The Greatest Danger Before Any Other Danger

The noble scholar Muhammad Ibn Saalih al-‘Uthaymeen rahimahullaah said: 1

“The most serious of all that Allaah forbade is Shirk and this is because the greatest of all rights are the Rights of Allaah the Mighty and Majestic.

So if a person violates the Right of Allaah, then he has violated the greatest of all Rights which is the Tawheed of Allaah…”

The noble scholar Saalih Ibn Fawzaan Aali-Fawzaan hafihahullah said: 2

“...as long as you have understood Tawheed which is to single out Allaah alone for worship, then it is obligatory upon you to recognise Shirk because the one who does not know something, falls into it...

So the danger of Shirk is that it prohibits entry into Paradise...

Therefore it is a great danger which is obligatory for you to have knowledge of, before any other danger…”

1 Reference: Explanation of the Three Fundamental Principles of Islaam p. 75 [transcription: Bint Mahmood]
2 Reference: Readings in Al-Qawaa‘id al-Arba‘ah part 3 [salafpublications.com]