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Q: Is it permissible to swear by other than Allah?

A: It is not permissible to swear by other than Allah, for Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ﴿ Verily, Allah forbids you to swear by your fathers. If anyone swears, let him swear by Allah or keep silent. ﴾ This Hadith is agreed upon (narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim). Also Abu-Dawud and Al-Nisa'y narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) ﴿ "Do not swear by your fathers, nor by your mothers; and swear by Allah only when you are speaking the truth." (This is a Marfu` Hadith (a Hadith narrated from the Prophet with a connected or disconnected chain of narration)) ﴾ Moreover, Abu Dawud and Al-Tirmidhy narrated with a Sahih (authentic) Isnad (chain of narrators) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, ﴿ Whoever swears by anyone other than Allah commits Kufr (disbelief) or Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). ﴾.

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

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