



The third and fifth questions from Fatwa no. (3321) :

Q3: Is it permissible for a Muslim, while supplicating to Allah, to say: "O servants of Allah's Most Beautiful Names, answer and fulfill my needs." ?

A3: Invoking the servants of Allah's Most Beautiful Names to fulfill one's needs is Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), for it involves invoking imaginary servants beside Allah; a matter for which we know no evidence; Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ And who is more astray than one who calls on (invokes), besides Allâh, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are (even) unaware of their calls (invocations) to them? ﴾ And when mankind are gathered (on the Day of Resurrection), they (false deities) will become their enemies and will deny their worshipping. ﴿ Also Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ And whoever invokes (or worships), besides Allâh, any other ilâh (god), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! Al-Kâfirûn (the disbelievers in Allâh and in the Oneness of Allâh, polytheists, pagans, idolaters) will not be successful. ﴾

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Also Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ And invoke not besides Allâh any such that will neither profit you nor harm you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers). ﴾ And if Allâh touches you with harm, none can remove it but He ﴿ Allah (may He be Glorified and Exalted) says: ﴿ And the mosques are for Allâh (Alone); so invoke not anyone along with Allâh. ﴾ Allah (may He be Exalted) says: ﴿ And Verily, there were men among mankind who took shelter with the males among the jinn, but they (jinn) increased them (mankind) in sin and transgression. ﴾ Similarly, it is authentically reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ﴿ If you beg, beg of Allah Alone; and if you need assistance, beseech Allah Alone for help... ﴾ There are other Ayahs (Qur'anic verses) and Hadiths that prove that invocation to bring good or ward off harm must be offered to Allah Alone. Hence, offering it to anyone other than Allah is Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) because invocation is an act of worship. May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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