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## Seeking help from and making vows to the Aawliyyaa' or supplicating to Allaah by the virtue of their status

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**Question:** What is the ruling on seeking help from the Aawliyyaa' (pious people), offering vows to them, considering them intercessors with Allaah, making Tawwaf (circumambulation) around their graves, seeking blessings from the stones thereof, and shading them ?

**Answer:** Seeking the Aawliyyaa's help at their graves, vowing to them or considering them intercessors to Allaah and asking them to do so is Shirk Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allaah) that drives a person away from Islam and admits them permanently into Hellfire if they die while believing in this. Making Tawwaf around their graves and shading them are prohibited Bid'ahs (rejected innovation in religion), as it is a means of worshipping those buried in them instead of Allaah. These acts may also become Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship) if a person does them believing that the dead will benefit them or drive harm away from them, or if they make Tawwaf intending to be closer to the dead.

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

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