

The fourth question of Fatwa no. (8817):

Q 4: What is the ruling on a person who supplicates by the blessing of the Prophet, the Sheikh or the Qur'an? Is that person considered a Mushrik (one who associates others with Allah in worship) or not?

A: First: Tawassul (supplicating to Allah through an intermediary) through the blessing of the Qur'an is permissible and not considered Shirk (associating others with Allah in worship).

Second: Tawassul with the blessing of creatures such as the Prophet (peace be upon him) is a Bid'ah (rejected innovation in religion), because Tawassul is Tawqifiy (bound by a religious text and not amenable to personal opinion). Nothing has been authentically reported in the sanctified Shari'ah that permits this for creatures, their right,

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their honor, or their blessing. It is authentically reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) stated, (Whoever performs any act for which there is no sanction from us behalf, it is to be rejected.)

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

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