

## Obligation of rejecting everything that is worshipped besides Allaah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** "If a person says: "Allaah is the Ma'bood (the One who is worshipped), I declare Allaah One, and I worship Allaah"; is such a person a Mu'min (a believer)?"

**Shaykh 'Abdul-'Azeez ar-Raajihi** (May Allaah preserve him): "No!

If a person says: "Allaah is the Ma'bood (the One who is worshipped)... Allaah is the Ma'bood (the One who is worshipped), and I worship Allaah".

We say: this is not Tawheed! It does not suffice that you worship Allaah; but you have to also reject everything which is worshipped besides Allaah.

So you have to reject [all false deities] as well as affirming [your worship of Allaah alone].

"La Illaaha illa Allaah" is a limitation, a denial [of false deities] and affirmation [worshipping Allaah alone]. Both matters are mandatory.

The meaning of "La Illaha illa Allaah" is: nothing has the right to be worshiped in truth except Allaah.

So if a person says: "I worship only Allaah, so am I a Muwahhid (a person of Tawheed)?"

Then we say: No! It does not suffice that you worship Allaah. You have to worship Allaah and furthermore (you have to) reject the worship of everything besides Allaah.

That is 'Kufr bit-Taghoot' (disbelieving in the Taghoot<sup>1</sup>). This is only achieved by the denial and the affirmation in 'La Ilaaha illa Allaah'."

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<sup>1</sup> Taghoot: i.e. false gods. The general meaning of Taghoot is what is worshipped instead of Allaah. This 'Ibaadah (worship) may be Salaah (Prayer), Sawm (Fast), vowing, resorting for removing harm or bringing benefit, referring to him in judgment instead of Qur'aan and Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet) or any other thing that should be dedicated to Allaah Alone.