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Q: Dear brother, Shaykh `Abdul-`Aziz ibn Baz I am a director and scenario writer for cinema and theatre, I recently thought of producing a new movie entitled (A Man from Babel), which is about the life story of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham, peace be upon him). After reading the book written by Tunisian writers and other nationals, I wrote the scenario and the script for the movie. Then, I heard in the Saudi Educational Centre in Tunisia that the Deputy Minister of Information is visiting Tunisia to attend a meeting held by the Arab Broadcasting Corporation, so I welcomed him.

A: It is not permissible to act the messengers and the prophets, which will be necessary to film their stories. Thus, it is not permissible to do so, as it would result in much wrong. A decree was issued by the Council of Senior Scholars in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia about this issue which included the prohibition of this matter.

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

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