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Tranquil Submission

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Q 2: Is performing Salah (Prayer) behind an Imam who is not in a state of khushu` i.e. tranquil submission, during all of the pillars of Salah permissible or not?

A: Being in a state of Khushu` during Ruku` (Bowing), standing position after Ruku`, prostrating, and sitting between the two prostrations is one of the obligatory pillars of Salah. Whoever is not tranquil during one of these pillars his Salah and that of those led by him are void and null. It is obligatory on the person who is aware of this act of the Imam to advise and guide him. If this Imam responds, it is good. If not, no one should pray behind him. Moreover, if possible, the case should be reported to the officials who should prevent him from acting as an Imam and appoint a better one.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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