

## Placing your trust in the leader to protect you is minor Shirk

Explained by Shaykh Fawzan

**Shaykh Fawzan:** Placing your trust in other than Allah is of three categories.

1. Placing your trust in affairs that no one has the ability to do except for Allah, such as placing trust in the deceased, the absent and the false deities to attain what is desired such as assistance, protection, provision or intercession. This is major Shirk.
2. Placing your trust in the apparent matters, such as the person who places his trust in the ruler, the leader, or an individual who is alive and Allah has given him the ability to perform the tasks, such as giving or protecting the people from harm and the like. This is minor Shirk, because he placed his trust in an individual.
3. Placing trust upon a person to represent you in performing a task which they have the ability to do such as buying and selling; this is permissible. But he should not depend upon him to attain the desired result of the task, rather he depends upon Allah to make his affairs easy for him and for the one he entrusted with the job. It is permissible for the person to trust the means to bring about the result but he does not rely upon the means; rather he only relies upon Allah the One who causes the means to have a positive result.

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