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The third question of Fatwa no. 8943

Q 3: What are the aspects of Shirk in words or deeds in Muslim communities?

A: Aspects of Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship) in Muslim Communities are many, for example: 1- Invoking or seeking help from other than Allah in something no one can do except Allah. 2- Making vows to other than Allah. 3- Offering sacrifices to other than Allah. 4- Swearing oaths by other than Allah. 5- Building Masjids (Mosques) over graves and offering Salah (prayer) there, despite the prohibition to do so. Allah (Exalted be He) says (what means): *﴿Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "Verily, my Salât (prayer), my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allâh, the Lord of the 'Alamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).﴾* *﴿"He has no partner. And of this I have been commanded, and I am the first of the Muslims.﴾* Allah taught Muslims to say in each Rak`ah (unit of Prayer): *﴿You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).﴾* The Prophet (peace be upon him) stated: *﴿Allah has cursed the one who sacrifices for other than Allah.﴾* He also stated: *﴿If you beg, beg of Allah; and if you seek help, seek it from Allah.﴾* And he said: *﴿May Allah curse the Jews and the Christians, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship.﴾* The Prophet (peace be upon him) also warns, saying: *﴿Beware! Those who came before you used to take the graves of their Prophets and righteous people as places of worship. You must not take graves as places of worship; I forbid you to do that.﴾* He also said: *﴿Whoever swears by anyone (anything) other than Allah has committed Shirk.﴾*

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In addition to other polytheistic practices.

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

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