



**Fatwa no (9582) :**

**Q: There is a severe attack against the Salafists; they are accused of denying and not loving Awliya' (pious people). One of the evidences their accusers cite**

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**to prove that invoking Allah through dead people is permissible is the Hadith about the blind man who invoked Allah through the Prophet (Peace be upon him) after his death. I have been informed that this Hadith is authentic, a fact that confuses some people deeply. I hope you will enlighten us on this important issue.**

**A: After studying the question, the Committees answer is as follows:** The Hadith of the blind mans story is narrated by Imam Al-Tirmidhi with his Sanad on the authority of `Uthman ibn Hunayf (may Allah be pleased with him): ( A blind man came to the Prophet (peace be upon him) and said: I have been afflicted in my eyesight, so please pray to Allah for me. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: If you wish, I will invoke Allah to cure you; and if you wish, be patient and that would be better for you. The man said: Pray to Allah for me. Then, the Prophet said to him: Go and make ablution, and then say: Oh Allah, I ask You and turn to You through my Prophet Muhammad, the Prophet of mercy; O Muhammad (Ya Muhammad), I seek your intercession with my Lord for my need, that it may be fulfilled. O Allah, accept his intercession for me. )Al-Tirmidhi said: It is a Hasan Sahih Gharib Hadith which has not been narrated except through this chain of narrators on the authority of Abu Ja`far Al-Khutami .

Assuming that this Hadith is authentic, it does not imply that the blind man invoked the Prophet (Peace be upon him), he only invoked Allah (may He be Exalted) in virtue of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) in his life and invoked Allah (may He be Exalted) to accept the intercession of the Prophet (Peace be upon him) so that his need may be fulfilled.

The Hadith lends no support to the permissibility of invoking the dead.

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Abu Al-`Abbas ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah be merciful to him) studied this Hadith and gave a fine interpretation of it in his book [Qa`idah Jalilah Fi Al-Tawassul Wal Waslilah]. You may refer to it for more information.

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

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