



## Abandoning Salah and mocking the religion of Islam or the Sunnah

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**Q: What is the ruling on a person who abandons Salah, breaks his Sawm (fast) during Ramadan and mocks religious matters and Sunnah such as growing a beard and shortening garments? How should we deal with such a person especially when he is a brother, father or friend?**

**A:** He who intentionally abandons Salah may do so out of negligence or out of denying its obligation. If he denies its obligation, he is a disbeliever. This is a unanimous opinion of scholars. If he abandons Salah out of being negligent, he is regarded as a disbeliever according to the soundest opinion of scholars. The Prophet (peace be upon him) says: [﴿ That which differentiates us from the disbelievers and hypocrites is our performance of Salat. He who abandons it, becomes a disbeliever. ﴾](#) This Hadith was reported by Ahmad and the compilers of the Sunnan with a sound chain of transmitters

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on the authority of [Buraydah Ibn Al-Husayb](#). The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [﴿ What makes one a disbeliever and a polytheist is abandoning prayers. ﴾](#) This Hadith was reported by Imam [Muslim](#) in his Sahih. There are many proofs in this regard.

He who mocks the religion of Islam and the authentically reported Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) like growing a beard, shortening garments to the ankles or to halfway up his shin while knowing that they are authentically reported is a disbeliever. Moreover, he who mocks a Muslim because of his commitment to Islam 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... ﴾](#)

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

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