One of our readers asks:
"I'm Think I Did *Shirk*
What Can I Do Now?"

Note: '*shirk*' is the unforgivableÂ blasphemy in Islam; the act of making partners with the One True God - Allah. Whoever makes 'partners' with Allah has commited 'shirk'. May Allah save us all from this unforgivable sin, ameen.

From the CollectionÂ of Montheism (Islamic "*Tawheed*")

Question:
I was wearing a copper bracelet because a friend told me it takes away rheumatism and other things. Since then I heard at the masjid it s 'haram' because the prophet said it's like 'shirk'. So, I took it off and I don't wear it anymore.

But now I'm afraid that if I did 'shirk' and Allah does not forgive "*shirk*" - right? What is "*shirk*
" exactly?

Is there something I have to do to make up for this or can it be made up?

"Is it considered "shirk" when someone wears a bracelet for some good purpose, like health reasons? What about other things like rings, strings or bands on the wrist, or amulets and stones that cure things, or keep away evil things?

Answer:

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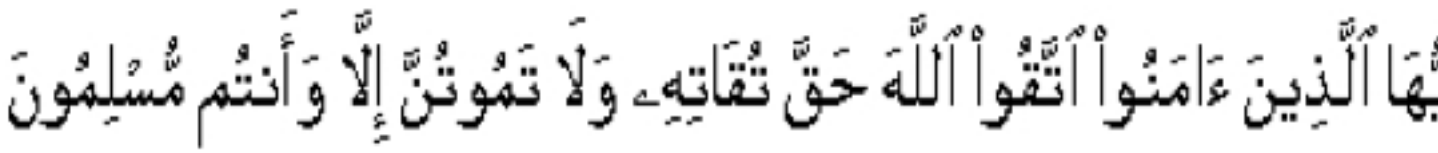
It is reported on the authority of Umran Ibn Husain (ra), that Allah's Messenger, peace be upon him, saw a man with a brass ring in his hand, and he asked him: "What is this?" He replied: "It is for protection from al-waahinah (rheumatism)." The Prophet, peace be upon him, answered: "Remove it at once, for verily, it will not increase you except in weakness, and were you to die whilst wearing it, you would never be successful."
(Narrated by Ahmad, with an acceptable Sanad)

A person can repent (make '*taubah*') from '*shirk*' by making a new shahadah (declaration of faith) and then worship Allah only, without any partners. As long as a person dies on 'At-*Tawheed*
' (monotheism - belief in the true Oness of God), Allah can forgive their sins. So, repenting of this is the answer and dying as a true believer, worshipping only God Allah.

Allah, the Creator and Sustainer of all that exists, tells us the answer in His Quran:



" O you who have believed, fear Allah as He should be feared and do not die except as Muslims [in submission to Him]. ■

Surah An-Nisa', chapter 4, verse 102.

Allah, tells us about not forgiving '*shirk*' in Quran:

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ لَا يَغۡفِرُ أَن يُشۡرَكَ بِهِۦ وَيَغۡفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَٰلِكَ لِمَن يَشَآءُۚ وَمَن يُشۡرِكۡ

بِٱللَّهِ فَقَدِ ٱفۡتَرَىٰٓ إِثۡمًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٤٨﴾

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وَلَئِن سَأَلۡتَهُم مَّنۡ خَلَقَ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلۡأَرۡضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ ٱللَّهُۚ قُلۡ أَفَرَءَيۡتُم

مَّا تَدۡعُونَ مِن دُونِ ٱللَّهِ إِنۡ أَرَادَنِيَ ٱللَّهُ بِضُرٍّ هَلۡ هُنَّ كَٰشِفَٰتُ ضُرِّهِۦٓ

أَوۡ أَرَادَنِي بِرَحۡمَةٍ هَلۡ هُنَّ مُمۡسِكَٰتُ رَحۡمَتِهِۦۚ قُلۡ حَسۡبِيَ ٱللَّهُۖ عَلَيۡهِ

يَتَوَكَّلُ ٱلۡمُتَوَكِّلُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

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