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First question of Fatwa no. (4259) :

Q: What is the ruling on seeking help from the dead, such as saying, "O, so and so! Help me!" or seeking help from the living who not are present?

A1: First, if one calls upon a dead person for help saying: "O, so and so! Help me!", they must be advised and warned that this is Haram (prohibited); even more heinous, it is considered Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah). A person who insists on doing this is considered a Mushrik (one who associates others in worship with Allah) and a Kafir (disbeliever), because they ask from one other than Allah what Allah alone can do. Thus, they have given the right of the Creator to His Creatures. Allah the Exalted stated, [﴿ Verily, whosoever sets up partners \(in worship\) with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise to him, and the Fire will be his abode. ﴾](#)(Surah Al-Ma'idah, 5: 72).

Second, seeking help from the living who are not present is impermissible, because it is supplication to other than Allah and asking for what Allah alone can do. This is also considered Shirk, as Allah the Exalted stated, [﴿ So whoever hopes for the Meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord. ﴾](#)(Surah Al-Kahf, 18: 110). Supplicating to living persons who are not present is a form of worship. A person who does so should be advised. If they do not accept the advice, they are considered Mushriks outside the fold of Islam.

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

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