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**Q 3: Some scholars consider a person who abandons Prayer as committing Kufr `Amaly (disbelief in actions). The Kufr `Amaly does not exclude the person from Islam unless he is considered an exception like a person who curses Allah (may He be Exalted) and so. Is a person abandoning Salat (Prayer) considered an exception as well? If so, why is he considered an exception?**

**A:** Not all the types of Kufr `Amaly (disbelief in actions) exclude a person from Islam. Some types of Kufr `Amaly exclude the person from Islam, namely, the acts that indicate scorn for religion, like treading on the Qur'an, cursing one of Allah's Messengers while knowing he is a Messenger, ascribing a son to Allah, prostrating oneself before anyone other than Allah, offering a sacrifice for anyone other than Allah, and abandoning obligatory Prayers out of laziness according to the Saying of the Prophet (peace be upon him): [\( That which differentiates us from the disbelievers and hypocrites is our performance of Salah. Whoever abandons it, becomes a disbeliever. \)](#) Narrated by Imam Ahmad, the Compilers of Sunan with a Sahih Isnad on the authority of [Buraydah ibn Al-Haseeb](#) (may Allah be pleased with him). The Prophet (peace be upon him) also said: [\( What makes one a disbeliever and a polytheist is the abandonment prayers. \)](#) Narrated by [Muslim](#) in his Sahih book on the authority of [Jabir ibn `Abdullah Al-Ansari](#) (may Allah be pleased with them).

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