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(6) Conjuraton

Fatwa no. (2161):

Q: One of our relatives who belongs to a Dervish group drank of the blessed water from the hands of the master of the Tariqah (Sufi order). He is an ignorant man who is not qualified to perform these acts rituals before the people.. However, he strikes himself with potentially lethal weapons, such as daggers, swords, wood, bullets, etc. He is neither a practicing Muslim, nor does he perform the obligations imposed by Allah such as Salah (Prayer), Sawm (fasting) and so on.

Please clarify the opinion of Islam regarding this matter. What is the secret of his beating himself in this manner? Please reply in writing, as this phenomenon takes place in our country and in other Arabic and Islamic countries as well.

A: Allah sent Muhammad (peace be upon him) as the final Messenger; this is proven by religious texts and the Ijma' (consensus) of scholars, as Allah stated, ﴿ Muhammad (peace be upon him) is not the father of any of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allâh and the last (end) of the Prophets. ﴾ (Surah Al-Ahzab, 33: 40). Hadiths were reported from the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) by a significant number of narrators to show that he is the last of prophets; and Muslims have unanimously agreed to this. Awliya' (pious people) are of two types: the Awliya'

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of Allah, and the Awliya' of Satan. Allah (may He be praised and Exalted) has explained in the Qur'an and the Sunnah that there are Awliya' of Allah, and others who are Awliya' of Satan. Thus, He distinguishes between them. Allah stated, ﴿ No doubt! Verily, the Auliya' of Allâh [i.e. those who believe in the Oneness of Allâh and fear Allâh much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden), and love Allâh much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)], no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve. ﴾ Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism), and used to fear Allâh much (by abstaining from evil deeds and sins and by doing righteous deeds). ﴾ For them are glad tidings, in the life of the present world (i.e. through a righteous dream seen by the person himself or shown to others), and in the Hereafter. No change can there be in the Words of Allâh. This is indeed the supreme success. ﴾ (Surah Yunus, 10: 62-64). Allah also stated, ﴿ Allâh is the Walî (Protector or Guardian) of those who believe. He brings them out from darkness into light. But as for those who disbelieve, their Auliya' (supporters and helpers) are Tâghût [false deities and false leaders], they bring them out from light into darkness. Those are the dwellers of the Fire, and they will abide therein forever. ﴾ (Surah Al-Baqarah, 2: 257). It is mentioned in the Sahih (authentic) Hadith narrated by Al-Bukhari and others, from Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) from the Prophet (peace be upon him) that he stated, ﴿

Allah stated: "He who shows hostility towards a worshipper of Me, he has declared war against Me - or - I declare war against him. ﴿The Prophet (peace be upon him) informed us that if anyone declares hostility to the Awliya' of Allah, he thus declares hostility to Allah. Allah also mentions the Awliya' of Satan when He states, ﴿ So when you recite the Qur'ân, seek refuge with Allâh from Shaitân (Satan), the outcast (the cursed one). ﴿ Verily, he has no power over those who believe and put their trust only in their Lord (Allâh). ﴿ His power is only over those who obey and follow him (Satan), and those who join partners with Him (Allâh i.e. those who are Mushrikûn i.e. polytheists). ﴾(Surah Al-Nahl, 16: 98-100). Allah also says, ﴿ And whoever takes Shaitân (Satan) as a Walî (protector or helper) instead of Allâh, has surely suffered a manifest loss. ﴾(Surah Al-Nisa', 4: 119).

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Allah also stated, ﴿ Verily, We made the Shayâtîn (devils) Auliya' (protectors and helpers) for those who believe not. ﴿ And when they commit a Fâhishah (evil deed, going round the Ka'bah in naked state, and every kind of unlawful sexual intercourse), they say: "We found our fathers doing it" ﴿until Allah's saying, ﴿ surely they took the Shayâtîn (devils) as Auliya' (protectors and helpers) instead of Allâh, and think that they are guided. ﴾(Surah Al-A'raf, 7: 27-30). Allah also says, ﴿ And certainly, the Shayâtîn (devils) do inspire their friends (from mankind) to dispute with you, and if you obey them [by making Al-Maitah (a dead animal) legal by eating it], then you would indeed be Mushrikûn (polytheists); [because they (devils and their friends) made lawful to you to eat that which Allâh has made unlawful to eat and you obeyed them by considering it lawful to eat, and by doing so you worshipped them; and to worship others besides Allâh is polytheism]. ﴾(Surah Al-An'am, 6: 121). Ibrahim (Abraham, peace be upon him) said, ﴿ O my father! Verily, I fear lest a torment from the Most Gracious (Allâh) should overtake you, so that you become a companion of Shaitân (Satan) (in the Hell-fire). ﴾(Surah Maryam, 19: 45). Allah also says, ﴿ O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies (i.e. disbelievers and polytheists) as friends, showing affection towards them. ﴿until Allah's saying, ﴿ Verily, You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. ﴾(Surah Al-Mumtahanah, 60: 1-5).

It is authentically reported in the Two Sahih (authentic) Books of Hadith (i.e. Al-Bukhari and Muslim) from `Amr Ibn Al-`As (may Allah be pleased with him) that he said, "I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) saying loudly: ﴿ Behold! the posterity of my fathers, that is, so and so (i.e. some of his relatives), are not my Protectors. My Protector is Allah and the righteous believing people. ﴾

The difference between the Awliya' of Allah and the Awliya' of Satan is that the former

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are the pious believers, as Allah stated, ﴿ No doubt! Verily, the Auliya' of Allâh [i.e. those who believe in the Oneness of Allâh and fear Allâh much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden), and love Allâh much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)], no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve. ﴿ Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh - Islâmic Monotheism), and used to fear Allâh much (by abstaining from evil deeds and sins and by doing righteous deeds). ﴾(Surah Yunus, 10: 62-63); whereas the latter are those who show hostility towards Allah and do not apply His Shari'ah.

The best Awliya' of Allah are His Messengers; Allah manifests miracles and Karamahs (extraordinary events performed by a pious person) by His Messengers or His Awliya'; whereas what is performed

by the Awliya' of Satan are Satanic practices. The Sheikh of Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) said, " Linguistically a miracle refers to any extraordinary event, but according to Imam [Ahmad Ibn Hanbal](#) and others who call it a sign, many of the latter generations differentiate between them, attributing a miracle to a prophet and a Karamah to a Waliy. However, both entail something extraordinary."

Given this, the person mentioned is of the Awliya' of Satan, and his acts are satanic and deceptive to people. These acts are illusions intended to trick people by the help of devils.

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

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