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

### When a Muslim falls into Shirk; do we say he encompasses both Tawheed and Shirk?

**Question:** “A Muslim man says ‘La Ilaha illa Allaah’, however he falls into Shirk; do we say that he encompasses (literally: balances between) both Tawheed and Shirk?”

**Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan** (May Allaah preserve him): “When he falls into Shirk, then he nullifies the kalimah ‘La Ilaha illa Allaah’. And we do not say that he is a Monotheist (Muwahhid), rather we say he is a Mushrik. Yes. But it could be he is ignorant, so it is to be explained to him, clarified to him. Yes.”