



Fatwa No. 4440 (1)

The issue of cursing religion: Can we immediately judge a person who curses religion to be a disbeliever? What is the ruling on women and children who curse religion?

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Question: Ignorance as an Excuse for removing punishment for mocking beards, Niqab (face veil), short shirts, Muslims and cursing religion: Can one be excused for being ignorant if he does these things?

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The question of being excused due to being ignorant in issues like worshipping graves or Taghut (false gods). Is he who worships graves and Taghut excused for being ignorant in this regard? We would like you to guide us to the truth on this issue. Are those who

are appointed to fight religious activities excused for being ignorant of this ruling?

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The process of argumentation against a Muslim who slaughters or invokes anyone other than Allah or helps tyrants: Can any Muslim who has knowledge about these issues argue against those who do such things? Are there any conditions for the process of argumentation?

A: Firstly: Inviting others to the cause of Allah must be done with wisdom, good admonition and arguing with them in the best way. This is recommended by Shari'ah. Allah (may He be exalted) says: ﴿ Invite (mankind, O Muhammad peace be upon him) to the Way of your Lord (i.e. Islâm) with wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Revelation and the Qur'ân) and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better. Truly, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from His Path, and He is the Best Knower of those who are guided. ﴾

Secondly: He who calls to the cause of Allah has to be acquainted with what he enjoins and what he forbids. He may have the determination and wish to do good and to bring benefit to people. However, he may be ignorant, and therefore he prohibits for them what is lawful and makes lawful what is prohibited and believes that he is following the true guidance.

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Thirdly: Cursing religion, mocking anything in the Qur'an or the Sunnah and ridiculing those who commit to them due to what they have adhered to as growing beards and wearing Hijab for a Muslim woman are acts of disbelief if they are done by a Mukallaf (person meeting the conditions to be held legally accountable for their actions). It should be pointed out that committing these acts are disbelief. Moreover, If he insists on doing so after being shown the truth, then he is a disbeliever. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ Say: "Was it at Allâh (Exalted and Sublime), and His Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and His Messenger (peace be upon him) that you were mocking?" ﴾ ﴿ Make no excuse; you have disbelieved after you had believed. ﴾

Fourthly: Worshipping graves and Taghut (false gods) is Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). The Mukallafs who do these things should be told the ruling. If they do not accept it, then they will be considered disbelievers. If they die on such state of Shirk, they will be kept permanently in the Hellfire. They will not be excused for being ignorant after the ruling is pointed out for them, and likewise anyone who slaughters for anyone other than Allah.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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