



## The second and seventh questions of Fatwa No. 4246

**Q 2: What is the ruling on people who adhere to the pillars of Islam but slaughter animals for the sake of the Jinn**

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**or invoke them to fulfill a need. Are they excused for being ignorant of the Shari`ah ruling on the prohibition of such practices? Can they be called Mushrikun (those who associate others with Allah in worship) even before the matter is explained to them?**

**A:** It is obligatory upon those who have knowledge of true Tawhid (monotheism) and who know of this person's practices to explain to them that slaughtering animals for the sake of the Jinn, the prophets, the angels or idols is considered an act of major Shirk (major form of associating others in worship with Allah) which puts them beyond the fold of Islam. Likewise, invoking them to fulfill their needs constitutes an act of major Shirk and also puts them beyond the fold of Islam. This is because both sacrificing animals and invocations are acts of worship which should be offered to Allah Alone. Turning these acts of worship to anyone other than Allah is a form of major Shirk. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ Say (O Muhammad peace be upon him): "Verily, my Salât (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists). ﴾ He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims. ﴾ Say: "Shall I seek a lord other than Allâh, while He is the Lord of all things...?" ﴾ Allah also says: ﴿ And invoke not besides Allâh any such that will neither profit you nor harm you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers). ﴾ And if Allâh touches you with harm, none can remove it but He, and if He touches you with good .... ﴾ Moreover, Allah says: ﴿ Therefore turn in prayer to your Lord and sacrifice (to Him only). ﴾ The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ﴿ "Allah has cursed the one who sacrifices to other than Allah...." ﴾ After becoming aware of the proofs of the Qur'an and Sunnah on the prohibition of such practices, if they persist in sacrificing animals to the Jinn or invoking them to fulfill their needs they will be committing an act of major Shirk and will not be excused for it. They will be called a Kafir (disbeliever). May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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