



**The six question of Fatwa no. 6949**

**Q 6: Some people claim that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) used to offer sacrifices and give Sadaqah (voluntary charity) on behalf of Khadijah. They take this as evidence allowing them to offer sacrifices at the graves and claim that they give Sadaqah on behalf of the dead. Is this permissible?**

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**A:** What the Prophet (peace be upon him) did is different from these people's deeds, because he did not offer sacrifices at the graves or for Tabarruk (seeking blessings) from pious people, rather; he sacrificed to draw closer to Allah and distributed the meat to the friends of Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with them) as a Sadaqah and to maintain ties of kinship with them.

As for those who commit Bid`ah (innovation in religion), they offer sacrifices at the graves to draw closer to those buried in the graves and attain their blessings, which is an act of Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship) even if they give the meat of the sacrifice in Sadaqah.

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

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