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In the name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Shaykh'ul Islâm Muhammad bin Abd'il Wahhâb Rahimahullâh said,

“The essence of the religion of Islâm and its principle consist of two directives:

- 1. The command of worshipping Allâhu Taâlâ alone without associating partners, encouraging this, basing the Muwâlât (collaboration) on it, and declaring Takfir upon the one who forsakes it.**
- 2. Warning against Shirk in Ibadâh (worship) to Allâh, being harsh regarding it, basing enmity upon it, and declaring Takfir upon the one who acts upon it.”**

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Rahimahullâhu Taâlâ

The essence of the religion of Islâm and its principle consist of two directives:

1. The command of worshipping Allâhu Taâlâ alone without associating partners, encouraging this, basing the Muwâlât (collaboration) on it, and declaring Takfîr upon the one who forsakes it.
2. Warning against Shirk in Ibadâh (worship) to Allâh, being harsh regarding it, basing enmity upon it, and declaring Takfîr upon the one who acts upon it.

Those in opposition to this are of numerous types:

- 1- The worst type among them -with regards to being in opposition- is the one who opposes all of it.

¹ Although it is a really small pamphlet found in **ad-Durar'us Saniyyah, 2/22**, it contains abundant benefits. This is why many scholars have quoted from this pamphlet by the Shaykh Rahimahullâh to the extent that even his grandson Abd'ur Rahmân bin Hasan Rahimahullâh wrote a very detailed explanation which benefits this pamphlet a great deal. This explanation could be referred to for a better understanding of the pamphlet. The mentioned explanation is found in **ad-Durar'us Saniyyah, 2/202-211**.

2- Among the people are those who worship Allâh alone, however, neither rejects Shirk nor shows enmity towards its people.

3- Among them are those who show enmity towards the Mushrikûn however do not declare Takfîr upon them.

4- Among them are those who neither love Tawhîd nor hate it.

5- Among them are those who declare Takfîr upon the People of Tawhîd and claimed that Tawhîd is cursing the Sâlihûn (pl. Sâlih; righteous ones).

6- Among them are those who neither hate Shirk nor love it.

7- Among them are those who neither recognize Shirk nor reject it.

8- Among them are those who neither recognize Tawhîd nor reject it.

9- Among them -and it is the most treacherous type- are those who act upon Tawhîd, however do not recognize (comprehend) its value and neither shows hatred to those who forsake Tawhîd nor declares Takfîr upon them.

10- Among them are those who forsake Shirk and dislike it, however, neither recognizes (comprehends) the value (true nature) of Shirk nor shows enmity towards its people and do not declare Takfîr upon them.

These have opposed what the Anbiyâ (pl. Nabî; the prophets) came with from the Dîn (religion) of Allâh Subhânahû wa Taâlâ.

Wallâhu A'lam (and Allâh knows best)!