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**The third question of Fatwa no. 6541**

**Q 3: Is Taswir (painting, drawing, sculpture, and photography) of beings with a soul considered an act of major Kufr (disbelief that takes the Muslim out of Islam) or minor Kufr (Lit. Minor disbelief; any act that Shari`ah has called Kufr, but does not take the Muslim out of Islam) or a sin?**

**A:** Taswir of beings with a soul is not an act of major Kufr. It is, however, one of the major sins due to the severe warning and curse pronounced against Musawwirs (those who make pictures and statues, or photographs of beings with a soul). It can also lead to major Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship that takes the Muslim out of Islam).

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

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