



Fourth and fifth questions from Fatwa No. 2612

Q 4: What is the meaning of this saying said by Sufis: "So-and-so is the owner of time and one of those who disposes of people's affairs"? What is the ruling a person who believes in this saying? Is it permissible to perform Salah as a follower behind this person who holds these views?

A: So-and-so is the owner of the time... etc. means, there is a person who disposes the affairs of mankind by driving away their hardships, rescuing them from distress and bringing them what they want of benefits. He who holds these views is a Mushrik (one who associates others with Allah in worship) who associates others with Allah in Lordship and disposing of the affairs of mankind. Performing Salah behind such a person is impermissible. Such a person should also not take the lead of Muslims. He should not be an Imam in Salah because of his explicit Kufr (disbelieve) and Shirk (associating others with Allah in worship). This kind of Shirk is worse than the Shirk of Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic time of ignorance). Allah (may He be Exalted) says: [\(Say \(O Muhammad peace be upon him\): "Who provides for you from the sky and the earth? Or who owns hearing and sight? And who brings out the living from the dead and brings out the dead from the living? And who disposes the affairs?" They will say: "Allâh." Say: "Will you not then be afraid of Allâh's punishment \(for setting up rivals in worship with Allâh\)?" \)](#) Such is Allâh, your Lord in truth. So after the truth, what else can there be, save error? How then are you turned away? >

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There are many other Ayahs (verses) that confirm this meaning. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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