

Has the Imaan Diminished of Some Muslims who have Given Financial Aid to a Mandir?

Q:Imaan-18 : A Mandir was built here last year. While one of the trustees of our Masjid laid the foundation stone, another trustee did the opening. These two trustees actually rendered financial assistance to the construction and appealed to other Muslims to do so as well, stating that there was no harm in this. In response to this appeal, many Muslims donated very generously. Here are a few questions in this regard:

1. After doing what they did, do these two trustees still have Imaan? If not, is it then necessary for them to renew their Imaan and marriages?
2. Is it permissible for Muslims to assist in the construction of a Mandir or not?
3. Has the Imaan of those diminished who donated towards the project?

Answer: It is improper for Muslims to financially assist the construction of a Mandir because Allaah says, "And do not assist each other in works of sin and transgression"<sup>1</sup>. It appears that this was done out of politeness and civility. The Fatwa will therefore not be issued stating that they have left the fold of Islaam and need to renew their marriages. However, it is a sign of weak Imaan and they ought to admit their wrong and repent to Allaah. When it concerns matters of distinctive religious significance and houses of worship, the onus is on every nation not to accept assistance from others especially when there are no rewards for them in doing so. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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