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Question

Until when does a person remain a Muslim? I mean; obviously if we start committing sin continuously we will be bad muslim. Is it possible for a person to commit such a sin (or too many sins) such that he/she is no longer a muslim?

And what might those sins be? Could you please refer from the Quran.

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

According to the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah, a person remains a Muslim in spite of his sins. Committing any amount of sins does not render a person out of the fold of Islam. However, there are three things that render a person out of Islam.

1. Istihzaa- that is making a mockery of Deen.
2. Islihlaal- That is to regard something halal which is clearly haram in Shariah for example Interest.
3. Istikhfaaf- that is to treat the laws of Shariah lightly and with total disregard.

All these three can be encapsulated in one word- Respect for Deen.

If a person has respect for Deen, he will not make a mockery of any aspect of deen, he will regard haram as haram and he will not show complete and total disregard for Deen.

Such a person will acknowledge his weakness in practicing Deen and will not justify his wrong doings.

Such a person gets the tawfiq and ability to make tawba.

According to Shariah, any violation of Shariah is a sin. That includes violation of an injunction of the Quran, Hadith and rulings of Fuqaha.

And Allah knows best

Wassalam

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