



**The fifth question from Fatwa no. (5553) :**

**Q: Is invoking the Prophets, Awliya' (pious people) and good people during their life and after their death to lift a persons affliction, bring good and invoke Allah through them either to fulfill a need or achieve their goals permissible or not?**

**A:** As for invoking the dead, whether prophets or others, it is not permissible, rather it is an act of Shirk-ul-Akbar (major form of associating others in worship with Allah). As for seeking the help of living people with whatever they can do, there is no harm in it, as Allah (may He be Praised) says in the story of Musa (Moses): [\( The man of his \(own\) party asked him for help against his foe \)](#)

But invoking Allah through living

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or dead people whether they are prophets or others or invoking Allah through people's honor or rights, is not permissible, rather it is a Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion) and a means that leads to Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah).

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

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