## Fatwa no. 10685

Q 2: What is the ruling on a person who claims to be Muslim by mouth only, saying: "I am a Muslim," while practicing Bid`ahs (innovations in religion) and acts of Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship). Is this person truly a Muslim? Is it permissible to eat from their slaughtered animals?

A: Whoever utters the two testimonies of faith believing in their significance and acting accordingly, is a believing Muslim. But whoever commits acts contradictory to their significance is a Kafir (disbeliever) even if they utter them, perform Salah, and observe Sawm (Fast). Thus, if a person beseeches the dead for help or sacrifices for them out of reverence and glorification, the meat of animals slaughtered by them is forbidden for us to eat.

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

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