

Speaking words of Kufr in Dialogues

Q: Ilm-6: To add some excitement and for educational purposes, children In some Jalsahs act like Kuffaar and even dress up like them. Although the child's beliefs are not such, those acting like Kuffaar say in their dialogues that they reject the belief in Allaah and that belief in Allaah is stupidity, etc. The child playing the opposite role then makes statements such as, "You Kaafir!" and "You accursed" etc. Is there anything wrong with such dialogues or not?

Answer: It may sometimes be necessary to quote the words of kufr to explain which statements are kufr and which are not. There are times also when it may be necessary to state the words with the tongue without the belief in the heart, such as when one's life is threatened. Allaah says about this: "Except for the person who is forced (to make statements of kufr for fear of losing his life) but whose heart is (still content with Imaan.

Apart from such situations, it is impermissible and Haraam to make statements of Kufr merely to make people laugh or for any educational purposes. Similarly, it is also Haraam to dress like a Kaafir and Faasiq and to act like a non-Muslim as described in the question. This applies even though the person's beliefs are correct. There is the danger of becoming a Kaafir in certain situations. This is stated in Maa Laa Budda Minhu Pg. 145. Majmoo'ah

Fataawa states: "It is Kufr to intentionally state words of Kufr even though one does not believe them."

Imaam Rabbaani Hadhrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi RAH. Was once asked, "Hadhrat! Although we do not believe in what the philosophers say, we only repeat what they say. Is there anything wrong in this?" Hadhrat Moulana replied by saying, "Firstly, you articulate the words of Kufr and shirk with your tongue and then you prove them. Thereafter, you defend it from objections raised against it. This shows that you have some belief in it. Even if you do not believe in it, then too it would be Haraam and would attract Allaah's wrath. Take the example of someone calling you a donkey or a pig or swear you in any other way. Now although he does not believe that you really are a donkey or a pig, would you not get angry? Of course you would. Similarly, the words of kufr will also anger Allaah because He is more self-respecting than any Muslim can be."

The gist of it all is that the above is not at all permissible and should be shunned. It is also not permissible to call a Muslim a Kaafir.

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