



**Second question from Fatwa No. 10618:**

**Q: Allah forbade Zina (illegal sexual intercourse outside marriage) and abandoning Salah; which of them is more grievous?**

**A:** Giving up Salah is a greater and more serious sin than Zina, for abandoning Salah is major Kurf (disbelief) that takes a person out of Islam. However, Zina is regarded one of the major sins which does not render its doer Kafir if he does not deem it lawful, but Had (prescribed penalty) must be carried out on him if the ruler knows of his sin.

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

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