



The second question of Fatwa no. 7353

Q 2: Why do some people curse Islam? What is the ruling on them especially if they are blood relatives; for instance a brother or a father? What is the ruling on the shrines of Ibrahim Al-Dusuqy, Al-Sayyid Al-Badawy, and Al-Husayn? Finally, what is the ruling on Masjids (mosques) that contain graves? Do they fall under the Hadith in which the Messenger (peace be upon him) said what means, (Let the curse of Allah be upon the Jews and the Christians, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship) ?

A: First of all, cursing Islam is an act of serious Riddah (apostasy) in case

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the person who curses claims to be a Muslim. If someone is aware that another is committing this sin, it is their duty to forbid Munkar (that which is unacceptable or disapproved of by Islamic law and Muslims of sound intellect) and advise them and hopefully they may accept the advice, give up Munkar, and do Tawbah (repentance to Allah). This duty is more emphasized amongst one's relatives as the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, (Anyone of you who sees an evil action, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do this, then with his tongue; and if he is not able to do this, then with his heart; and that is the weakest of faith.)

Second, it is not permissible to build Masjids above the graves or bury the dead in Masjids. Moreover, it is not permissible to perform Salah (Prayer) in Masjids which are built over graves for the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (Verily, those who were before you used to take the graves of their prophets and righteous men as places of worship. So do not take graves as places of worship; I forbid you to do that.) Related by Muslim in his Sahih Book of Hadith.

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

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