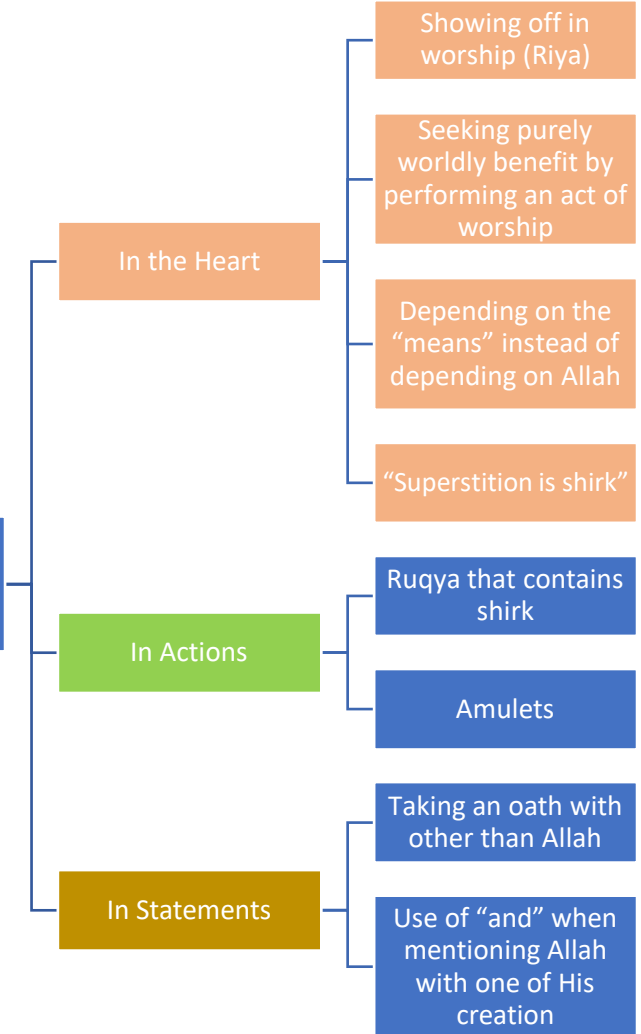
"The most evil people are those who will witness the final hour and those who took graves as places of worship." (Muslim)



WEAKENER 2- MINOR SHIRK

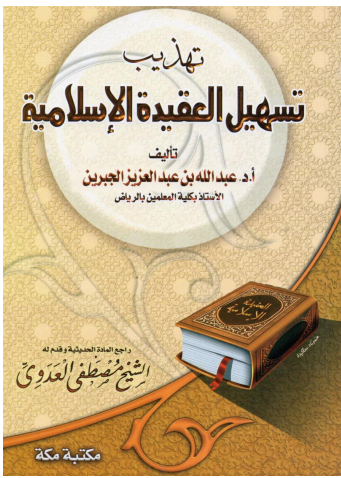
Minor Shirk is everything which is Shirk but is less than Major Shirk

Types of Minor Shirk



The first three to be thrown into the hellfire will be the martyr, the scholar/reciter and the giver of charity due to their showing off. (Muslim)

We should not accuse others of showing off as it's from the hidden actions of the heart. Some worship can be performed in public to encourage others.



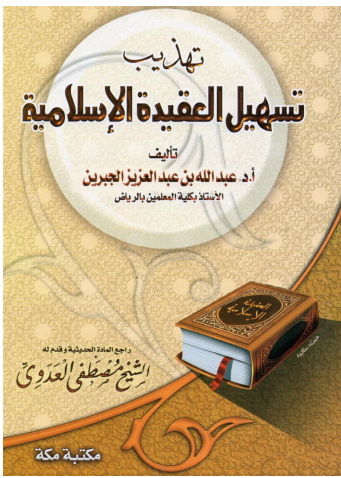
WEAKENER 3- MINOR KUFR (DISBELIEF)

Minor Kufr is everything which is referred to in the revelation as Kufr but is less than Major Kufr

Examples of Minor Kufr

- Denying a blessing
- Killing a Muslim
- To belittle someone's lineage
- Wailing over the deceased
- Ascribing oneself to other than one's father

Sometimes referred to by the scholars as "Kufr which is less than Kufr"



WEAKENER 4- MINOR NIFAQ (HYPOCRISY)

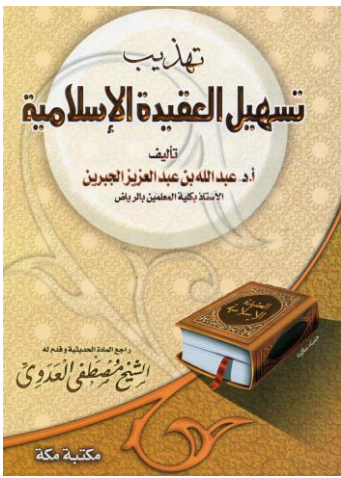
Minor Nifaq is to externally show a permissible act and internally conceal a forbidden matter.

Examples of Minor Nifaq

- Lying
- To make a promise or contract with the intention of not fulfilling it and then not fulfil it.
- To deceive in something entrusted to him.
- Being two faced.
- To use falsehood to claim a right that is not his

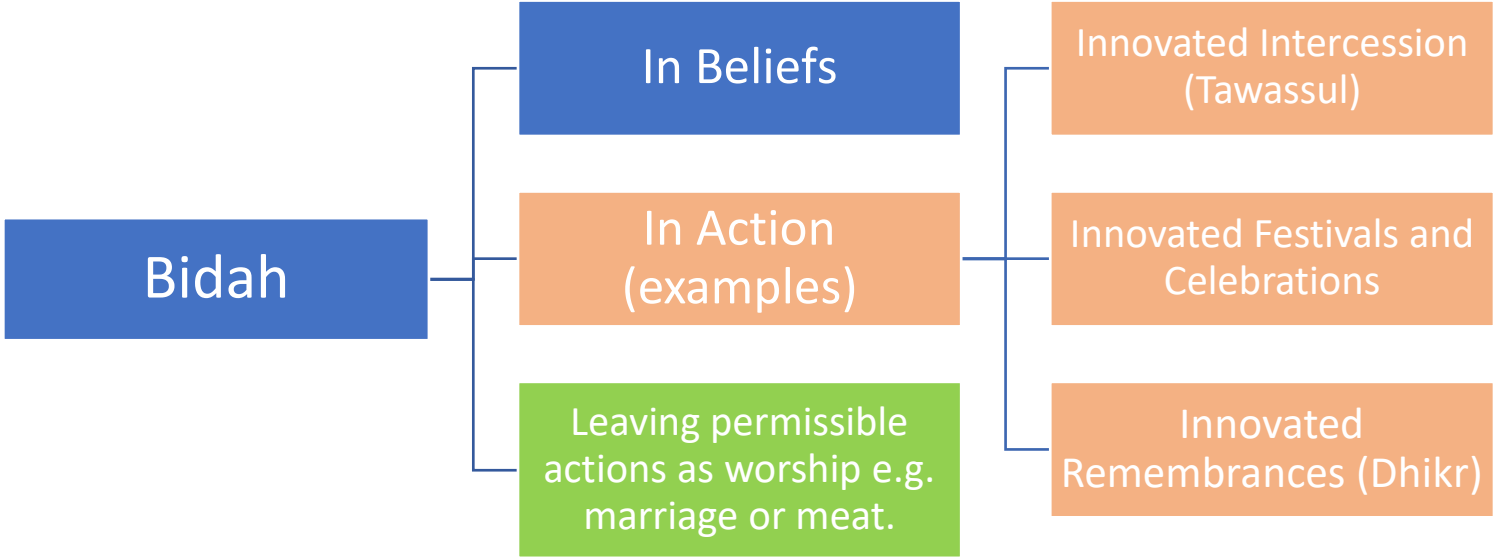
Sometimes referred to by the scholars as “Practical Nifaq” as it is connected to action and not belief.

“The signs of the hypocrite are three; when he speaks he lies, when he makes a promise he breaks it and when he is entrusted with something he denies it” (Bukhari & Muslim”



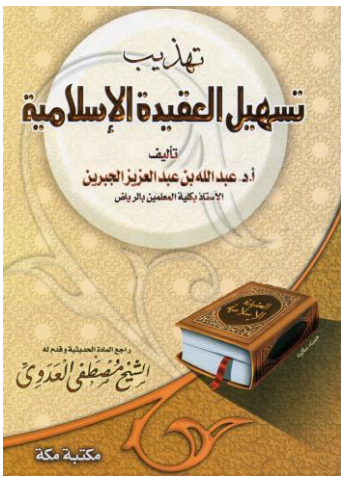
WEAKENER 5- BIDAH (INNOVATION)

Bidah – Every belief, statement or action which is not sanctioned by the Shariah.



The Prophet(s) said:
 “Whoever did an action not in accordance with our matter will have it rejected.” (Muslim)

The Prophet(s) would say in his sermons: “The most evil matters are the newly invented ones (in the religion) and every innovation is misguidance.” (Muslim)



INTRODUCTION TO TAWHEED - MIND MAP

This diagram summarises the entire presentation. Test yourself and try to draw out this diagram without looking.

