



**Q 7: A pious man died in India and was buried in a town called Aghmiz.**

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**Is it permissible to seek his aid? Does he truly help anyone who seeks his help and turns down no one?**

**A:** The answer to this is the same as the fifth question, as seeking help from the dead is Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship). They cannot respond to anyone's Du'a' (supplication) and they do not even hear it; and they shall disown those who call upon them and deny their worship of them. There is a great deal of evidence to support this from the Qur'an and the Sunnah, among them is the Saying of Allah the Exalted (which means): ﴿Such is Allâh, your Lord; His is the kingdom. And those, whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him, own not even a Qitmîr (the thin membrane over the date-stone).﴾ (Surah Fatir, 35: 13) ﴿If you invoke (or call upon) them, they hear not your call; and if (in case) they were to hear, they could not grant it (your request) to you. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them. And none can inform you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) like Him Who is the All-Knower (of everything).﴾ (Surah Fatir, 35: 14). Allah the Exalted also states (what means): ﴿And who is more astray than one who calls on (invokes) besides Allâh, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are (even) unaware of their calls (invocations) to them?﴾ (Surah Al-Ahqaf, 46: 5). ﴿And when mankind are gathered (on the Day of Resurrection), they (false deities) will become their enemies and will deny their worshipping.﴾ (Surah Al-Ahqaf, 46: 6).

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

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