

Acquiring the disbelievers' nationality

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: I am an Algerian young man; religiously upright (If Allaah, *The Exalted*, wills). I have lived in Canada for a long time and I try to leave it as soon as possible. But I do not have a residence to settle down in my country.

So, is it permissible to get the Canadian passport (with some conditions I will mention later on) since it enables me to leave this country and enter the Gulf States and try to settle there?

And here are the conditions:

First: Indeed getting the Canadian passport will not invalidate my Algerian nationality but it will be the original one, this is confirmed by their laws and the Algerian country accepts plurality of nationalities.

Second: I am able to renounce this passport whenever I want, without having problems. This is also confirmed by their laws.

Third: I can avoid the oath of respecting the Queen, her children and the King as long as I sit in the back of the room without uttering a word.

May you be helpful for us (by your answer) and May Allaah bless you.

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah the Most High preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till The Day of Resurrection.

It is not allowed to acquire the disbelievers' nationality even with keeping the original one, because of the negative aspects which affect the Muslim's religion and creed. It is enough to know what results from implicit contentment in applying the disbelievers' customs and laws of that country, besides referring to them as judges and showing pride in being a Canadian citizen and all that engenders; in terms of allegiance and friendship toward them and imitating them in their words and deeds. This contradicts the completeness of faith or nullifies it, according to the situation. Allaah, (*The Most High*), said:

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(لَا تَجِدُ قَوْمًا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ يُوَادُّونَ مَنْ حَادَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَوْ كَانُوا آبَاءَهُمْ أَوْ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ أَوْ إِخْوَانَهُمْ أَوْ عَشِيرَتَهُمْ...)

[You (O Mohammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)) will not find any people who believe in Allaah and the Last Day, making friendship with those who oppose Allaah and His Messenger (Mohammad (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)), even though they were their fathers or their sons or their kindred (people)...]¹

So, the Muslim is called to complete his religion and increase his faith in calling to Allaah (*The Most High*) and showing Islaam.

And among the conditions of travelling to the country of disbelief is to manifest the religion and reveal its rites in a complete way without any opposition to any of them; with the capacity of being loyal to the Muslims and disavowal to the disbelievers. And those who are not able to do so are obliged to go back to the place they came from and try hard to look for a job and get satisfied with littleness and ask Allaah for success. He is the Best Helper and the Best Provider.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ Soorah al-Mujaadilah (The Woman Who Disputes) [58:22]