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Apostasy Renders Good Deeds Null if No Repentance Follows

Fatwa No. (7658):

Q: In the year before the last one, I intended to perform Qiran Hajj (combining Hajj and `Umrah simultaneously). Once I reached Bayt Allah Al-Haram (the Ka`bah), I performed `Umrah (lesser pilgrimage) and Tawaf-ul-Qudum (circumambulation around the Ka`bah on arrival in Makkah) at the same time. I had never visited the Ka`bah before then. A day after this, I performed `Umrah (lesser pilgrimage) on behalf of my dead mother. Since I had a lot of time before leaving to Mina on the Day of Tarwiyah (8th of Dhul-Hijjah), the people whom I stayed with advised me to start Tahalul (removal of the ritual state for Hajj and `Umrah) and I did. On going to Mina, I entered the state of Ihram anew and offered two Rak`ahs (units of Prayer) with the intention of Ihram for Hajj only in Masjid (mosque of) Tan`im. I then changed my intention from Qiran Hajj (combining Hajj and `Umrah simultaneously) to Tamattu` Hajj (combining Hajj and `Umrah with a break in between). Is there anything wrong with my Hajj even though I offered a Hady (sacrificial animal offered by pilgrims)? Is the Umrah I performed on behalf of my mother valid or is it impermissible to perform two Umrahs in the time of Hajj? Do the sins a pilgrim may commit after Hajj nullify his Hajj, given that to err is human?

A: First: The Hajj you have offered is Tamattu` Hajj (combining Hajj and `Umrah with a break in between) and you did well when you removed the ritual state for `Umrah.

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Second: The `Umrah which you performed on behalf of your mother after doing `Umrah for yourself is valid if you did it after removing the ritual state of `Umrah by shaving or cutting your hair after Tawaf (circumambulation around the Ka`bah) and Sa`y (going between Safa and Marwah during Hajj) **Third:** Sins do not nullify good deeds as long as the person does not commit an act of Al-Shirk-ul-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah). As for the person who combines both committing sins and doing good deeds, a balance will be made between the good deeds and sins unless a person repents or Allah pardons him. As to the person who apostatizes from Islam - May Allah protect us from that - all his good deeds will be nullified if he dies as an apostate. As for a person who sincerely repents from apostasy, his past good deeds will not be nullified, out of the Grace and Mercy of Allah. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: [﴿ And whosoever of you turns back from his religion and dies as a disbeliever, then his deeds will be lost in this life and in the Hereafter, and they will be the dwellers of the Fire. They will abide therein forever. ﴾](#)

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

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