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Question: Is seeking help from someone who is absent or dead considered an act of major Kufr (disbelief)?

Answer: Yes, seeking help from someone who is dead or absent is considered an act of major Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship) and doing so puts the doer outside the fold of Islam, for Allaah (Glorified be He) says (what means), **And whoever invokes (or worships), besides Allaah, any other ilaah (god), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! Al-Kaafiroon (the disbelievers in Allaah and in the Oneness of Allaah, polytheists, pagans, idolaters) will not be successful.** Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) also says, **Such is Allaah, your Lord; His is the kingdom. And those, whom you invoke or call upon instead of Him, own not even a Qitmeer (the thin membrane over the date-stone). 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)¹) like Him Who is the All-Knower (of everything).**

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

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