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The first question in Fatwa No. 5000.

Q1: What is the ruling on seeking help from the Awliya'(pious people), circumambulating their graves, seeking blessings from its stones, offering vows, shading their graves, and using them as intercessors to Allah?

A1: Seeking help, vowing to the graves of the Awliya or considering them intercessors to Allah through asking them to do so is major Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) that drives a person away from Islam and admits them permanently into Hellfire if they die while believing in this. Circumambulating their graves and shading them is a prohibited Bid'ah, as it is a means of worshipping those buried in them instead of Allah. These acts may also become Shirk if a person does them believing that the dead person will benefit them or drive harm away from them, or if he circumambulates in an attempt to be closer to the dead person.

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

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