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The second question of Fatwa No. 7324

**Q 2: A man fell seriously ill. He went to many doctors but they could not cure his illness. When he went to a man who is in the habit of supplicating the dead and seeking their help and blessings, Allah cured him. Is it permissible to go to this kind of person? This practice was repeated many times to the point that people believe that he treats the sick through these acts of Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), we seek refuge with Allah! What is the legal ruling on this?**

**A:** It is forbidden to go to someone who practices acts of Shirk, such as supplicating and seeking help from the dead for the sake of recovery from illnesses. Such a Mushrik (one who associates others with Allah in worship) is thought to be the source of healing since sometimes recovery might coincide with his Shirk practices. It might also be that the sick person is possessed by demons that tempt him to go to those Mushrik people then they stop harming him if he does.

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

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