



Loyalty to disbelievers

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Q: What are the sayings of knowledgeable scholars concerning a man who contradicts decisive texts from the Qur'an and authentic Hadiths? Upon receiving advice and admonition, he says: "There is no blame upon me in doing so and so." If he judges among people, he judges falsely and with what contradicts the Qur'an and Hadiths. This ruler rarely performs Salah or Sawm (Fast). Moreover, he is loyal to disbelievers, wicked people and those whose creed may drive them out of Islam. He deems what is prohibited by Allah lawful, like vowing to anyone other than Allah, drinking wine, dealing in riba (usury), bribes, false and corrupt transactions. He also mocks those who adhere to their religion of righteous and sincere scholars. He says that they are crazy people. Moreover, he seeks to be a ruler through being friendly with people and spending lavishly.

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People tend to accept him because he brings them benefits such as acquitting criminals, jailing their opponents and punishing innocent people. After winning, he intercedes to judges in order to acquit criminals and punish innocents. He lavishly spends his money on corrupted aspects. People used to come to congratulate him by singing and beating drums. Is being loyal to such a person prohibited in the purified Shari'ah? Is this man still a Muslim? Guide us to the truth! May Allah grant you the best reward in the everlasting abode. I send this question in order to spread your Fatwa all over Pakistan. We ask your eminence to answer my question soon.

A: If the reality is as what you have mentioned, then this person of these attributes is a disbeliever who has abandoned Islam. No one is allowed to be loyal to him. However, those who are qualified to advise and admonish him should do so for the sake of guiding him to the truth and showing him the evidence. If he insists on his aberration, the Muslim ruler should punish him according to Islamic Shari'ah.

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

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