



Fatwa no. (6972):

Q: A man observes Sawm (fasting), Salah (Prayer) and all the other pillars of Islam, but he supplicates to other than Allah as he performs Tawassul (supplicating to Allah through an intermediary) with Awliya' (pious people), seeks their help, and believes that they are able to bring benefit and repel harm. Tell us, may Allah reward you all the best, do their children who believe in Tawhid (monotheism) inherit from them? What is the ruling on them?

A: If a person observes Sawm, Salah and all the pillars of Islam, but seeks the help of the dead, the angels and so on, he is considered a Mushrik (those who associate others with Allah in worship). If advised but does not accept the advice remaining on this throughout his life, he is considered a major Mushrik who is outside the fold of Islam. Such people should not be washed for burial; should not have funeral prayers held for them; should not be buried in Muslim graveyards; forgiveness should not be asked for them; and their children, parents, or siblings who believe in Tawhid should not inherit from them

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because they belong to different religions. The Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\("A Muslim does not inherit from a disbeliever, nor a disbeliever from a Muslim." \)](#) Narrated by Al-Bukhari and Muslim.

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

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