



Q 2: Does the Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) mentioned in the Honorable Ayah include Muslims who follow some sufic sects such as the Tijaniyya, and the Qadiriyya orders. In addition to those who wear Qur'anic and non-Qur'anic amulets. Or those who embrace Islam but practice some idolatrous conventions?

A: The Shirk mentioned in the Ayah includes whoever seeks the help of anyone other than Allah e.g. the Jinn (creatures created from fire), the dead, and absent people. It also expands to those who have some idolatrous conventions like those of the pre-Islamic time e.g. vowing and sacrificing for anyone other than Allah. Additionally, they beseech them for help, rub thier bodies against their graves, and circumambulate around them seeking good or warding off harm. Whoever commits these act falls under the general meaning of Mushrikin and Mushrikat mentioned in the Ayah. It is impermissible for them to marry believing women until they observe true Iman (Faith) and repent of

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the polytheistic acts that nullify faith. Likewise, a believer should not marry any of their women who practice polytheistic acts until they quit doing these acts and repent of their sins.

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

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