



Q 3: Is it an act of Shirk (Associating others in worship with Allah) if someone invokes the Prophet (peace be upon him) near his grave or far from it to fulfill their needs or seek his help when calamities and misfortunes afflict them?

A: If someone invokes the Prophet (peace be upon him) after his death to fulfill their needs or seeks his help to remove distress, they are committing an act of major Shirk (major form of associating others in worship with Allah) which will put them outside the fold of Islam. There is no difference whether this is done near or far away from the Prophet's grave like saying: "O Messenger of Allah! Cure me," or asking him to return an absent person, and so on, as Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ **And the Masjids (mosques) are for Allâh (Alone); so invoke not anyone along with Allâh.** ﴾ Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) also says: ﴿ **And whoever invokes (or worships), besides Allâh, any other ilâh (god), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! Al-Kâfirûn (the disbelievers in Allâh and in the Oneness of Allâh, polytheists, pagans, idolaters) will not be successful.** ﴾ Furthermore, Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) says: ﴿ **Such is Allâh, your Lord; His is the kingdom. And those, whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him, own not even a Qitmîr (the thin membrane over the date-stone).** ﴾ If you invoke (or call upon) them, they hear not your call; and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it (your request) to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them. And none can inform you (O Muhammad peace be upon him) like Him Who is the Well-Acquainted (with everything). ﴿

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