



Forms of Riddah (apostasy)

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Q 2: It is said that Riddah (apostasy) may be committed by either words or actions. I hope that you can briefly clarify for me the verbal, practical, and doctrinal classifications of apostasy.

A 2: Riddah (apostasy) is reverting to Kufr (disbelief) after Islam. It may be by word, action, erroneous belief, or doubt. Consequently, whoever associates others in worship beside Allah, denies His Lordship, Oneness, one of His attributes or some of His books or messengers; curses Allah or His Messenger; denies any of the consensually forbidden things or reders them lawful; denies one of the five pillars of Islam; doubts their obligation, the resurrection, truthfulness of Muhammad (peace be upon him) or any of the prophets; prostrates to an idol, planet, or the like, has disbelieved and apostated from Islam. You should read about Riddah in books of Islamic Fiqh (jurisprudence) that discuss the ruling on Riddah, as scholars have dealt with this topic.

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Based on the above explanation, you can know the verbal, practical, and doctrinal classifications of apostasy.

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