

Supplicating to other than Allaah

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Question: My father believes in the righteousness of a dead Shaykh known as a Walee (a pious person). He makes Tawassul (supplicating to Allaah through a means) by this Shaykh and associates him with Allaah in Du'aa' (supplication), for example, he says: "O Allaah! O master Abdul-Salam!" What is the ruling on this, taking into account that my father performs Salaah (Prayer), observes Sawm (Fast) and, pays Zakaah (obligatory charity)?

Answer: Making Du'aa' to the dead and the absent like the Prophets, Aawliyyaa' (pious people), and the like, whether alone or along with Allaah, is an act of Al-Shirk-ul-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allaah), even if a person observes Sawm, performs Salaah, and pays Zakaah because Allaah (Glorified be He) says: ["**And invoke not besides Allaah, any such that will neither profit you nor harm you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers).**"] Also Allaah (Glorified be He) 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).]**

There are many Ayahs (Qur'aanic verses) to this effect.

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

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